

Intake Information

Please complete the following questionnaire. This information will be discussed more thoroughly in session and used to determine goals for counseling.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone number(s): Home: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Cell: (____) _____ Where can I leave messages? Home Work Cell

Can I contact you by email? No Yes Email address: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Highest level of education: _____

How satisfied are you with your job? _____

Briefly describe your reason(s) for seeking help at this time: _____

What do you wish to accomplish through the process of therapy: _____

Marital/Relationship Status (check all that apply):

- Married Separated Widowed Divorced Remarried
 Single Long term relationship Co-habiting Other: _____

Current partner's name: _____

Partner's occupation: _____

Partner's Date of Birth: _____

Length of relationship: _____

How satisfied are you with this relationship? _____

Do you have any children (biological, adopted, foster, step, etc.)? Yes No

If yes, please list names and ages: _____

Do your children currently live with you? Yes No

If no, where do they live? _____

How often do you see them? _____

If you have been previously married, please complete the following:

1st marriage: Date married: _____ Date ended: _____

Children: Yes No Ex-spouse's name: _____

Reason for divorce: _____

2nd marriage: Date married: _____ Date ended: _____

Children: Yes No Ex-spouse's name: _____

Reason for divorce: _____

Have you ever been in therapy/counseling before? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe the reason(s), dates(s) and length of treatment: _____

Was it a positive experience? Yes No What was helpful about it?

Have you ever attempted suicide? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Have you ever seriously contemplated suicide? Yes No

Are you currently having suicidal thoughts? Yes No

Do you ever hear or see things that other people cannot hear or see? Yes No

Have you ever committed a violent act or crime? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

Are you presently taking any medication? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time? _____

Are there things that you used to do, or would like to do, but currently don't? _____

How would you describe your spiritual or religious beliefs? _____

Please place a check in front of any of the following that presently cause you difficulty:

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Assertiveness | Health Problems | Career choices | Stomach problems |
| Parenting | Alcohol use | Legal matters | Self-concept |
| Bowels | Sexual problems | Marriage | Religion |
| Nightmares | Loneliness | Concentration | Separation |
| Energy | Ulcers | My thoughts | Suicidal thoughts |
| Nervousness | Sleep difficulties | Infertility | Decision making |
| Physical abuse | Children | Parents | Sexual orientation |
| Education | Divorce | Relaxation | Infidelity |
| Temper | Depression | Sexual abuse | Shyness |
| Stress | Inferiority | Friends | Dating |
| Memory | Drug use | Headaches | Tiredness |
| Distractibility | Anger | Impulsivity | Aggression |
| Finances | Appetite | Anxiety | Unhappiness |
| Fears | Worry | Work | Confusion |
| Premarital | Food | Relationships | Self-control |
| Sadness | Grief/loss | In-laws | My past |
| Body Image | Pornography | Feelings of rejection | Panic Attacks |
| Guilt | Eating disorder | Lack of self-confidence | Other: |

Please put an * by the items that are causing you the MOST difficulty.

Is there anything else you think would be important for me to know about you or your family?

Did someone refer you? Yes No If yes, who? _____

May I contact him or her to thank them for referring you? Yes No

If you were not referred by someone, how did you find my practice? _____

Treatment Agreement

This document is intended to clarify in writing some of the issues we may have already discussed verbally that need to be brought to your attention regarding our professional relationship. In my work I have found that it is best to specify as well as possible the form and content of our relationship by making a mutual agreement that you may receive the service you desire. It is my assurance that I am well aware and respectful of your basic rights as a consumer and that I will respond to your needs in the most highly ethical manner, according to the standards of care for my profession, mental health and marriage/family counseling. By clarifying the services I have to offer, as the person to be treated, you may best judge whether you desire or are satisfied with them. I remain personally and professionally committed to providing you with the highest quality of service.

Client Rights

As a client of Nicole Story, Ed.S, LMFT, LMHC, Oceanside Family Therapy, LLC you have certain rights which are:

1. To participate voluntarily in treatment with your therapist and to terminate at any time without penalty.
2. To understand that "treatment" could include individual or conjoint therapy for up to 50 minutes (a therapy hour) or a double therapy session for 90 to 120 minutes conducted by your licensed therapist with no absolute guarantee of your desired results by your therapist.
3. To participate with your therapist in exploring your goals as a client and developing a Treatment Plan, which will include the benefits and risks associated with the particular approach to therapy.
4. To have reasonable access to your therapist by telephone in case of emergency.
5. To have information available to you regarding your therapist's professional license and credentials as well as access to the ethical guidelines or "Standards of Practice" in Mental Health Counseling or Marriage and Family Therapy. Your counselor is licensed under Florida Statute 491 of the Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy, and Mental Health Counseling of the Agency for Health Care Administration in Tallahassee, Florida.
6. To be aware that your therapist works as an independent contractor who rents space from other licensed professionals at 4300 Marsh Landing Blvd., Jacksonville Beach, Florida 32250.
7. To understand that, under certain conditions, your therapist may choose to seek supervision from other qualified clinicians.

8. To understand that, in keeping with generally accepted standards of practice, your therapist may confidentially consult with other mental health professionals regarding case management. The purpose of the consultation is to assure quality care, and every effort is made to protect the identity of clients.
9. To have all records and other information concerning to your involvement with this office held in strict confidence and all communication with your therapist privileged, which means that no information is ever to be released to a third party without your written permission. Certain exceptions are: if you are in clear and imminent danger to yourself and others; in child abuse; elder abuse and neglect cases; therapist's subpoena or court order, if you carry and infectious or communicable disease (e.g. AIDS); insurance/third party billing; or if there is a medical emergency.

Client Responsibilities

As a client/consumer, I have carefully read over and signed all of the policies regarding financial responsibilities, making, keeping and cancelling appointments with this therapist and this agreement.

Consent and Authorization for Treatment

I consent to and authorize the assessment and/or treatment I will receive as a client of Nicole Story, Ed.S, LMFT, LMHC, Oceanside Family Therapy. I have read the policies of this office and received a copy of them. I understand these rules and policies and agree to follow them.

Signature of Client

Date

**Financial Responsibility Agreement
Late Cancellation/No Show Policy**

As the financially responsible person for the account, I understand that my initial appointment will be 60 minutes, posted and charged at a fee of \$150 for couples and \$125 for individuals; \$100 for each 50 minute psychotherapy individual session thereafter and \$125 for couples sessions.

I understand that I will be financially responsible for any charges. I acknowledge that I understand, and accept the terms of the services allowed for mental health treatment.

I understand that I will be charged and am required to pay for phone consults with the therapist which last over 15 minutes, fees based on the 50-minute psychotherapy allowable amount.

I understand that I shall keep all scheduled appointments, unless a personal emergency occurs, and shall give at least 24 hours notice of my intention to cancel my appointment.

I understand that if I do not cancel my appointment at least 24 hours in advance (LATE CANCELLATION), or fail to show up for my scheduled appointment (NO SHOW), the first time this occurs I will not be charged. However, if this should occur a second time, I understand that I will be charged. I understand that I will be required to pay for the therapist's full charge for this missed session.

I understand that if my check is returned for insufficient funds (NSF) or other bank reasons, I will be required to pay for this check in cash in addition to a service charge of \$35. I also understand that my payments after this will be on a cash or paypal only basis.

I understand and agree that I am ultimately financially responsible for all fees described in this agreement.

Date

Client

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NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

As required by the Privacy Regulations Created as a Results of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION.

PLEASE READ AND REVIEW THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

Your health record contains personal information about you and your health. This information about you may identify you and that relates to your past, present or future physical or mental health or condition and related health care services is referred to as Protected Health Information ("PHI"). This Notice of Privacy Practices describes how I may use and disclose your PHI in accordance with applicable law and the NASW Code of Ethics. It also describes your rights regarding how you may gain access to and control your PHI.

I am required by law to maintain the privacy of PHI and to provide you with notice of my legal duties and privacy practices with respect to PHI. I reserve the right to change the terms of my Notice to Privacy Practices at any time. Any new Notice of Privacy Practices will be effective for all PHI that I maintain at that time. I will provide you with a copy of the revised Notice of Privacy Practices by posting a copy in my office, sending a copy to you in the mail upon request, or providing one to you at your next appointment time.

HOW I MAY USE AND DISCLOSE HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

1. FOR TREATMENT

2. FOR PAYMENT

I may use and disclose PHI so that I can receive payment for the treatment services provided to you. This will only be done with your authorization. Examples of payment related activities are: making a determination of eligibility or coverage for insurance benefits, processing claims with your insurance company, reviewing services provided to you to determine medical necessity, or undertaking utilization review activities. If it becomes necessary to use collection processes due to lack of payment for services, I will only disclose the minimum amount of PHI necessary for purposes of collection.

3. FOR HEALTH CARE OPERATIONS

I may use or disclose as needed, your PHI in order to support my business activities, including but not limited to, quality assessment activities, employee review activities, licensing, and conducting or arranging for other business activities. For example, I may share your PHI with third parties that perform various business activities (i.e., answering service, billing and accounting service) provided I have a written contract with the business that requires it to safeguard the privacy of your PHI.

4. REQUIRED BY LAW

Under the law, I must make disclosure of your PHI to you upon request. In addition, I must make disclosures to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of litigating or determining my compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Rule.

5. WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION

Applicable law and ethical standards permit me to disclose information about you and your authorization only in a limited number of other situations. The types of uses and disclosures that may be made without your authorization are:

- Required by law, such as the mandatory reporting of child abuse or neglect or mandatory government agency audits or investigations (such as mental health licensing board or health dept.)

- Required by Court Order

- Necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public. If information is disclosed to prevent or lessen a serious threat it will be disclosed to a person or persons reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat, including the target of the threat.

6. VERBAL PROTECTION

I may use or disclose your information to family members that are directly involved in your treatment with your verbal permission.

7. WITH AUTHORIZATION

Uses and disclosures not specifically permitted by applicable law will be made only with your written authorization, which may be revoked.

YOUR RIGHTS REGARDING YOUR PHI

RIGHT TO AMEND: If you feel that the PHI I have about you is incorrect or incomplete, you may ask me to amend the information although I am not required to agree to the amendment.

RIGHT TO REQUEST RESTRICTIONS: You have the right to request restriction or limitation on the use of disclosure of your PHI for treatment, payment, or health care operations. I am not required to agree to your request.

RIGHT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION: You have the right to request that I communicate with you about medical matters in a certain way or at a certain location.

RIGHT TO A COPY OF THIS NOTICE: You have the right to a copy of this notice.

COMPLAINTS

If you believe that I have violated your privacy rights, you have the right to file a complaint in writing with me or with the Secretary of Health and Human Services at:

200 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20201

or by calling (202) 619-0257

**Nicole Story, Ed.S, LMFT, LMHC
Oceanside Family Therapy**

**Notice of Privacy Practices
Receipt and Acknowledgment of Notice**

Patient/Client Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and have been given an opportunity to read a copy of the "Notice of Privacy Practices" of Nicole Story, Ed.S, LMFT, LMHC. I understand that if I have any questions regarding the Notice or my privacy rights, I can contact Nicole Story, Ed.S, LMFT, LMHC.

Signature of Patient/Client

Date

Patient/Client Refuses to Acknowledge Receipt

Nicole Story, Ed.S, LMFT, LMHC

Date

Life History Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to obtain a comprehensive picture of your background. If you do not desire to answer any questions, merely write "Do not care to answer". Feel free to write on the back of the page.

Personal Data

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Mother's condition during pregnancy (as far as you know) _____

Circle any of the following that apply during your childhood:

Night Terrors Bedwetting Sleepwalking Thumb sucking
Nail Biting Stammering Fears Happy childhood
Unhappy childhood

Health during childhood? _____ List Illnesses: _____

Health during adolescence? _____ List Illnesses: _____

What is your height? _____ Weight _____ Any accidents: _____

What are your five main fears?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Present interests, hobbies, and activities: _____

How is most of your free time occupied?: _____

What is the last grade of school you completed? _____

Scholastic abilities, strengths and weaknesses: _____

Were you ever bullied or severely teased? _____

Did you make friends easily? _____ Do you keep them? _____

If you use alcohol or drugs please answer the following:

Do you use the following and if so, please state how often (be specific-daily, weekly, monthly, more/less)

Marijuana _____ Nicotine _____ Cocaine _____

LSD _____ Alcohol _____ Prescription Drugs _____

Other _____

How much do you use? _____

Have you ever been arrested for driving while intoxicated? _____

If Yes, When (Date/s)? _____

Has your drug/alcohol use been pointed out by anyone in or outside of the family as a problem? If so, please explain: _____

Does your personality change when you use? _____ How: _____

Has your behavior become more hostile and caused conflict with anyone else when you've been under the influence of drugs/alcohol? _____ With Whom? _____

Have you ever had periods of time that you cannot remember the next day after you have been influence of drugs/alcohol? _____ How often does this occur and when is the last time? _____

Does or has anyone in your family abused drugs or alcohol? _____ Who and to what extent? _____

Occupational Data

What sort of work are you doing now?

What sort of jobs have you held in the past?

Does your present work satisfy you? _____ If not, what ways are you dissatisfied?

Sex Information

Any relevant details regarding your first or subsequent sexual experiences? _____

Is your present sex life satisfactory? _____ If not, please explain: _____

Have you ever experienced any sexual abuse? (*This could include fondling, inappropriate remarks, witnessing adults display sexual behavior, lack of privacy in home, coercion by adults to participate in sexual games, being "checked out" by parents to see if you are developing "properly" or having sex, intrusive touching etc*):

_____ If yes, please state the circumstances and people involved:

Please state what you did about it: _____

Family Data

Husband/wife/partner's age _____

Occupation of husband/wife/partner _____

Personality of husband/wife/partner in your own words: _____

In what areas is there compatibility? _____

In what areas is there incompatibility? _____

How do you get along with your in-laws (This includes brothers and/or sisters-in-law)

How many children do you have? _____ Please list their sex and ages: _____

Do any of your children present special problems? _____ What? _____

Any relevant details regarding miscarriages or abortions? _____

Comments about any previous marriage(s) and brief details: _____

Has there been any physical violence between you and your spouse/partner or child(ren): _____

If so, please explain the circumstances and the action as well as when this occurred: _____

Has there been any verbal violence or abuse in your family? _____ If so, please explain:

How do you and your partner resolve conflicts or differences? _____

Marital/Relationship Satisfaction Data

What do you like about your relationship/marriage? _____

What do you not like about your relationship/marriage? _____

Parenting Satisfaction Data

What do you like about your parenting abilities? _____

What do you not like about your parenting abilities? _____

Family of Origin Data

Father

Living or deceased? _____ If deceased, your age at the time of his death: _____

Cause of death? _____ If alive, father's present age? _____

Occupation: _____ Health: _____

Mother

Living or deceased? _____ If deceased, your age at the time of her death: _____

Cause of death? _____ If alive, mother's present age? _____

Occupation: _____ Health: _____

Siblings

Number of brothers: _____ Ages: _____

Number of sisters: _____ Ages: _____

Relationship with brothers and sisters:

Past: _____

Present: _____

Give description of your father's personality with his attitude toward you (past and present):

Give description of your mother's personality with her attitude toward you (past and present):

In what ways were you punished by your parents as a child?

Give an impression of your home atmosphere (i.e the home in which you grew up. Mention state of compatibility between parents and between parents and children): _____

Were you able to confide in your parents? _____ Did your parents understand you? _____

Basically, did you feel loved and respected by your parents? _____

If you have a step parent, give your age when parent remarried: _____

Give an outline of your religious training: _____

If you were not brought up by your parents, who did bring you up, and between what years?

Has anyone (parents, relatives, friends) ever interfered in your marriage, occupation, etc?

Who are the most important people in your life? _____

Does any member of your family suffer from alcoholism, epilepsy, or anything which can be considered a “mental disorder”? _____

What was your greatest challenge or difficulty growing up in your family? _____

Goals for Treatment

List the benefits you hope to derive from this therapy: _____

List any situations which make you feel calm or relaxed: _____

Please add any information not tapped by this questionnaire that may aid me in understanding and helping you:

Relationship Happiness Quiz

Instructions: Answer every item true or false indicating the extent to which AT THIS TIME you agree or disagree with each statement. You may want to print this page to make it easier to score.

Right now how do you feel?

1. I feel emotionally close to my partner. True False
2. I think that my partner really cares about me. True False
3. I feel confident that we can deal with whatever problems or issues that might arise. True False
4. I would consider myself happy in this relationship. True False
5. I feel respected by my partner. True False
6. I am committed to staying in this relationship. True False
7. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for my partner. True False
8. I find my partner very interesting. True False
9. I feel that my partner finds me physically attractive. True False
10. If I ever needed help I could count on my partner. True False
11. My partner really tries hard to meet my needs. True False
12. My partner really listens to me. True False
13. I am satisfied with our sex life. True False
14. I am confident we can handle any conflict that may arise between us. True False
15. My partner shows pride in my accomplishments. True False
16. I feel appreciated for what I contribute to this relationship. True False
17. I really feel loved in this relationship. True False
18. My partner really knows me well. True False
19. My partner is one of my best friends. True False
20. My partner loves my sense of humor. True False

Scoring: Add up the number of answers that you answered True and multiply by 5.

If your score and your partner's score is **above 80**, congratulations! You are reasonably happy in your relationship. You might enjoy enhancing the strengths in your relationship. Otherwise, there is need for some improvement in your relationship. You and your partner may benefit from participating in Couples Counseling.

Flooding

Read each statement and place a check mark in the appropriate TRUE or FALSE box.

1. Our discussions get too heated. True False
2. I have a hard time calming down. True False
3. One of us is going to say something we will regret. True False
4. I think to myself, "Why can't we talk more logically?" True False

Scoring: Add up the number of items for which you answered "True." Multiply this number by 20.

If your score or your partner's score is **above 40**, you have a problem dealing with conflict and self-soothing during conflict. There is need for some improvement in the area of conflict.