

Basic Rights and Consent to Treatment

The following rights are extended to each client (regardless of age) receiving services at Heritage Counseling Center without reservation or limitation:

1. The right of confidentiality: The client has the right to privacy concerning his or her treatment. All communications, records, and treatment information pertaining to his or her care will be treated as private and confidential. Treatment records may only be inspected or removed from the program office with administrative approval and written authorization of the client, or by law or court process. In the event of suspected child abuse or potential for violent or criminal activity towards another, the staff is required by law to contact the appropriate legal authorities;
2. The right to be fully informed of all client rights by receiving a written copy of the list of Client Rights, by having them posted within full view in the appropriate treatment service area, and if necessary, by some other communication form in a language the client understands. In the case of the client having a legal guardian, the guardian will receive a copy of the Client Rights;
3. The rights of a citizen of the State of Illinois and the United States of America;
4. The right to have impartial access to treatment regardless of race, religion, sex, ethnicity, age, psychological characteristics, sexual orientation and physical condition or source of financial support;
5. The right to have personal dignity recognized and respected in the provision of all care and treatment;
6. The right to religious freedom;
7. The right to receive individualized treatment including the provision of an individualized treatment plan, active participation in the development of the treatment plan by the client with periodic review of the plan by staff, and implementation and supervision of the plan by qualified professional staff;
8. The right to receive prescribed services within the least restrictive but appropriate environment;
9. The right to assurance and protection of privacy and confidentiality of communication with treatment staff, and of material written in the client's individualized record;
10. The right to be presumed mentally competent unless a court has ruled otherwise;
11. The right to a clean and humane environment in which you are protected from harm, have privacy with regard to personal needs, and are treated with respect and dignity;
12. The right to be free from mistreatment, abuse, neglect, and exploitation;
13. The right to initiate a complaint or grievance and to be informed of the appropriate grievance process.

I have been advised of my rights as a client at Heritage Counseling Center and of the center's policies in order to receive treatment. I understand these rights and policies and agree to abide by them. I consent to treatment, and I understand I have a right to receive a copy of the Basic Rights and Consent to Treatment upon request.

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Client's Signature:

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Date:

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