

# BREAKTHROUGH FAMILY COUNSELING

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## PERSONAL HISTORY

Today's date: _____	Name: _____	DOB: _____
Preferred Name: _____	Gender: _____	Ethnicity: _____
Disabilities: _____		
Phone: _____ Address: _____		
Relationship Status:    Married    Single    Engaged    Divorced    Cohabiting    Widowed		

## PRESENT LIVING SITUATION

Please fill in the following information for all of your children.

Name of your child	Age	Who he/she is living with	School he/she is attending

Please fill in the following information for anyone else who is living with you.

Name	Age	Relationship with you

## PERSONALITY INFORMATION

As you see yourself, what kind of person are you? Describe yourself. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

If I were to ask other people to describe you, what five words would come up most frequently?

\_\_\_\_\_

What are your greatest fears?

\_\_\_\_\_

Identify any irrational, negative, or 'horrible' thoughts that bother you: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Identify any habits, practices or behaviors that you would like to change: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State in your own words what you would consider to be the nature of your main problem(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe when and how your problem(s) began: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I estimate the severity of my problem(s) to be (circle one):

- |                  |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Just an irritant | Mildly upsetting | Moderately severe      |
| Very severe      | Extremely severe | Totally incapacitating |

What have you done about it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What do you expect the counselor to do for you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Have you sought other professional help with this problem (circle one): Yes No

If yes, give name(s) and professional title(s) of the therapist(s), dates of treatment(s) and results:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List three goals you have for self-improvement:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

List four major strengths or abilities:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off all individual items that concern you:

- |                   |                      |                     |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Academic concerns | Fears                | Relationship issues |
| Alcohol use       | Finances             | Relaxation          |
| Anger             | Friends              | Self-control        |
| Appetite          | Health Problems      | Shyness             |
| Body changes      | Inferiority feelings | Sleeplessness       |
| Career choices    | Legal matters        | Suicidal thoughts   |
| Depression        | Loneliness           | Thoughts            |
| Dreams            | Making decisions     | Tiredness           |
| Drug use          | Memory               | Unhappiness         |
| Eating disorders  | Nervousness          | Work                |
| Education         | Pornography          | Other _____         |

## **PERSONAL HISTORY**

Where were you born? \_\_\_\_\_ Where did you grow up? \_\_\_\_\_

How many places did you live before you finished high school? \_\_\_\_\_

How many schools did you attend through grade 12? \_\_\_\_

How many brothers do you have? \_\_\_\_ How many sisters? \_\_\_\_ Which number are you in birth order? \_\_\_\_

List your siblings:      Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Please mention any step or half brothers and sisters you have: \_\_\_\_\_

Were there any unusual circumstances regarding your conception or birth? \_\_\_\_\_

What is/was your mother like? How did she treat you as a child? \_\_\_\_\_

What is/was your father like? How did he treat you as a child? \_\_\_\_\_

Information about your parents and their marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any deaths in your family while you were growing up; include your age at the time: \_\_\_\_\_

Did anyone in your family attempt or attempt and/or complete suicide? Y / N Who? \_\_\_\_\_

Were your parents divorced or separated (circle one): Y / N If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

How old were you and how did you react? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did the divorce or separation occur? \_\_\_\_\_

With which parent did you live? \_\_\_\_\_

What were your favorite things to do as a child? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you parent(s) typically discipline you? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle any of the following that describes your family and home atmosphere as a child:

- |              |             |                    |                  |              |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Alcoholism   | Competitive | Mental illness     | Poverty          | Sexual abuse |
| Affectionate | Democratic  | Moving excessively | Prejudice        | Stable       |
| Angry        | Distant     | Neglectful         | Physical illness | Supportive   |
| Close        | Fighting    | No fun             | Physical abuse   | Trusting     |
| Cold         | Frightening | Overprotective     | Rigid            | Other: _____ |

**SOCIAL EXPERIENCE**

Are you satisfied with your current social life? Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any organized or informal social groups that you are actively involved in: \_\_\_\_\_

When did you first begin dating? Were your early dating experiences positive? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your relationship with your best friend and how often you get together: \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time you were together? \_\_\_\_\_

Information about your childhood, schooling and friends: \_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

What was the last grade in school (or degree) which you completed? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note any certificates, degrees or licenses which you have earned or other informal training (include approximate dates): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever begun a training or academic program and stopped? If so, briefly describe the circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you do academically in school (elementary, middle, high)? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been tested for a learning disability? \_\_\_\_\_

**SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE**

If any, what religious or spiritual tradition do you identify with? \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe your family's spiritual or religious atmosphere while you were growing up: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When did you develop your current spiritual beliefs? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do your family and friends share your current beliefs? \_\_\_\_\_

Identify any religious/spiritual questions or problems that are of concern to you: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Explain any recent changes in your religious life, if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **MOOD SCALE**

Please indicate your general mood level for the last month by circling one of the numbers on the scale:

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100  
Suicidal Depressed Average Good spirits Joyful

Now mark an "L" over one of the numbers to describe the low point of your mood during the last year.

### **ANXIETY SCALE**

Place an "X" over one of the numbers on the 1-10 scale below to indicate your general level of anxiety or nervousness over the last month. The higher the number you indicate, the higher the level of anxiety, nervousness, and tension you are reporting.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  
Peaceful Panicky

### **MENTAL HEALTH HISTORY**

Have you ever been in counseling or therapy before? Yes / No  
If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ What issues did you work on? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of counselor/therapist: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been hospitalized for an emotional/mental disturbance? Yes / No  
If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ Please describe issues and the results: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What medications were given? \_\_\_\_\_

In the last month have you taken any medication for nervousness, depression, insomnia, or pain? Yes / No  
If yes, what medicine? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever experienced suicidal thoughts? Y / N  
If yes, please provide approximate date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attempted suicide? Y / N  
If yes, please provide approximate date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Are you suicidal now? Y / N

If yes, do you have a plan?

0 -----10  
No plan Immediate plan

**MEDICAL HISTORY**

When was your last physical examination? \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any surgeries you have had, including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell of any accidents or injuries you have had, including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any head injuries, seizures or loss of consciousness you have had, including dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking any medication for physical symptoms now? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what medication are you taking? \_\_\_\_\_

Please check any of the following that apply to you:

- |              |                 |                    |                          |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Back pain    | Blackouts       | Burning/itchy skin | Chest pains              |
| Constipation | Diarrhea        | Dizziness          | Don't like being touched |
| Dry mouth    | Fainting spells | Fatigue            | Excessive sweating       |
| Flushes      | Headaches       | Hearing problems   | Indigestion              |
| Nausea       | Numbness        | Overeating         | Muscle spasms            |
| Palpitations | Seizures        | Poor appetite      | Rapid heart beat         |
| Tension      | Tics            | Skin problems      | Sleeping too much        |
| Tingling     | Tremors         | Sleeplessness      | Stomach trouble          |
| Twitches     | Vomiting        | Unable to relax    | Visual disturbances      |
| Watery eyes  | Weight gain     | Weight loss        | Other _____              |

Please circle if you feel:

- |            |             |                               |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Overweight | Underweight | Concerned about eating habits |
|------------|-------------|-------------------------------|

**CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE USE**

Family use: Does/did anyone in your family of origin, or in your immediate family, use alcohol or drugs (either prescription or street drugs)? Yes / No

Personal use: What alcoholic beverages did/do you use? \_\_\_\_\_

How much? \_\_\_\_\_ How often? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you have your last drink? \_\_\_\_\_

What non-prescription drugs did/do you use? \_\_\_\_\_ When did you last use? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you use nicotine? \_\_\_\_\_ How much daily? \_\_\_\_\_ Caffeine? \_\_\_\_\_ How much daily? \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER THOUGHTS**

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Please add or emphasize any other information that you would like your counselor to know so that he/she may better understand you: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you understand that your counselor *will not* be available outside of regular office hours for crisis intervention or emergencies?      Yes      No

If you have an emergency please call 911 or the Multnomah County Crisis Line at 503-988-4888.

Do you understand that if you do not cancel an appointment more than 24 hours in advance that you will be changed for the session?      Yes      No

**I have done my best to answer these questions as honestly and completely as possible.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Client Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date