



Limits of Confidentiality

Comprehensive Autism Related Education (CARE), Inc. takes your privacy very seriously. The contents of all therapy sessions are considered to be confidential. Both verbal information and written records about a client cannot be shared with another party without the written consent of the client or the client's legal guardian.

However, there are some key exceptions with regard to confidentiality. All healthcare professionals, including all CARE clinicians, are required by law to release information to the appropriate authorities, including the Department of Children & Family Services, law enforcement, and/or mental-health evaluators, under one or more of the following circumstances:

Duty to Warn and Protect

When a client discloses intentions or a plan to harm another person, the healthcare professional is required by law to warn the intended victim and report this information to legal authorities.

When a client discloses or implies a plan to seriously harm or kill him/herself, the healthcare professional is required to take reasonable steps to prevent such an event from occurring. Steps may include, but are not limited to, notifying the client's family members and/or contacting emergency psychiatric services.

Abuse of Children and Vulnerable Adults

If a healthcare professional suspects any past or present abuse of a child, elderly individual, or dependent adult, he or she is required by law to report the suspected abuse to the appropriate protective-services agency. Suspicion of child abuse can occur through direct observation or through verbal or written information provided by the client, the client's family members, or others.

Court-Subpoenaed Records

If you are involved in legal proceedings, your healthcare records may be subpoenaed by the court. In such a case, we would work with you and with the court to try to limit the release of information to only that which was absolutely necessary.



Client Name (First & last)

Signature

Date

*Name of Responsible Adult (First & Last)

Signature

Date

Interpreter (if applicable) (First & Last)

Date

* Responsible Adult = Legal Guardian, Conservator, or Parent of Minor (> 18).