

# **Referral Machine System**

Turn Happy Clients Into Your Best Referral Source

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Premium Members Resource

## The Psychology of Referrals

Referrals are the highest-quality new client source for therapy practices. Referred clients come pre-sold on your approach, have realistic expectations, and tend to have better outcomes. This system helps you ethically and effectively generate consistent referrals.

## The Referral Mindset Shift

Many therapists feel uncomfortable asking for referrals. Here's the reframe: If you've helped someone improve their life, sharing your services with others isn't self-promotion—it's extending that positive impact. You're not asking for a favor; you're offering value.

# The 5-Touch Referral System

## Touch 1: Session Milestone (Session 4-6)

When clients show meaningful progress, acknowledge it: 'I've noticed some real shifts in how you're handling [issue]. How are you feeling about the progress you've made?' This plants the seed that therapy works.

## Touch 2: The Gratitude Moment

When clients express gratitude organically, respond: 'That means a lot to hear. If you ever come across anyone who might benefit from similar support, I always welcome referrals. But no pressure—your progress is what matters most.'

## Touch 3: The Completion Conversation

At termination: 'I'm so proud of the work you've done. As you move forward, if you ever encounter someone struggling with similar challenges, please know my door is always open for referrals.'

## Touch 4: The Follow-Up Check-In

3-6 months post-termination, send a brief check-in email. Include a line like: 'If you know anyone who could benefit from similar support, I'm currently accepting new clients.'

## Touch 5: The Annual Touch

Send an annual 'thinking of you' note to past clients. Subtle reminder that you exist and are taking new clients.

## **Building Professional Referral Relationships**

Beyond client referrals, building relationships with other professionals creates consistent referral streams:

- Primary care physicians and psychiatrists
- School counselors and college counseling centers
- HR departments and EAP coordinators
- Divorce attorneys and family law professionals
- Other therapists with different specializations
- Life coaches and wellness practitioners
- Religious/spiritual leaders
- Personal trainers and nutritionists

## **Referral Tracking Template**

Track every referral: Where they came from, whether they converted, and thank the referrer. This data helps you focus on your highest-quality referral sources.