



Anne Drake, LCSW
COUNSELING AND PLAY THERAPY

Informed Consent

Welcome! Please review the following information and initial each line, indicating you have read and understand each statement.

_____ 1. **Qualifications:** I received my Master of Social Welfare (MSW) from the University of Kansas in 2008, and completed the requirements to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) in 2010. I am currently trained in play therapy and am in the final process of completing the required supervision hours to become a Registered Play Therapist with the Association for Play Therapy. I received my Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University in Special Education of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing in 1997. I have worked as a teacher and then a social worker in various school settings. I am a member of the National Association of Social Workers, The National Association for Play Therapy, and the Illinois Association for Play Therapy. My areas of competency include anxiety, depression, self-esteem/identity, anger, behavioral issues, executive functioning, understanding feelings and emotions, social skills, , Autism Spectrum Disorders, and other child-related issues or concerns. I am fluent in American Sign Language.

_____ 2. **Privacy and Confidentiality:** In accordance with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, all information obtained in the course of professional service will be protected unless disclosure is necessary to prevent serious, foreseeable, and imminent harm to a client or other identifiable person. Client information includes the social worker's personal knowledge of the client and client records (written, electronic, or verbal). Confidential information may be disclosed when appropriate with valid consent from a client or personal legally authorized to consent on behalf of a client.

_____ 3. **Standards of Practice:** Upon request, I can furnish you with a copy of the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Social Workers, as well as the Evidence-Based Practice Statement: Play Therapy, provided by the Association for Play Therapy.

_____ 4. **Discrimination:** There will be no discrimination on the basis of age, gender, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, political affiliation or social/economic status.

_____ 5. **Protection of Records:** In accordance with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, clients' written, and electronic records and other sensitive information are stored in a secure location or are password protected and not available to others who are not authorized to have access.

_____ **6. Supervision/Consultation:** Due to requirements of becoming a Registered Play Therapist and in accordance with the National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics, this social worker will receive regular monthly supervision regarding all cases. Supervision/consultation with other mental health professionals is both necessary and beneficial. Any identifying information will remain confidential.

_____ **7. Mandated Reporter** I understand that Anne Drake, LCSW, is a mandated reporter for the State of Illinois. This means that she is required by law to report any disclosure made by the child or family involving abuse or neglect.

RISKS AND BENEFITS: There may be both risks and benefits associated with participation in therapy. Risks may include experiencing uncomfortable feelings, such as sadness, guilt, anxiety, anger, frustration, loneliness and helplessness, because the process of therapy often requires discussing the unpleasant aspects of your life. Therapy has also been shown to have many benefits including a significant reduction in feelings of distress, increased satisfaction in interpersonal relationships, greater personal awareness and insight, increased skills for managing stress and resolutions to specific problems.

CONSENT: I give Anne Drake, LCSW permission to provide therapy services and understand the limitations of therapy. My signature below indicates that I have read and understood the Informed Consent.

Signature

Date