

INTERPROFESSIONAL CENTER FOR COUNSELING & LEGAL SERVICES INFORMED CONSENT FOR CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Program Description

The Interprofessional Center is dedicated to providing you with a high-quality, satisfying, and safe service. To that end, we provide a variety of Case Management Services to assist you in managing certain life circumstances. The process begins with an assessment, during which the case manager will determine how we may be able to assist you. The case manager will inform you of these options at the time they meet with you at the end of the assessment. Here is a brief description of Case Management Services:

Case Management Services are focused on managing and overcoming challenges that can complicate or interfere with life functions. Case management begins with an initial assessment. After the assessment, the case manager may be able to work with you in the following areas:

- Linkages and Referrals to services that can help with concerns related to housing and financial issues.
- Problem-solving issues that interfere with receiving services, such as transportation and childcare.
- Support services can vary from helping you to understand the human services process to providing emotional support.
- Individual counseling related to managing the aspects related to the issues you are facing.

There may be other issues that are impacting you and making it difficult to feel satisfied on a day-to-day basis. Through counseling services we can help you to address these issues through on-going individual sessions with members of the Counseling Services team. You may access this service separate from Case Management services at any point during the time you are receiving services.

Confidentiality

As a client receiving social work services, the therapeutic relationship between you and your case manager is confidential, this means that your case manager cannot give out any information about you without your written consent. State law and ethical standards *do* require that your case manager report information about you to the appropriate agency or person in the following circumstances:

- If there is a clear and imminent danger that you may harm yourself or others.
- If there is suspected or confirmed abuse of a child or a vulnerable adult.
- If you report or describe sexual exploitation by a previous therapist.
- If you are pregnant and abusing substances
- Unless you are an emancipated minor, your parent or guardian may be able to access your records.

Recording and Observation

Your case manager is currently working on an advanced degree in social work and is under the supervision of a licensed social worker on the faculty of the University of St. Thomas. By consenting to counseling services, you give permission for videotaping and/or audiotaping or live supervision and consultation of counseling and/or assessment sessions conducted by your counselor at the Interprofessional Center. The recording will be used for internal educational purposes only and only those directly involved in the training of your counselor will have access to any identifying information about you. Normally all tapes will be erased by the end of the training period; however, occasionally there is an exception to this procedure. All recordings and its contents are afforded the same confidentiality and privacy as the rest of your clinical record.

Use of Archival Database in Research

Given that the Interprofessional Center is affiliated with the University of St. Thomas, students and faculty in the graduate psychology and/or social work programs may, in the course of performing research

