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Professional Disclosure Statement for Supervision

Degrees and Credentials

- S.Ed. Guidance and Counseling, University of West Georgia, 2009
- M.Ed. Guidance and Counseling, State University of West Georgia, 2003
- BA Psychology, State University of West Georgia, 1998
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) –GA LPC008450
- National Certified Counselor (NCC) – NBCC 82731
- Nationally Certified School Counselor (NCSC) NBCC 82731
- Approved Clinical Supervisor (ACS) ACS 2762

Areas of Competence

- Mental Health Counseling for child, adolescent and adult populations
- Individual, Group, Couples and Marriage Counseling
- Assessment & Diagnosis
- Career counseling

Supervision Training and Experience

I have both a Specialist and Master's Degrees in Education from The University of West Georgia Guidance & Counseling Program. This program is CACREP accredited program. As a student I completed the coursework Clinical Supervision Counseling. I have supervised several student interns and practicum students as well as pre-licensed LPC candidates through the years.

Approach to Supervision

Supervision is a place to develop the necessary skills and practice of counseling to protect one's clients and become a competent practitioner. My approach to supervision follows the Developmental.

The goals of clinical supervision are:

- To develop competence in standard mental health assessment and treatment modalities while encouraging learning and growing within the field.
- To gain a thorough understanding of theoretical orientations and their practical application.
- To develop clinical skills in assessment, treatment planning, implementation and documentation.
- To oversee the development of ethical decision making in the clinical setting.
- To model and promote appropriate ways to work with issues of culture, gender, sexual identity and preference, religious affiliation or other difference in the counseling setting.
- To develop the counselor's self-awareness and ability to discern what are his/her issues to sort through in clinical supervision and what are the client's issues so as to avoid counter transference in therapy. While clinical supervision is not therapy, in these instances it

may brush up against that boundary as we discern which issues need to be discussed in supervision and which would best be addressed within the supervisee's own therapy.

- To assist the supervisee in reducing their own professional performance anxiety while increasing their professional identity and areas of expertise.

Evaluation Procedure

I use several tools in establishing goals and evaluation of these goals in supervision:

- Mutual discussion of strengths and weaknesses over time
- Self-assessment tools
- Post session therapist evaluations
- *Therapist Evaluation Checklist* by Hall-Marley (2000)

Using these tools we will establish mutually agreed upon goals that we will review during supervision sessions and/or as required by your school or supervision goals. I will keep brief session notes and provide written evaluations for you when supervision is finished or as needed.

Confidentiality

All information shared with me in the context of clinical supervision is held in strict confidence with the following exceptions:

- If the supervisee exhibits signs of impairment
- If the supervisee exhibits behaviors that are unethical and/or dangerous to the client
- If I, as a supervisor, am court ordered to testify about the nature of a supervision relationship or of a client of the supervisee
- If a client's welfare is in danger and it is deemed the supervisee is unable to assist the client adequately
- If a child, elderly person, or dependent person is being abused
- If I, as a supervisor, seek supervision from another licensed mental health professional

Supervisees must inform their clients that they are obtaining clinical supervision and the bounds of confidentiality within the supervision relationship.

Fees

Professional Supervision: \$100/hour

Group Supervision (2 supervisees): \$50/person/hour

Group Supervision (3+ supervisees): \$30/person/hour

Tape/Document Review and/or Production: \$30/15-minutes

Distance Supervision (phone or video chat): Same rates apply for individuals only

Emergency Contact Information

I respond fastest to email at miller_counseling@yahoo.com. Please put a phone number where you can immediately be reached in the body of the email and I will call you back as soon as possible. Do not put the full name of a client in the email. You may also call my business cell at 770-500-0681. My fax number is: 844-876-6931

Code of Ethics

As a supervisor, I adhere to the NBCC *Code of Ethics* as well as the ACA *Code of Ethics*.