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## ADULT INTAKE FORM

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List any support systems that you have:

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When did the problem first be	gin:		
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years. Treating professional Date of diagnosis Comments Condition Please check all that might apply to you: Panic attacks Fear/phobia(s) Depression Anxiety Stress Low self-esteem \_\_\_\_Chronic pain \_\_\_ Frequent illness Grief/recent loss Paranoia/hallucination Relationship issues Substance abuse Job related issues Memory problems Physical/Emotional/Sexual abuse Family of origin issues Concentration problems Legal difficulties sleep problems/changes in sleep fatigue other muscle aches Physical concerns/complaints: headaches stiff neck back pain stomach distress allergies change in appetite eating Issues sexual dysfunction Family of Origin: Mother Father Brothers Sisters Grandparents Aunts Uncles Cousins Depression Rages **Mood Swings** Bipolar Anxiety/Panic Disorder Obsessions ADHD Schizophrenia Autism Drugs Alcohol Gambling Abuse Deceased? Suicide Please give any other pertinent information that you feel may be helpful at this time:

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CREDIT CARD:	☐ AMEX	☐ VISA	☐ MC	□ DISCOVER	-
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#### **CHILD INTAKE FORM**

Child's Name:		Date:	
Mailing address:			
		ZIP Code:	
Home Phone #:V	Work #:	Cell Phone #:	
Permission to call you at home? Yes	No	Permission to call you at work? Yes	No
Child's date of birth:	Age:	Sex:	
Race: Religion	:	Social Security #:	
Father's Employer:		Occupation:	
Mother's Employer:		Occupation:	
Parent's Marital Status: Single	_ Married	DivorcedWidowedSeparated	
Length of current relationship	Length	of current separation/divorce/widow_	
Previous significant relationships: Name Beginning date	Endir	ng date Reason for ending	
Who currently lives in your child's ho	ousehold? Ple	ease list name, age, sex, and relationship.	
Please give any information about yo	ur family tha	at seems especially significant:	

List any support systems that your child has other than you:

Name of Primary Ca Date of last physical:	re Physician: Date of last of	Physicia	n's Phone #
relationship):	cy, my therapist can notify (pl	ease include name, a	ddress, telephone number, and
How did you hear ab	out Julia Stacy, MA, LPC-S	?	
What is the main prol	blem that caused you to seek h	nelp?	
What are the main sy	mptoms that your child app	ears to be experien	cing:
When did the problem	first begin:		
How have you attempt	ed to resolve the problem:		
Describe any stressors	s in the past year including an	y losses/changes:	
include date, location,	and mental health professiona	al's name.	ing, and/or evaluations. Please
Provider/Therapist/Ho	spital Date(s)		Comments
List any medications	your child is currently taking	g or has taken in the	past 6 months
Drug	Dosage/amount	Frequency	Comments

Please list any current medical problems your child is being treated for or has been treated for in the past 2 years.

Condition Treating professional Date of diagnosis Comments

Please check all that might apply to your child:						
Glieblecelli ioss Low self-esteem Chronic nain Frequent illness						
dostance abuse						
Physical/Emotional/Sexual abuse						
Concentration problems Legal difficulties sleep problems/changes in sleep						
muscle achesfatigueother						
Physical concerns/complaints:change in appetiteback painstomach distressallergiesheadachesstiff necsexual dysfunctioneating Issues						
Family of Origin: Mother Father Brothers Sisters Grandparents Aunts Uncles Cousins						
Depression						
Rages						
Mood Swings						
Bipolar						
Anxiety/Panic Disorder						
Obsessions						
ADHD						
Schizophrenia						
Autism						
Drugs						
Alcohol						
Gambling						
Abuse						
Deceased?						
Suicide						
Please give any other pertinent information that you feel may be helpful at this time:						

## <u>Concerns</u> Please mark all items that apply to your child

Abuse/Violence in home	Grief/loss-Family/friend
Achievement/Motivation	Incarcerated family member
Anger	Low neighborhood attachment
Being bullied	Mental health issues
Bullying	New student adjustment
Conduct behavior	Parent remarriage/New partner
Cries easily, feelings easily hurt	Peer relationships
Divorce issues	Recent move
Distractible, inattentive, poor concentration	Self-worth/Identity issues
Disobedient, uncooperative, noncompliant	Serious illness in family
Drug or alcohol use	Signs of depression
Eating problems	Social skills problems
Family/Personal drug use	Sleeping problems
Fearful	Suicidal thoughts or plans
Fighting, hitting, violent, aggressive, hostile	Tardiness/Attendance
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Strength	<u>s</u>
Affectionate	Integrity
Cares for others	Organization
Common sense	Parental support
Completes homework	Other adult mentors
Conflict resolution skills	Patience
Cooperation	Personal competence
Creative activities	Perseverance
Curiosity	Positive peer influence
Decision-making skills	Reads for pleasure
Family expectations:	Responsibility
HighMediumLow	School achievement
Flexibility	Self-control
Future goals	Self-motivation
Honesty	Sense of humor
Involved in youth programs	Sense of self-worth
Independence	Shows effort
Other Concerns or Strengths:	0
Comment Complete	
Current Services	
After-school programs:	
After-school sports:	
Community clubs:	
Gifted program:	
Medication/s:	
Special education:	

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CREDIT CARD:	☐ AMEX	☐ VISA	☐ MC	□ DISCOVER
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SIGNATURE				DATE

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# Parent Feedback Sheet

Child's Name			Dat	9
What delighted me	the most abo	out my child this	past week wa	s
Some happy surpri	ses that I enco	ountered with my	child were_	
SE SE	nat may be aff	fecting my child a	are	
	my child's syr	nptoms have bee	n: (please cir	rcle)
Please explain:		The second secon		Much Worse
Problems or concern	ns that I would	d like Ms. Stacy to	be aware of	regarding my child are

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# What is Play Therapy? A Parent Handout

When parents decide to bring their child into therapy, it can be an emotionally charged and intimidating time for them. Hopefully, this can answer some of the questions you might have regarding the process.

What is Play Therapy? It is a type of therapy in which children are given the opportunity to express their feelings, practice constructive behaviors and work out solutions to problems just as adults would do in talking with a therapist. The difference is, children use play and toys as their language. Though children have often not yet developed the verbal capacity to express their feelings and experiences using words, they can naturally express themselves through play by "playing out" what is happening in their lives.

Play therapy usually occurs the same time and day each week in a private therapy room with therapeutic toys. This room becomes very important to the child because they are allowed to explore their ideas and feelings in a safe environment with an adult therapist's full attention. The play is directed by the child and revolves around specific issues, ideas and feelings they are struggling with.

The role of the trained play therapist is to observe the nature, process and content of the child's play, understanding and putting words to it. They facilitate problem solving and acceptance of responsibility.

Play therapy has been found to be effective in addressing a variety of issues like behavior problems, divorce, family conflict, school difficulties, peer problems and attachment. The parent's will receive support, education and updates on the child's progress along the way, as needed.