

Disclosure Statement

Information

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Credentials

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor—LPC0013009—in the State of Colorado, licensed by the Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA). I received a Master of Arts in Counseling from Denver Seminary, a counseling program which is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP) and focuses on general practice psychotherapy from a Christian perspective. I am a certified Splanckna practitioner and a certified Prepare/Enrich facilitator.

Regulation of Psychotherapists

The practice of licensed or registered persons in the field of psychotherapy is regulated by the Mental Health Licensing Section of the Division of Registrations. The regulatory boards can be reached at 1560 Broadway, Suite 1350, Denver CO, 80202, (303) 894-7800. The regulatory requirements for mental health professionals provide that a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, a Licensed Marriage and Family therapist, and a Licensed Professional Counselor must hold a master's degree in their profession and have two years of post-masters supervision. A Licensed Psychologist must hold a doctorate degree in psychology and have one year of post-doctoral supervision. A Licensed Social Worker must hold a master's degree in social work. A Psychologist Candidate, a Marriage and Family Therapist Candidate, and a Licensed Professional Counselor Candidate must hold the necessary licensing degree and be in the process of completing the required supervision for licensure. A Certified Addiction Counselor I (CAC I) must be a high school graduate, and completed required training hours and 1000 hours of supervised experience. A CAC II must complete additional required training hours and 2000 hours of supervised experience. A CAC III must have a bachelor's degree in behavioral health, and complete additional required training hours and 2000 hours of supervised experience. A Licensed Addiction Counselor must have a clinical master's degree and meet the CAC III requirements. A Registered Psychotherapist is listed in the State's Database and is authorized by law to practice psychotherapy in Colorado, but is not licensed by the state and is not required to satisfy any standardized educational or testing requirements to obtain registration from the state.

Client Rights and Important Information

- You are entitled to receive information from me about my methods of therapy, the techniques I use, and the duration of your therapy, and my fee. Please ask if you would like to receive this information.
- You can seek a second opinion from another therapist or terminate therapy at any time.
- In a professional relationship (such as ours), sexual intimacy between a therapist and a client is never appropriate. If sexual intimacy occurs, it should be reported to the Board that licenses, certifies, or registers the therapist.
- Generally speaking, information provided by and to a client in a professional relationship with a psychotherapist is legally confidential, and the therapist cannot disclose the information without the client's consent. There are several exceptions to confidentiality which include:
 - I am required to report any suspected incident of child abuse or neglect to law enforcement;
 - I am required to report any threat of imminent physical harm by a client to law enforcement and to the person(s) threatened;
 - I am required to initiate a mental health evaluation of a client who is imminently dangerous to self or to others, or who is gravely disabled, as a result of a mental disorder;
 - I am required to report any suspected threat to national security to federal officials
 - I may be required by Court Order to disclose treatment information.
- When I am concerned about a client's safety, it is my policy to request a Welfare Check through local law enforcement. In doing so, I may disclose to law enforcement officers information concerning my concerns. By

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signing this Disclosure Statement, and agreeing to treatment with me, you consent to this practice, if it should become necessary.

- Under Colorado law, CRS 14-10-123.8, parents have the right to access mental health treatment information concerning their minor children, unless the court has restricted access to such information. If you request treatment information from me, I may provide you with a treatment summary, in compliance with Colorado law and HIPAA Standards.
- I agree not to record our sessions without your written consent; and you agree not to record a session or conversation with me without my written consent.

Disclosure Regarding Divorce and Custody Litigation

If you are involved in divorce or custody litigation, my role as a therapist is not to make recommendations to the court concerning custody or parenting issues. By signing this Disclosure Statement, you agree not to subpoena me to court for testimony or for disclosure of treatment information in such litigation; and you agree not to request that I write any reports to the court or to your attorney, making recommendations concerning custody. The court can appoint professionals, who have no prior relationship with family members, to conduct an investigation or evaluation and to make recommendations to the court concerning parental responsibilities or parenting time in the best interests of the family’s children.

I understand that I am not receiving medical diagnosis, medical treatment, or prescriptions as part of psychotherapy interventions. I hereby release Gwen Westerlund, Rosmarinus Counseling Services, Inc., and Mercy’s Gate from any liability resulting in any possible damages or loss incurred in our association.

I have read the preceding information, and it has been presented to me verbally. I understand the disclosures that have been made to me and my rights as a client. I also acknowledge that I have received a copy of this disclosure statement.

Print Client Name	Signature	Date
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If signed by parent or guardian, please state relationship to client and authority to consent.

Gwen Westerlund – LPC0013009	Date
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