

Consent Form

for

Lighted Path Counseling of Pennsylvania, LLC

The Counselor

Virginia Boone has obtained her Masters of Science and Professional State License in Counseling. She has an undergraduate degree in Bible and Missions. Virginia is the founder of Lighted Path Counseling of Pa. She has many years of experience working with the homeless, residents of nursing homes and a mental institution. Since 2017, she has been volunteering as a spiritual advisor for the women at the local county prison. She has five grown children and ten grandchildren. She resides in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Confidentiality

The privacy and confidentiality of our counseling sessions and records are your privilege and are protected by ethical principles. Information can only be released through your written consent. Verbal consent may be necessary in a crisis or unique circumstances. The only exceptions to confidentiality are:

1. When there is a risk of imminent harm to self or to another. The counselor is ethically bound to take necessary steps to prevent such danger.
2. When there is evidence or reasonable suspicion that a child, elder, or developmentally disabled individual is being sexually or physically abused or is at risk of such abuse. The counselor is legally required to take steps to protect the one at risk and to inform the proper authorities.
3. When it is court ordered or counseling is mandated by a legal authority.
4. When the client signs a written consent form for the release of information.
5. When the counselor seeks professional consultation or supervision or legal counsel to better assist the client.
6. When a co-counselor is involved with the counseling process.
7. When the client is a child under 18 and the counselor deems it necessary, in the best interest of the child, to notify the parent(s) or legal guardian.

Philosophy of Care

Virginia Boone takes a holistic approach to counseling. This perspective considers all dimensions of the client's life and how they interrelate. These include the physical, mental, emotional, social, and also the spiritual aspects of one's life. In a personal evaluation of the various models of psychology, Virginia has come to

the conclusion that biblically based therapy is the most effective holistic approach available to best assist her clients.

This biblically based therapy will adhere to a Christian world, view which may include prayer, readings, and application of Scripture. An individual's personal beliefs and religion are respected by offering this consent of choice to receive or decline these counseling services.

Appointment Information

Length of session: An average session will be 60 minutes long. If the client deems it helpful, they can request 90 minute sessions. Child care will not be provided.

Location: The primary office is located at 2018 North Main Ave, Scranton, Pa, 18508. Please park in the rear of the building and use the front door. Specific hours are available at her office at 538 Venard Rd, Clarks Summit, Pa 18411, located on the Clarks Summit University's campus.

Phone calls: Virginia Boone may be contacted by calling or texting 570-575-8620. For a less prompt response, you may email her at vruthboone@gmail.com. Phone consultation may be available for crisis situations or an alternative during adverse weather.

Arrival time: Clients are encouraged to arrive promptly at the scheduled time. If the client arrives late, the counseling session will end at the regularly scheduled time and the client will still be charged the full rate. The counselor reserves the right to cancel the session if the client is at least 15 minutes late.

Cancellations: A 24 hour notice is required for a cancellation or if the client is unable to keep the appointment. Please cancel by phone not through email. Appointments cancelled because of adverse weather or emergency situations are understandable and will be exempt from fees.

If the counselor cancels for reasons unrelated to the client, the client will be notified as soon as the conflict has been determined. If the counselor is late, the client can expect a full length session.

Termination: The course of counseling is determined by both the client and the counselor. It is the client's responsibility to determine whether the services offered are appropriate and ultimately helpful. The length of the counseling process varies depending on the needs and issues of the individual client. The client has the right

to end therapy at any time. However, for the best interest of the client, suspension, termination, or referral should be discussed with the counselor ahead of time.

The counselor has the right to terminate services for noncompliance with the plan of care, failure to keep or cancel appointments, violent behavior, threats of violence, involvement in criminal behavior, and failure to pay for services rendered.

For the best interest of the client, if the counselor does not deem herself competent to deal with the client's issues at hand, the client may be referred to another competent counselor.

Financial policy

The cost: The fee for a single session can range from \$15.00-\$60.00. The amount is determined by an income sliding scale. Adjustments in the scale will be considered in light of number of household members or financial hardship. The amount will be mutually agreed upon in writing before counseling services begin.

Payment: Payment will be rendered at the beginning of each session. Advanced payment is an option. It may be paid in cash or checks. Make checks payable to: Virginia Boone. There will be a \$25 charge for returned checks.

Cancellation fee: If an appointment is missed and there was failure to give a 24 hour notice by phone, then the client will still be charged the normal cost for that session. Payment of the missed session will be expected at the next session scheduled.