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Notes on Confidentiality:

The contents of counseling are considered confidential. Both verbal and written records about a client cannot be shared without a signed release of information.

Noted exceptions are as follows:

- 1) Duty to warn and protect.
 - a. When a client(s) disclose imminent intentions to harm another person or one's self—our licensed mental health professionals are required by law to notify the intended victim, and/or the intended family, and/or report the information to the police, and/or seek hospitalization for the client(s).
- 2) Abuse.
 - a. When it is ever reported that a child/minor/elder is being abused and/or neglected and/or indirectly and/or directly witness to domestic abuse --our licensed mental health professionals are required by law to report the information to the appropriate social service agency and/or the police. Furthermore, if the Child Protection and Permanency Agency (formally known as the Division of Youth and Family Services) request that Brite Futures Counseling, LLC release information to them we are required by law to release the information to them.
- 3) Legal.
 - a. If presented with a court order signed by a judge—our licensed mental health professionals are required by law to release the records.