



Clinton T. Hamm, LMFT - Practice Policies

- MARRIAGE INTENSIVES -

FEE: The fee for HALF DAY Intensives is \$550. FULL DAY Intensives are \$1,000. Payment for service is collected on the day of service. Intensives must be canceled 48 hours in advance. Late cancellations will be charged half of the cost of their reserved Intensive: HALF DAY: \$275 & FULL DAY: \$500. *I do not accept insurance.*

CONFIDENTIALITY: Professional ethics and Tennessee law indicate that confidential information is controlled by the client. Therefore, as a general rule, information shared in sessions with a counselor will be held in confidence. **Two exceptions** to this rule: In the case of an emergency where the counselor believes the client is at risk of hurting himself/herself or another person, the counselor may breach the requirement of confidentiality. Secondly, Tennessee law requires that child abuse in any form be reported to the Department of Human Services or other authority such as a Juvenile Judge. Additionally, a Judge has authority to issue a court order, which may require the sharing of information.

Clients sometimes prefer to communicate via text message or email. While such communication is accepted, it is important for the client to understand that email and text are not secure modes of communication. The correspondence is at risk of being intercepted, can be monitored by email/phone providers, and human error could result in someone else receiving the message other than the intended therapist. If the client chooses to correspond with me via text or email, the correspondence will be printed and kept in the client's file.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: I am available for counseling appointments at select times throughout the week. I can be reached by phone (615-708-3051) and email (clint@clintontimothy counseling.com) for scheduling purposes. If you have an emergency, you may obtain assistance by calling the Crisis Help Line at 244-7444, the YW Domestic Violence Center at 242-1199, or by going to your local hospital emergency room. For a crisis with minors you can call the mobile crisis line at 866-791-9222. I may be unable to respond to texts and emails in a timely manner, therefore do not text or email me when you are in a crisis and feeling suicidal, overwhelmed, or unsafe. Please call the crisis line or go to your nearest emergency room in these instances.

I am not a certified Custody Evaluator or an Expert Witness, as defined by the legal system. As a therapist, I am not permitted to make any judgments on custody. I do not testify unless required by a court order. In the case of my death, incapacitation or termination of practice, Shonda Vaughn, LPC-MHSP will assume responsibility for the management of my client's therapy and records.

BENEFITS/RISKS of COUNSELING: Counseling & Counseling Intensives can motivate people to make significant changes in their lives. People often modify their emotions, attitudes, and behaviors. Changes might also be made in marriages or significant relationships (as with parents, friends, children, relatives etc.). While I will assist the clients and couples in effecting change, I cannot guarantee a specific outcome. Clients and couples are ultimately responsible for their own growth.

CREDENTIALS: Master of Marriage & Family Therapy and State of Tennessee license: *Marital & Family Therapist (#1447)*.

By signing this document, I am providing my consent to participate in treatment according to the conditions and provisions of these practice policies. I now understand the limits of confidentiality as well as the benefits and risks of counseling. I further acknowledge that I have read and understand the contents of this document.

Client(s) Signature(s): _____ Date: _____