

Ray of Hope Counseling Services, PLLC

Offering Counsel for Life's Concerns

Professional Disclosure Statement for Ray of Hope Counseling

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Welcome to Ray of Hope Counseling Services, PLLC. People come to counseling because they are seeking something different in their personal or professional lives or within their relationships. You are invited to share your concerns and dreams in a safe context. Your confidentiality is important to me and will be carefully safeguarded on your behalf. All information provided within the context of counseling, including the intake process, whether verbal, written, or otherwise recorded, will remain locked and will not be shared with anyone without your written consent. Exceptions to confidentiality are limited exclusively to the following: for purposes of supervision or peer consultation; under court order; in cases of imminent harm to the client or others; when information pertains to the abuse or neglect of a child, elderly person, or otherwise vulnerable person.

There are several ways to engage the process of change. Art, music and education are part of my undergraduate training and professional experiences. Animals have also been a part of the healing process for many "at risk" girls we helped after founding and directing Horse Haven Ranch Ministries, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization (2006-2011). Using art as connection and as therapy was beautiful both during my ministry and my internship at seminary as I finished my Master of Arts in Counseling (2015). While in my graduate training, my professor shared that counseling is one of few professions where gray hairs are welcomed. With age comes experience. I am truly grateful to have been given many tools during my lifetime to assist in this change process.

Commitment to the counseling process will help achieve desired goals more effectively. Arriving on time for your scheduled sessions will help you maximize your potential for change, as well as sharing that ability with others who may be scheduled immediately following you. Also, if cancelling or rescheduling your time with me becomes necessary due to personal/medical emergencies, please give a 24-hour notice whenever possible.

Your questions about any aspect of services rendered at "Ray of Hope Counseling" are encouraged. If you should find yourself dissatisfied with the counseling process at any time, please bring it to my attention as soon as you are able. Your concerns will be handled seriously within the counseling relationship when possible. Any dispute or complaint that cannot be resolved may be addressed to the following: Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Division, Allegations Section, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909, (517) 373-9196.

Group rates may vary and will be shared prior to registration. Individual counseling fees are \$70.00 per session, payable at the time of services rendered. Please pay by check or cash. After the initial one to three sessions, services recommended will be determined and shared with you.

I have read and understand this statement and have had the opportunity to discuss it before sharing personal information.

Print Name _____ Sign Name _____ Date _____

Signature of Witness _____ Date _____