



Thank you for your interest in our program. To begin the intake process you will need to complete all the forms listed below that are applicable.

- Registration Form
- HIPAA, Confidentiality, and Client's Rights Form
- Informed Consent for Behavioral Health Services
- Consumer Orientation Checklist
- Authorization of Release Information (as needed)
- Insurance Card (provide copy)
- Guardianship (if applicable)

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

Thank you,

The Intake Department



Boundless Behavioral Health Services Handbook

Please review this handbook to understand the agency expectations and guidelines for services.

Welcome

Boundless Behavioral Health (Step By Step Academy, Inc. aka Boundless) is a private non-profit community mental health center. Boundless is a leader in delivering exceptional results for individuals with autism, developmental disabilities and complex behavioral health issues. We are committed to maximizing your progress by applying evidence-based strategies. Our unique approach allows individuals to receive customized, integrated treatment that incorporates behavioral health, family supports, and educational services. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing quality services, Boundless maintains accreditation by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) to provide Outpatient Treatment, Day Treatment and Case Management/Service Coordination.

Our Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Handbook provides you with information about our program as well as relevant policies and procedures to clarify expectations for the services you will receive. If you have questions about any information provided in the handbook or any other aspect of the services you will be receiving, please do not hesitate to contact your case manager or clinician at Boundless.

Program Goals

Boundless' programs utilized a person-centered approach. We strive to work with the individual and care providers to develop appropriate goals and objectives to reach their desired level of functioning and to assist in achieving treatment goals.

Evidence-based behavior and cognitive therapy approaches represent the foundation of our counseling and therapy practice. Treatment will vary in the level of frequency and intensity based upon the individual's needs and is provided in coordination with other services with which the person may be involved.

Service Overview

Boundless is pleased to offer a variety of outpatient and community based behavioral health services as part of our growing continuum of treatment programs. Outpatient treatment services are provided to a wide array of individuals with behavioral health concerns. Programs are specialized in serving children, adolescents and adults with co-occurring behavioral health and developmental disabilities and autism and complex behavioral health issues. Treatment is individualized and employes a strength-based approach designed to decrease the impact of their symptoms on daily functioning and increase independence.

Behavioral Health Services include:

Diagnostic Assessments are completed for all individuals in a manner that is respectful and considerate of the individual's specific needs. The Diagnostic Assessment is completed to evaluate a individual's need and determine appropriate level of services offered. Assessments are updated as needed (but no less than yearly) to address any changes in behavioral health needs and guide treatment.

Case Management services promote the individual's ability to succeed in the community, identify and access needed services, build skills, and assist with coordination of care. These services may occur in support of other services provided by Boundless or other providers.

Pharmacological Management services provide psychiatric evaluations and medication management for children, adolescents and adults. In many instances, the combination of medication and other behavioral health interventions produce the best results. Our focus is providing integrated care to help reduce symptoms and improve overall functioning.

Psychological Testing is available to children, adolescents and adults to help provide diagnostic clarification and relevant treatment recommendations using a combination of psychological tests, clinical interviews, behavioral observations and review of collateral records with a specific focus on developmental disabilities, autism spectrum disorders, complex learning disabilities and Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.

Pre-Academic Skills Evaluations assess skills related to expressive and receptive language, cooperation, motor functioning, problem solving skills and early academic abilities prior to the start of center-based services.

Behavioral Health Therapy may be available in many forms based on the individual and family needs and recommended treatment goals and may include:

- Individual therapy
- Family therapy
- Parent training and education
- Couples therapy

Day Treatment services are offered to during set times to specific populations, based on program location. The programs address complex needs by providing behavioral interventions using evidence-based techniques to develop and restore social skills and daily functioning. Crisis prevention, de-escalation, and symptom reduction are targeted to support the individual's in achieving their maximum potential.

Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Additional evening hours may be available based on the availability of individual clinicians.

Boundless will be closed in recognition of the following holidays:

New Year's Day

President's Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Thanksgiving Day (Including the Friday after)

Christmas Day

Boundless Behavioral Health will also close for approximately one week around Christmas and New Year's Day (dates will vary year to year).

Payer Sources & Fees

Behavioral health services can be covered by private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, managed care plans, or private pay. Coverage is based upon insurance providers and plans, and prior authorization may be required for some services. Fees are based on established rates, and a sliding fee scale is available for individuals who qualify. Boundless accepts cash, check and major credit cards. All fees and co-pays are due at the time of service.

Referral Sources

Referrals for services may be made directly by service coordinators, schools, family, courts, therapists, psychologists, emergency service agencies, state departments, hospitals, and other professionals. Individuals may self-refer as well. Referrals and information provided shall assist the person served in accessing appropriate services.

Orientation

The information provided in this handbook provides orientation to inform you of the services provided, the expectations, policies and procedures to help achieve a seamless transition into the services provided. This handbook will help you stay informed about important information about our agency. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please ask your clinician.

Policies, Rules and Expectations

- Boundless is required to provide this Notice to you by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). This notice describes how Boundless protects your personal health information which relates to the services we provide to you and how we may use and disclose this information. Boundless is required to maintain the privacy of your records and health information. All individuals will be notified of reportable breaches of privacy and security. A copy of HIPAA rights titled (Notice of Privacy Practice-Your Individual Rights Under HIPAA) is available in the waiting room and upon request.
- Additional information on Client Rights is available in the tri-fold titled (Clients Rights) which available in the waiting room and upon request.
- **Site and Safety Organization:** Emergency evacuation maps are in every room next to the door, identifying exits, first aid kits and fire extinguisher. Please reference in case of an emergency.
- **Tobacco, Illicit/licit drugs and weapons:** We are a drug, smoke, tobacco and weapon free facility. Please do not bring any of these items onto campus or into the buildings.
- **Confidentiality:** Each visitor, staff, and individual signs a confidentiality notice. It is our practice to maintain the confidentiality of your Protected Health Information (PHI).
- **Individual Fee Explanation, Financial Arrangements, Fees and Obligations:** Each individual is responsible for providing the appropriate information to bill for services provided. Individuals take full responsibility for any outstanding payments not covered by other funding sources/payors.
- **Individual Service Plan and Development and Individual Participation:** It is incredibly important that the individual/guardian is actively involved in the development of the individual service plan. The development of the individual service plan can include a review of the assessments and treatment recommendations with the individual, family/guardian and members of the treatment team.

- **Treatment Non-Compliance:** Non-compliance with treatment, including frequent no-shows or cancelations, or failure to cooperate or participation in treatment, may result in termination from services.
- **Ways in which individuals input is given, quality of care, outcomes and satisfaction:** Individuals are encouraged to provide feedback regarding the service they receive. This can be through meetings, review of the service provided and progress towards goals, and through customer satisfaction surveys. It Participation and feedback from family/guardians or other members of the treatment team is also encouraged as appropriate.
- **Developing feasible goals and achievements or outcomes:** As part of the development of the individual service plan, the individual and/or their family/guardian will, through a collaborative effort with the treatment team, create appropriate goals and objectives that address current concerns and are obtainable.
- **Expectations:** It is expected for all individuals and/or family/guardians to participate in the services provided. This includes, but is not limited to, arriving on time for scheduled appointment and actively participating in assessment and treatment sessions.
- **Information for discharge/transition criteria:** Individuals may voluntarily terminate services at any time. Discharge planning, referral to other services and coordination with other providers is offered if desired. Individual's may also be discharged from the service for frequent "no show" or missed appointments. See appointment/cancellation section for our "No Show" policy.
- **Policy on Seclusion and Restraint:** Seclusion and mechanical restraints are not utilized in outpatient or community-based services.
- **Behavior Management and Crisis Intervention:** Boundless does not tolerate acts of physical aggression or verbally threatening behavior towards any staff, visitors, other individuals or volunteers at the agency. If acts of aggression or any other threatening behavior is to occur on the premises, the agency shall assess if services shall be suspended or terminated as well as determining if a higher level of care is required. If aggressive or threatening behaviors cannot be reduced, it may be necessary for law enforcement to be contacted to maintain a safe environment.
- **Treatment Risk/Benefits:** There may be some risks to treatment provided. Potential risks include, but are not limited to, experiencing a certain level of discomfort while working towards treatment goals and medication side-effects. All relevant risks will be discussed as part of the treatment planning process.
- **Appointments/Cancellations:** Boundless Behavioral Health requires that individuals provide at a minimum a 24-hour notice for any canceled appointment. If a individual has multiple consecutive no shows for appointments, the individual may be discharged from services. A discharge letter will be provided to the individual.
 - Boundless Behavioral Health may have to cancel appointments for individuals due to unforeseen circumstance including, but not limited to clinician vacation or illness. Every effort to provide notice of such cancellations and timely rescheduling of appointment will be made.
 - Late arrivals for scheduled appointment (15 minutes or more) may result in appointments being rescheduled depending on the availability to the clinician.
 - Our No Show / Cancellation Policy is stated below.

- A “No Show” refers to a missed appointment or an appointment that is cancelled less than 24 business hours before the scheduled appointment time.
 1. After 1st “No Show” a review of the appointment policy will be provided during rescheduling.
 2. After the 2nd “No Show” for a scheduled appointment within 3 months of the first no show appointment, a letter to reschedule the appointment will be provided.
 3. After the 3rd “No Show” for a scheduled appointment within 6 months of the first no show appointment, services shall be terminated. A discharge letter will be mailed and resources/referrals to other providers will be offered.
 4. If a individual reaches out to schedule after being discharged, they will need to complete a new Diagnostic Assessment and be re-assigned to a provider.
 5. Medications will not be re-filled after discharge from Psychiatry Services without a new Diagnostic Assessment and a follow-up appointment with a member of the Psychiatry Team.
- If there is difficulty consistently attending appointments, please touch base with the clinician or the scheduling department to reschedule the appointment and/or address about barriers to care.
- **Medication Refills:** If a individual needs a medication refill, the medication refill request shall be provided at least 5 days prior to the medication running out. Changes to medication require an appointment with the prescriber. Additionally, your prescriber may require a face-to-face appointment prior to refills being filled, especially if regularly scheduled follow-up appointments have been cancelled or missed. Medications will not be re-filled after discharge without a new Diagnostic Assessment and follow-up appointment with a member of the Psychiatry team.
- **Dispensing/Samples/Administering Medication:** Boundless does not store or dispense sample medications to individuals engaged in outpatient or community based behavioral health services.
- **Mandated Reporter:** In the State of Ohio, all staff of Boundless are considered mandated reporters with regards to suspected abuse and neglect. Mandated reporters are not required to provide their name to make a report and the identity of the reporter shall not be released for use. Any suspected abuse or neglect shall be reported according to state and federal law. See Ohio Revised Code 2151.421.

Grievance Process

Each individual receiving services has the right to file a grievance. An individual may file a grievance at any time. If the individual requires assistance in completing the grievance, the Client's Rights officer may assist them with this process. This procedure is posted in all buildings for reference.

It is inevitable in any organization that conflicts will arise. A professional organization is one in which the members handle these conflicts in a constructive manner. It is the purpose of these procedures to describe a process for 1) addressing concerns and conflicts in such a constructive manner, and 2) filing a formal grievance with the Client Rights Officer in addition to, and/or if the steps to addressing concerns does not meet satisfaction of the individual.

Step 1: Emotionally prepare.

- Take a few minutes to collect your thoughts.

Step 2: Intellectually prepare.

- Define the problem with clear descriptions.
- Consider the who, what, when and how regarding the problem.
- Define the outcomes that you desire.
- Determine with whom you should discuss the problem.

Step 3: Discuss the issue.

- Schedule an appointment to discuss your concerns
- All grievances must be in writing.
- All grievances must be filed within a reasonable period of time from the date of when the grievance occurred.

A full copy of the grievance process is available at any time.

Client Rights and Privacy Officer Contact Information

Clients Rights Officer: Jennifer Gannon

Location: 445 East Dublin-Granville Rd.
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Phone: 614-436-7837 ext. 2280

Email: jgannon@iamboundless.org

Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM



Patient Registration Form

Patient Information	
Name: _____	
Address: _____	
Cell Phone: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Can leave a detailed voicemail	Home Phone: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Can leave a detailed voicemail
Email: _____	
Please Circle your Primary Method of Communication: Verbal Sign Language Written Augmentative Device	

Personal Information	
Please Check the Client's Current Living Situation:	
<input type="checkbox"/> College Dorms	<input type="checkbox"/> Relative's Home
<input type="checkbox"/> With Guardian (Not Parents)	<input type="checkbox"/> With Parents
<input type="checkbox"/> With Foster Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> 24-Hour Residential Care
<input type="checkbox"/> Rent Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Own Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Please Check the Client's Employment Status:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed-Full Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed-Not Seeking Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed-Part Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed-Seeking Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Ages 0-5
<input type="checkbox"/> Retired	<input type="checkbox"/> Disabled-Not in Workforce
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Please Check the Client's Race:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian
<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> Two or More Races	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Single Race	
Is the Client of Hispanic Origin: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
If "Yes", Please Check One of the Following:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cuban	<input type="checkbox"/> Mexican
<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic
Is the Client a U.S. Citizen: Yes No	
The Client's Religious Preference (if applicable): _____	
Is the Client Currently Serving in the Military: Yes No	
Is the Client a Veteran: Yes No	
Is this a Court Ordered Service: Yes No	

Does the Client have Any Involvement with the Justice System: Yes No

If Circled "Yes", Please Check One of the Following:

N/A Incarcerated-Jail Detained-Jail
 Arrested Incarcerated-Prison Mental Health Court
 Charged with a Crime Juvenile Detention Center Other: _____

Highest Completed Education Level (please mark one of the following):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Education Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Continuing Education/College
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Education Classes (has an IEP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	High School Diploma/GED		

Current Education Status (please mark one of the following):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Education Classes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vocational Training
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Education Classes (has an IEP)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Currently Enrolled
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continuing Education/College		

Medical Information

Does the Client have Any Handicaps (please check all that apply):

Deaf Blind/Severe Visual Impairment Developmentally Disabled
 Non-Ambulation Severe Medical Issues

Does the Client have an Advanced Life Directive: Yes No

SSI/SSDI Status:

<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	Potentially Eligible- Has not Applied
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligible- Receiving Payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Determined to be Ineligible
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligible- Not Receiving Payments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility Status Unknown
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility Determination Pending		

Tobacco Use (please check one):

Never Used Have Used/Not Current Use Occasional Use
 Regular Use Use Smokeless Tobacco Unknown/No Longer Allowed

Primary Care Physician: Yes No

If "yes", Please Provide the Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
 Organization: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____



Current Behavioral Health Care Provider (if applicable):

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
Occupation: _____ Organization: _____
Phone: _____ Address: _____

Previous Mental Health Services (please include ANY information- name of facility, dates, treatment)

Type of Services Received (check all that apply):

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> General Hospital |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential(non-hospital) | <input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse/Outpatient |



Contacts					
Name: _____		Relation: _____			
Cell Phone: _____		Home Phone: _____			
Email: _____		Address: _____			
Circle ALL that Apply:					
Financially Responsible	Emergency Contact	Guardian	Household Member	Schedule Appointments	Care Team Member
Name: _____		Relation: _____			
Cell Phone: _____		Home Phone: _____			
Email: _____		Address: _____			
Circle ALL that Apply:					
Financially Responsible	Emergency Contact	Guardian	Household Member	Schedule Appointments	Care Team Member
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Circle ALL that Apply:					
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FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AND PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Consumer Name: _____

Boundless is committed to providing comprehensive services to each of our consumers. In order to do this we access a variety of funding sources.

The responsible party agrees to pay for any and all unpaid balances at the time services are rendered. The following are available funding sources to pay for services rendered. Not all funders may be used for services rendered. This list is of available options.

1. Commercial Insurance Carriers:

Boundless will bill most insurance carriers if proper paperwork is provided. Any outstanding balance, co-payment or deductible is due based on the insurance carrier's requirements. If an insurance carrier has not paid within 60 days of billing, fees are due and payable in full from responsible parties. **Responsible parties are required to present a valid insurance card at the start of service and as needed throughout treatment.**

2. Medicaid: (Medicaid is always the last payer of resort)

Boundless is a Medicaid participating provider and will bill Medicaid accordingly for services rendered. Any outstanding balance, co-payment or deductible is due prior to an appointment. It is the responsibility of the responsible party to let Boundless know of all changes that affect the consumer's eligibility to receive Medicaid funded services which include, but are not limited to: loss of eligibility, family resources over limit, over-income requirement. **Responsible parties are required to present a valid Medicaid card at the start of service and as needed throughout treatment. Medicaid may include a monthly spend-down.**

3. Ohio Department of Education:

Boundless Center-based services utilize the Autism Scholarship Program scholarship in its entirety on an annual basis for all consumers. Boundless Outreach services utilize the ASP in its entirety or for a predetermined and agreed upon amount. Boundless will need a copy of the approval letter from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) on an annual basis. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to let Boundless know of all changes that may affect the consumer's scholarship fund, which include, but are not limited to: loss of scholarship, change of address, change of school district, or the addition of outside providers. If the above should occur and reduce available funds, it will be the parent/guardian's responsibility to pay the remaining balance for services rendered. It is required that parents/guardians sign each check monthly or authorize Boundless to endorse each check on your behalf.

4. Waiver: IO Waiver, Level 1,

Boundless program utilizes the IO waiver and Level 1 to pay for services rendered. Boundless may use any of the waivers in entirety on an annual basis or for a predetermined and agree upon amount. Extended Service is a limited center-based service. It is the consumer's or parent/guardian's responsibility to let BOUNDLESS know of all changes that may affect the consumer's waiver funding source, which include, but are not limited to: loss of waiver, change of address, addition of other waiver providers.

5. Rehabilitation Services Commission

The Rehabilitation Services Commission funding source can only be utilized for the Adult program and through the referral from the Rehabilitation Services Commission.

6. Private Pay: Method of Payment:

1. Cash
2. Major Credit Cards (Visa/MasterCard)
3. Personal checks made payable to Step By Step
4. Financing options for consumers who are credit worthy

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7. Outstanding Balances:

Boundless is committed to continuing care of services, however if an outstanding balance exceeds \$500.00, Boundless reserves the right to not schedule future appointments until the balance is below \$500.00. Boundless will work with individual parties for payment plans and strategies to help reduce your balance to assist in your continuation of treatment.

For returned checks a \$35 NSF charge is applied to balance owed. If not paid according to terms, the responsible party understands that Boundless reports to an outside collection agency. In the event that an account is turned over for collection, responsible party agrees to pay all additional fees assessed in the collection of the debt. These fees may include collection agency fees and attorney fees. The responsible party is ultimately responsible for all fees for service.

Please provide a copy of all insurance cards at each visit. If information is not available, payment is required in full. I authorize the release of any information concerning my health care, advised, and treatment provided for the purpose of evaluating and administering claims for insurance benefits. I authorize payment of insurance benefits otherwise payable to me, directly go to Boundless. I understand that my insurance may pay less than the actual bill for service or deem the service non-covered. I agree to be responsible for the payment of all services rendered on my behalf. I understand I am responsible for obtaining any referral authorization(s) that my insurance carrier requires. Failure to obtain necessary authorization(s) may result in non-payment of services by insurance carrier, making me responsible for all charges.

Payment Authorization

1. I authorize use of this form on all my insurance submission.
2. I authorize the release of information to my insurance company(s).
3. I authorize direct payment to my service provider.
4. I hereby permit a copy of my insurance card(s) to be used in place of the original.
5. I have supplied Boundless with a copy of my current insurance card(s).
6. I will update any changes in insurance information and address/phone number.
7. I understand any service that are provided from Boundless that are not covered by ANY insurance will be billed directly to the consumer.
8. I understand that the copay is due at the time of service.

I have read, understood and agree to the above financial policy for payment of professional fees.

Consumer Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date



HIPAA, CONFIDENTIALITY and CLIENTS RIGHTS

Consumer Name: _____

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information obtained about you or your child is strictly confidential. Information can be released only with a written, specific release signed by you or the parent/guardian (if applicable). Boundless staff members have access to confidential information and are required to demonstrate professionalism. Staff members must never, under any circumstances, mention the consumer's last name, address, or case history. Discussion of the consumer must be confined to individuals who are professionally involved with the consumer's assessment and diagnosis and/or enrollment. Any case discussions should be conducted in a professional manner and in an appropriate place, preferably behind closed doors. Consumers are never to be discussed in public.

LIMITS ON CONSUMER CONFIDENTIALITY

Boundless is responsible for the release of consumer PHI in the following circumstances:

- Any and all suspected child abuse incidents must be reported
- Any court orders to release records is received
- Duty to Warn- If you are a danger to yourself or others
- If you waive your right or give consent
- If the insurance company paying for services requests to review records

HIPAA

The signature below indicates that the consumer has received the HIPAA notice of Boundless Policies and Practices to Protect the Privacy of the consumer's health information or that the individual is the legal guardian of the consumer and has received the HIPAA notice of Boundless Policies and Practices to protect the privacy of consumers health information.

I was offered a copy of the HIPAA rights policies and declined. _____

CLIENTS RIGHTS

I have been notified about the Client's Right's, Grievance Procedure and Abuse Policies as they apply to myself and/or my child. I understand that I may request a copy at any time through the compliance department.

For Office Use Only: I have attempted to obtain the consumer's signature on the form, however was unable to due to the following circumstances:

Consumer Signature

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian (if applicable)

Date

Signature Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

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INFORMED CONSENT FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

I hereby understand that I am eligible to receive a range of services through Boundless. The type and extent of services that I will receive will be determined following an initial assessment and through discussion with me. The goal of the assessment process is to determine the best course of treatment. I understand that treatment is a collaborative effort, with goals and objectives that are agreed upon by me and my provider.

Behavioral health treatment services available may include mental health assessment, therapy, assessment and diagnosis, psychiatry services, case management, and partial hospitalization. I understand that services are provided based on medical necessity and I agree to participate in and receive the services. I understand that there are risks associated with treatment including: uncomfortable thoughts or feelings while working towards change; difficulty working through traumatic memories; or possible unwanted side effects of medications. I understand the benefits associated with treatment include: identifying patterns, problems, triggers, coping skills, symptoms and personal strengths; making progress, reaching goals, and decreasing symptoms; improving overall quality of life.

Limits to Confidentiality: I understand that all information shared with the clinical staff at Boundless is confidential and that information will not be released without my consent. In most circumstances, consent to release information is given through written authorization. Verbal consent for limited release of information may be necessary in specific circumstances. I further understand that there are specific and limited exceptions to this confidentiality in which Boundless staff are legally and ethically bound to report this information, which include but are not limited to the following:

- When there is a risk of imminent danger to self or another person.
- When there is suspicion that a client is being abused or neglected, is at risk for such abuse or neglect, or when abuse or neglect is reported to the staff.
- When a valid court order is issued for medical records.
- When informed of a felony crime that has been committed and not previously disclosed.

Supervision of Treatment: I understand that services may be provided by a range of behavioral health professionals, including some in training. Professionals-in-training are supervised by licensed staff. Some staff may be working under supervision of a licensed professional to perform the duties and functions of behavioral health services. The supervisor is legally responsible for helping assure that I receive effective and ethical quality care. I may ask to meet with my treatment provider's supervisor at any time.

Insurance/Fees: I authorize Boundless to bill my insurance and release pertinent information to my insurance carrier. I understand that I am responsible to pay all co-pays, deductibles, and any fees unpaid by insurance for any reason. I understand I am responsible for understanding by benefit plan and informing Boundless of any changes in my insurance coverage. I understand that payment of all fees is due at the time of service.

I understand and consent to participate in the assessment and treatment at Boundless. I consent to the release of information for therapeutic, billing, supervision, and other purposes in connection with my treatment between and among Boundless clinicians, staff, and service contracts who perform work on behalf of Boundless. I have read and understand the above, and I have had opportunity to ask questions about them. I understand that I may stop treatment at any time.

Print Consumer Name

Date of Birth

Consumer Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable)

Date

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Notice of Boundless Policies and Practices to Protect the Privacy of Consumer's Health Information

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW PSYCHOLOGY AND MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT CONSUMERS MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW THIS INFORMATION CAN BE ACCESSED. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY

I. Uses and Disclosures for Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations.

Boundless may *use or disclose protected health information (PHI)*, for *treatment, payment, and health care operations* purposes with *consent*. To help clarify these terms, here are some definitions:

- A. “*PHI*” refers to information in the clinical record that could identify a consumer.
- B. “*Treatment, Payment, and Health Care Operations*”
 - 1. *Treatment* is when we provide, coordinate or manage consumer’s health care and other services related to their health care. An example of treatment would be when we consult with another health care provider.
 - 2. *Payment* is when we obtain reimbursement for consumer’s healthcare. Example of payment are when we disclose PHI to a health insurer to obtain reimbursement for consumer’s health care or to determine eligibility or coverage.
 - 3. *Health Care Operations* are activities that relate to the performance and operation of our program. Examples of health care operations are quality assessment and improvements activities, business-related matters such as audits and administrative services, and case management and care coordination.

II. Uses and Disclosures Requiring Authorization

- A. We may use or disclose Phi for purposes outside of treatment, payment, and health care operations when appropriate authorization is obtained. An “*authorization*” is written permission above and beyond the general consent that permits only specific disclosures. In those instances when we are asked for information for purpose outside of treatment, payment and health care operations, we will obtain an authorization from the legal guardian before releasing this information.
- B. We will also need to obtain an authorization before releasing any psychotherapy notes. “*Psychotherapy notes*” are notes made about conversation during a private, group, joint, or family counseling session between a consumer and a psychologist, which are kept separate from the rest of the clinical record. These notes are given a greater degree of protection the PHI.
- C. A legal guardian may revoke all such authorizations (of PHI or psychotherapy notes) at any time, provided each revocation is in writing. An authorization may not be revoked to the extent that (1) we have relied on that authorization; or (2) if the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance coverage, and the law provides the insurer the right to contest the claim under the policy.



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III. Uses and Disclosures with Neither Consent nor Authorization

We may use or disclose PHI without your consent or authorization in the following circumstances.

- A. *Child Abuse*: If, in our professional capacity, we know or suspect that a child under 18 years of age or a mentally retarded, developmentally disabled, or physically impaired child under 21 years of age has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect, we are required by law to immediately report that knowledge or suspicion to the Ohio Public Children Service Agency, or municipal or county peace officer.
- B. *Adult and Domestic Abuse*: If we have reasonable cause to believe that an elder adult is being abused, neglected, or exploited, or is in a condition which is the result of abuse, neglect or exploitation, we are required by law to immediately report such belief to the County Department of Job and Family Services.
- C. *Judicial or Administrative Proceedings*: If a consumer is involved in a court proceeding and a request is made or information about evaluation, diagnosis and treatment and the records thereof, such information is privileged under state law and we will not release this information without written authorization from the consumer or the legal guardian or by a court order. The privilege does not apply when the consumer is being evaluated for a third party or where the evaluation is court order. The legal guardian of the consumer will be informed in advance if this is the case.



Consumer Orientation Checklist

Consumer Name: _____ Date: _____

I affirm and have been provided an orientation to the program(s), its staff and its service(s) including each of the following areas listed below:

- Center-Based Speech Behavioral Health Counseling Case Management Residential
 - Pharmacological Partial Hospitalization Outreach- Home Team Outreach – Parent Training
 - Outreach- Behavioral Consultation Outreach Waiver Services Job Coaching Community
- Integration – Other please specify _____**

I have been provided an orientation previously for current services provided at Step By Step. I affirm that I have been provided an orientation to the additional program(s) listed below its staff and its service(s) including each of the following areas listed below:

- Center-Based Speech Behavioral Health Counseling Case Management Residential
 - Pharmacological Partial Hospitalization Outreach- Home Team Outreach – Parent Training
 - Outreach- Behavioral Consultation Outreach Waiver Services Job Coaching Community
- Integration– Other please specify _____**

Staff member providing orientation, please initial the sections when completed.

- _____ 1. Hours of operation
- _____ 2. Access to after hours service
- _____ 3. Site and Safety Organization
- _____ 4. Tobacco, illicit/licit drugs and weapons brought into the program
- _____ 5. Confidentiality
- _____ 6. Consumer Fee explanation, Financial Arrangement, fees, obligations
- _____ 7. Purpose and Process of assessment
- _____ 8. Individual Plan and development and consumer participation
- _____ 9. Ways in which consumer input is given: quality of care, outcomes, and satisfaction
- _____ 10. Developing feasible goals and achievements of outcomes
- _____ 11. When applicable, the identification of therapeutic interventions including sanctions, incentives, and administrative discharge criteria
- _____ 12. Rules, regulations and expectations
- _____ 13. Information for discharge/transition criteria and procedures
- _____ 14. Clients Rights and Responsibilities
- _____ 15. Grievance and Appeal Procedures
- _____ 16. Policy on Seclusion and Restraint
- _____ 17. Full Disclosure on all levels, durations and types of services and activities
- _____ 18. Code of ethics
- _____ 19. Identification of case manager

Consumer Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (If applicable)

Date

