

Welcome to New Leaf Resources!

The staff at New Leaf Resources are committed to instilling *hope*, providing *help*, and promoting *healing*. Personal growth and change may be difficult at times. Your therapist will provide a safe and supportive environment and will walk beside you on your journey towards healing.

New Client Paperwork

Please complete these forms and give the packet to your therapist at your first appointment.

1. Client Information (2 pages)
2. Client Commitment (1 page)
- 3.1 Clients 12 - 17: Adolescent Data Sheet (3 pages) - **to be filled out by the adolescent client**
- 3.2 Parents of Adolescent Clients 12 - 17 Data Sheet (7 pages) - **to be filled out only by the parent/legal guardian of the client**
- 4.1 For Clients 3 - 17: Minor Consent Form (1 page) - **to be filled out only by the parent/legal guardian of the client**
- 4.2 Parent of Client Consent (2 included) - **one required for each parent**
5. Divorce/Separation Agreement (2 pages) - **parent signatures required**

Privacy Notice Information

The Privacy Notice of New Leaf Resources is available online at www.newleafresources.org and available at each of the NLR offices by request.

CLIENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Is it okay to leave a message? Yes No Text? Yes No

Social Security Number _____ Gender: _____ Email: _____

How did you hear about New Leaf Resources? _____ Church Affiliation (if any) _____

IF CLIENT IS A MINOR:

Your Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Is it okay to leave a message? Yes No Text? Yes No

Are you the parent/legal guardian of this minor? Yes No

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SESSIONS WITH SOMEONE ELSE:

Their Name _____ Date of Birth _____

BILLING INFORMATION

(Fill this out if the information is different than the client information)

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Secondary Phone Number _____

Social Security Number _____ Gender M F

Relationship to Client _____

**New Leaf Resources will send unpaid balances to a collection agency if payment arrangements are not initiated by the responsible party.*

INSURANCE INFORMATION

(If primary insured is the client—skip to the Primary Insurance Carrier Info)

Name of Primary Insured _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Gender M F

PRIMARY INSURANCE CARRIER

Insurance Company Name _____ Phone Number _____

ID Number _____ Group Number _____

SECONDARY INSURANCE CARRIER

At this time New Leaf Resources will not be filing secondary insurance for our clients. We apologize for the inconvenience.

ASSIGNMENT & RELEASE

I select New Leaf Resources (NLR) as my provider of choice. I hereby authorize payment for services directly to NLR. I represent that I have insurance coverage and do hereby authorize NLR to release and obtain all information necessary to secure payment of said benefits. I understand that I am financially responsible for all charges whether or not paid by insurance. I authorize the use of my signature on all insurance submissions.

I acknowledge that NLR has made available to me the Privacy Notice of New Leaf Resources online at www.newleafresources.org and in handout form at each of the NLR offices.

Signature of Client or Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name

Date

Relationship to Client

CLIENT COMMITMENT

Thank you for choosing NLR as your counseling services provider. We are committed to helping you reach your goals. We ask that you commit yourself to the timely payment of your agreed upon portion of the charge.

FEES

Initial Assessment	\$170
Session (1 hour)	\$140
Session (45 minutes)	\$105
Group Therapy Session (1 hour)	\$50/person
Late Cancellation Fee/No Show Fee	\$50
Testing	Varies depending on tests administered
Returned Check	\$25

****We accept cash, checks, VISA, MASTERCARD, AMERICAN EXPRESS and DISCOVER.***

PAYMENT POLICY AGREEMENT (initial each section)

- _____ 1. Insurance co-payments are due at time of service.
- _____ 2. Payment is due upon receiving your monthly statement in the mail.
- _____ 3. I understand that all charges are my responsibility to pay. If I have insurance, I realize that insurance payments do not always cover all fees and that I am responsible for any part not covered.
- _____ 4. I understand that appointments not cancelled within 24 hours will be charged a \$50 fee.
- _____ 5. I understand that if I do not show up for my scheduled appointment I will be charged a \$50 fee.
- _____ 6. I agree that if any portion of my account balance is over ninety (90) days, it will be considered delinquent for the purposes of collection.
- _____ 7. If any portion of my account becomes delinquent (as defined in section 6) and it becomes necessary to institute legal proceedings to collect payment, I further agree to pay the attorney fees incurred through litigation and/or other efforts undertaken to collect such delinquent sums.

I have read and I understand the above policies and agree to abide by them. By signing this commitment form I am agreeing to be the person financially responsible for this client account.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Name of Client (if different than above) _____ Date _____

Date: _____

Adolescent Data Sheet (ages 12-17)

(For therapist records only)

This form should be filled out by the adolescent receiving therapy.

Your Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

What brings you in today? _____

Whose idea was it for you to come to this appointment? _____

Have you had any of the following stressors in the last 6 months or in the past?:

Conflicts with family	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents Separated	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parents Divorced	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed where I live	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Death of a family member	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Death of a friend/loved one	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illness of a family member	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal injury or illness	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Problems with friends	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Problems at school	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Victim of assault	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emotional/Verbal Abuse	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other concerns	Recent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Past	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have friend(s) who you really like and feel you can talk to? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure ☐

Do you think that your parent(s) listen to you and take your feelings seriously? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure ☐

Do you have any concerns about your relationship with someone in your family that you want to talk about? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure ☐

Have you had fun during the past two weeks? Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure ☐

What were you doing? _____

Below are some questions that will help us understand you better, please check anything that applies to you:

Emotional Concerns

<input type="checkbox"/> I'm sad or unhappy most of the time <input type="checkbox"/> I cry a lot <input type="checkbox"/> I'm often tired or out of energy <input type="checkbox"/> At times I feel I have nothing to look forward to <input type="checkbox"/> I don't seem to care about much anymore <input type="checkbox"/> Things in my life are unfair <input type="checkbox"/> I have had thoughts of suicide or harming myself <input type="checkbox"/> I'm often angry (easily irritated) <input type="checkbox"/> I don't enjoy things that I used to <input type="checkbox"/> I often don't like going new places <input type="checkbox"/> I have a lot of arguments with peers <input type="checkbox"/> I have a hard time making decisions by myself <input type="checkbox"/> I'm afraid of many things <input type="checkbox"/> I worry a lot <input type="checkbox"/> I have stolen things <input type="checkbox"/> I like/need things to be perfect	<input type="checkbox"/> I often daydream or get distracted <input type="checkbox"/> I forget things <input type="checkbox"/> I'm not very confident in myself <input type="checkbox"/> I sometimes do things without thinking <input type="checkbox"/> I often don't finish things that I start <input type="checkbox"/> I'm easily bored <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to be moving over sitting <input type="checkbox"/> I have a hard time concentrating <input type="checkbox"/> I get in trouble for talking back to adults <input type="checkbox"/> I break the rules at home (I disobey my parents) <input type="checkbox"/> I have been in trouble with the law <input type="checkbox"/> I have thought seriously about running away from home <input type="checkbox"/> I have had times I feel in a panic <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to be by myself <input type="checkbox"/> I have cut myself or mutilated part of my body (i.e. pulled out my hair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Peers have been cruel to me in my life (i.e. teasing or bullying) <input type="checkbox"/> It's hard to trust other people <input type="checkbox"/> People say I'm bossy <input type="checkbox"/> I'm sensitive to criticism from others <input type="checkbox"/> I wish I had more friends; I'm lonely <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes my looks bother me <input type="checkbox"/> I have questions about my sex or my physical development <input type="checkbox"/> I love to take extreme risks <input type="checkbox"/> I sometimes have thoughts I can't seem to stop <input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes I hear things or see things that others can't <input type="checkbox"/> I get so angry I have broken things <input type="checkbox"/> I check/do certain things over and over <input type="checkbox"/> I like to set fires <input type="checkbox"/> I have experienced abuse from someone (emotional, physical, sexual)
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School Concerns

<input type="checkbox"/> Other people are disappointed with my grades <input type="checkbox"/> School work is difficult for me <input type="checkbox"/> I get in <i>some</i> trouble at school (i.e. teachers talk to me or detention)	<input type="checkbox"/> I have been in <i>significant</i> trouble at school (i.e. suspension) <input type="checkbox"/> I hate going to school <input type="checkbox"/> I have often skipped school <input type="checkbox"/> My grades this year are worse than last year	<input type="checkbox"/> I am disappointed with my grades <input type="checkbox"/> When I take a test, I can't think <input type="checkbox"/> I have a problem with completing/or don't complete my homework
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Physical Concerns

<input type="checkbox"/> I have a lot of aches and pains <input type="checkbox"/> I have difficulty sleeping (i.e. nightmares or sleepwalking)	<input type="checkbox"/> I'm worried about my health or eating habits <input type="checkbox"/> I recently have had a big change in my weight or appetite <input type="checkbox"/> I need very little sleep
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Substance Use

<input type="checkbox"/> I've got drunk on alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> I have close friends who get drunk or high	<input type="checkbox"/> I've tried marijuana or other drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Some people in my family drink or take drugs so much that it worries me
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What do you feel are your personal strengths? _____

What are your favorite things to do? _____

What four words best describe you? _____

Date: _____ **Parent Form for Adolescent (ages 12-17)**
(For therapist records only)

Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Form completed by: _____ Relationship to client: _____

Contact numbers therapist can call:	Approval to leave a message:		Text:	
Cell: _____	Yes	No	Yes	No
Other: _____	Yes	No		
Email: _____	Yes	No		

In case of emergency who should be contacted? _____

Primary # _____ Secondary # _____

Parent's Marital Status: Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐ Living with Partner ☐

If divorced what are the custody arrangements: _____

What is your reason for seeking counseling for your child at this time? _____

Please tell us about the household/family with which your child spends the majority of his/her time (or who currently lives with your child). List primary household information first, then list other living situations/supportive relationships:

Name	Relation (bio mom, bio dad, step-parent, bio-sibling, step-sibling, etc.)	Age	Living with you?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have significant concerns about your child's relationship with a family member? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please explain: _____

Your Child's Developmental History

Is your child adopted? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, at what age? _____

Does your child know? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has your child ever been or currently in Foster Care? _____

Were there any complications with the pregnancy of this child that that might have impacted his/her prenatal health or development? (Mother had significant illness, smoked cigarettes, drank alcohol, experienced severe bleeding, et.):

Were there significant concerns with your child's delivery, health, or development in the first few years of his/her life? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

Are there any concerns with your child's **motor development**? Yes No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

Age child began crawling: _____ Age child began sitting: _____ Age child began walking: _____

Are there any concerns with your child's **language development**? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

At what age did your child say his/her first word? _____

Are there any concerns with your child's **social development**? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

Does your child have a secure attachment to parent, other family members, and peers?

Are there any concerns with your child's **sleep behavior**? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has there been trouble getting to sleep, staying asleep, and how many hours of sleep does your child get per night? _____

Did your child have any difficulty with toilet training? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

Educational History

Where does your child attend school? _____

Highest (or current) Grade Level Achieved: _____

What have been your child's usual report card grades? _____

Any recent changes in grades? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please explain: _____

Has your child experienced any of the following in school?

Learning Problems ☐ Discipline Problems ☐ Social Problems ☐ Emotional Problems ☐

What is your child's learning style (visual, auditory, tactile, etc.)? _____

Does your child have an IEP? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, what is being addressed? _____

Has there been any academic or psychological testing done at school or elsewhere? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes: when and where? _____

Results: _____

Have any of your child's biological relatives had any learning concerns:

Spirituality

Does your family have any past or current spiritual/religious beliefs, practices, or affiliations? Is your child involved with any religious activities?

Physical Health/Concerns

Describe any major health problems/surgeries/hospitalizations for any physical or emotional problem that your child has *had* or is *currently* being treated:

Does your child have any biological relatives that have physical health concerns?

What medications is your child currently taking (prescription/OTC/Supplements):

Name	Dose/Frequency	Purpose

(If more space needed, please continue on back)

Do you have any nutritional concerns with your child? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain:

Name of Physician(s): _____

Recent/Present Physical Concerns (please check all of the symptoms below that apply to you):

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stomach Aches | <input type="checkbox"/> Headaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Backaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Eating Difficulties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Concerns | <input type="checkbox"/> Grinding Teeth | <input type="checkbox"/> Sinus Problems | <input type="checkbox"/> G.I Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Migraine Headaches | <input type="checkbox"/> Blackouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleep difficulties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Ulcers | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Pain | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Substance Use

Has your child ever tried: Tobacco ☐ Drugs ☐ Alcohol ☐

Do you suspect a problem with any substances? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, please explain: _____

Emotional Concerns

Recent/Present Emotional Concerns (please check all of the symptoms below that apply to your child):

<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Guilt <input type="checkbox"/> Concentration Difficulty <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of Appetite <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts of Self-Harm <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts of Harming Others <input type="checkbox"/> Depression <input type="checkbox"/> Feelings of Hopelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Episodes of Crying <input type="checkbox"/> Moody <input type="checkbox"/> Feeling Empty Inside <input type="checkbox"/> Afraid of Rejection <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Concerns	<input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty Remembering <input type="checkbox"/> Confusion <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty Making Decisions <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography <input type="checkbox"/> Taking Risks <input type="checkbox"/> Racing Thoughts <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Voices <input type="checkbox"/> Seeing Things <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety <input type="checkbox"/> Panic Attacks <input type="checkbox"/> Anger <input type="checkbox"/> Worry <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Avoid Going Places <input type="checkbox"/> Avoid Being With Others <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Things Repeatedly <input type="checkbox"/> Intense Fear <input type="checkbox"/> Concerns with alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Concerns with Drug Use <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Technology Use <input type="checkbox"/> Work Problems <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Problems <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Problems <input type="checkbox"/> Relationship Problems <input type="checkbox"/> Easily Irritated <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Are there other concerns (not listed above) that you want to discuss?

Have any of your child's biological relatives ever had any psychiatric problems? Yes ☐ No ☐

Has your child had a history of trauma, abuse, or neglect? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

If Yes, what types of abuse or trauma has he/she experienced?

___ Physical ___ Sexual ___ Emotional ___ Neglect ___ Verbal

___ Natural Disaster ___ Spiritual ___ Domestic Violence ___ Health

If other, please explain: _____

Has your child had any major losses in his/her life? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please explain: _____

Major stressors in the past year: Yes ☐ No ☐

___ Court System ___ Family ___ School ___ Relationships ___ Other

Please Explain: _____

What are your child's personal strengths and/or hobbies?

Has your child previously attended Counseling/Therapy (group or individual): Yes ☐ No ☐

Was it helpful? _____

Have you previously attended Counseling/Therapy (group or individual): Yes ☐ No ☐

Was it helpful? _____

Are you aware if there are any family members, relatives, or friends currently receiving counseling at New Leaf Resources? Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, who? _____

Whom can your child count on for **support/resources**:

Consent & Agreement for Treatment - Minor

Client (Minor) Name _____ Date of Birth _____

(A separate form must be completed for each minor participating in treatment)

If I participate in sessions with my child's therapist, I am *required* to review and sign the Consent & Agreement for Treatment for Adults Form.

I, (parent/guardian) _____ do hereby authorize New Leaf Resources to provide counseling/treatment for (child) _____ as described on the adult consent form. I give this consent as the client's custodial parent or legal representative.

I understand that even if I do not participate in the treatment, the therapist is able to share with me the following information without authorization from the client:

- ◆ Current mental condition / status
- ◆ Diagnosis
- ◆ Treatment needs / recommendations
- ◆ Times and dates of service
- ◆ Billing / Insurance / Payment information

CLIENT'S BEING SEEN IN ILLINOIS:

- Client's under age 12: The parent or legal representative has the right to all treatment information.
- Client's ages 12—17: The parent or legal representative has the right to access only the information listed above, unless the client signs an authorization specifically releasing more information.
- Minors receiving services in Illinois who are age 12 or over are permitted to consent on their own behalf for up to 5 sessions, up to 45-minutes in length and may request that their parents not be notified of the service. Under these circumstances, the parent cannot be held liable for cost of services.

CLIENTS BEING SEEN IN INDIANA:

- Clients ages 0—17: The parent or legal representative has the right to all treatment information
- Minors receiving services in Indiana are not able to consent to any sessions on their own behalf.
- I also understand I may revoke this consent at any time by giving written notice to the therapist.

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Client

Parent/Legal Guardian Date of Birth

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Client

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

Consent & Agreement for Treatment - Parent/Legal Guardian

CONSENT TO COLLECT, CREATE, USE, MAINTAIN AND DISCLOSE YOUR HEALTH INFORMATION

(A separate form must be completed for each adult participating in treatment)

When we examine, diagnose, treat or refer you we will be collecting what the law calls Protected Health Information (PHI) about you. This information may include your health records, health history, symptoms, examination and test results, diagnosis, treatment plans, and billing and health insurance information. We need to use this information to decide on what treatment is best for you and to provide treatment to you. We may also share this information with others who provide treatment to you or need it to arrange payment for your treatment, or for other business (such as supervision) or required government functions (such as reporting abuse).

The New Leaf Resources (NLR) Privacy Practice Notice explains in more detail your rights and how we can use and share your information. The NLR Privacy Practice Notice is available online at www.newleafresources.org and available at each of the NLR offices by request.

Informed Consent

Informed Consent is an interactive process between client and therapist involving your right to have the following information explained to you:

- ◆ Your condition or diagnosis
- ◆ The nature and purpose of treatment
- ◆ The likelihood of success
- ◆ The risks and potential consequences of treatment, including refusing treatment and the consequences of doing so
- ◆ The alternatives to treatment, including refusing treatment and the potential consequences of doing so
- ◆ The right to include or exclude your family or significant other/s in treatment, to the extent permitted by the law

By Signing This Form, I Am Indicating

- ◆ I have read, understand and agree to the terms of the Consent & Agreement for Treatment as outlined above, except as otherwise noted in writing.
- ◆ I have been given the opportunity to review and have access to a copy of the NLR Privacy Practice Notice. NLR reserves the right to change its notice and practices at any time, if it sends a copy of the revised notice to the address that I have provided.
- ◆ As a consenting adult, I agree to permit the staff at NLR to provide me with treatment services.
- ◆ I understand that I have the right to request restrictions on the use or disclosure of my information. I understand that NLR is not required to agree to those restrictions, but if it does, it must honor the restriction unless I revoke the request or it notifies me that it is no longer going to honor the request. NLR has a form available for me to complete if I wish to request a restriction.
- ◆ I understand that I have the right to discontinue treatment at any time.
- ◆ **If I do not sign this consent form, New Leaf Resources will not be able to treat me.**

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Client

Parent/Legal Guardian Date of Birth

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Client

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

Consent & Agreement for Treatment - Parent/Legal Guardian

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Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Client

Parent/Legal Guardian Date of Birth

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian of Minor Client

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

Divorce/Separation Agreement

As the therapist you have chosen to work with your child(ren) during this difficult time, it is important to establish certain limits regarding the therapist's role in your and your child's life. The following limitations must be agreed upon as your child's therapist works with your child in order to enhance the therapeutic work and develop a positive, open relationship:

1. The role of your child's therapist is to create a therapeutic and safe environment for the sharing of feelings related to your divorce. It is understood that the therapist's neutrality in any post-divorce settlement dispute is for the benefit of your child.
2. Conflictual issues will not be addressed to the therapist for intervention. Any concerns regarding visitation or parenting may be presented to the child's representative, Guardian Ad Litem or your attorney. The therapist can provide you with interventions and strategies to enhance your child's mental and emotional health but will refrain from any comments regarding the other parent.
3. It is also understood that once therapy has commenced, your child's therapist **will not speak with either of your attorneys, nor will your child's therapist appear in court proceedings related to the divorce/custody settlement or visitation disputes.** Any information for such proceedings will be communicated by the child's representative or Guardian Ad Litem.
4. Therapy will terminate at a mutually agreed upon time or such earlier time as the therapist believes that the terms of this agreement are not being met and/or if the therapist believes that a continued therapeutic relationship would not be appropriate.
5. In the event that phone calls or reports related to the divorce are provided by the therapist, time spent on these activities will be billed at our normal hourly rate. Insurance does not pay for these services.
6. It is agreed that a condition of a New Leaf therapist treating your child is that with regard to any pending, contemplated or subsequent litigation regarding this child custody or visitation issues, both parents will and do hereby irrevocably stipulate that the child's therapist **is and will be an incompetent witness.** It is understood that by executing this agreement the parties stipulate that the therapist cannot be called to testify with regard to any matters involving his or her therapeutic relationship with your child. It is further understood and agreed that should the therapist contact or be contacted with any courtroom issues (including where he or she is obligated to participate pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and/or Juvenile Court Act and communications with the child's representative or Guardian Ad Litem, custody evaluators or otherwise) and regardless of the circumstances, the parents shall

be individually and severally liable for the payment of fees at our current hourly rate for any time spent. It is also agreed that should your therapist hire an attorney to represent him or her with regard to any such matter or communications, that the parents be jointly and severally liable for all such attorney fees.

7. If either party, or the child's representative or Guardian Ad Litem attempts to secure the therapist's testimony at a deposition or otherwise and the therapist choose to be represented, and at the therapist's sole discretion, both parents shall be jointly and severally liable for all attorney's fees and costs incurred and the parents hereby agree to indemnify the therapist for any such fees and costs regardless of outcome including fees, expenses, or costs associated with any collections matters which may result from non-payment of fees.
8. It is understood that should there be pending a case involving the parents or guardians which in any way involves child custody or visitation an order must be entered incorporating this document as an agreed order by both parties.

This agreement must be signed by both parties involved in pending, contemplated, or subsequent litigation regarding child custody or visitation issues, and failure to meet or comply with any provision of this agreement shall result in the initiation of an immediate termination of therapy procedure and both parties agree to submit this agreement to their attorneys prior to initiating or resuming services with the therapist for their review and acceptance.

Signature of Father/Guardian

Date

Signature of Mother/Guardian

Date

Witness

Date