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## Biographical Information Form—Adult

Instructions: To assist us in helping you, please fill out this form as fully and openly as possible. All private information is held in strictest confidence within legal limits. If certain questions do not apply to you, leave them blank.

### Personal History

- 1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 3) Gender: \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ F  
4) Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
5) Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Height: \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Eye color: \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Hair color: \_\_\_\_\_ 9) Race: \_\_\_\_\_  
10) Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_ 11) Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ 12) Years of education: \_\_\_\_\_  
13) Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ 14) Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 15) Business phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
16) Present marital status:  
\_\_\_ 1) never married \_\_\_ 5) separated  
\_\_\_ 2) engaged to be married \_\_\_ 6) divorced and not remarried  
\_\_\_ 3) married now for first time \_\_\_ 7) widowed and not remarried  
\_\_\_ 4) married now after first time \_\_\_ 8) other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
17) If married, are you living with your spouse at present? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
18) If married, years married to present spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

### Therapy/Psychiatric History

- 19) Are you receiving psychiatric services at present? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If Yes, please briefly describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
20) Have you received psychiatric services in the past? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
If Yes, please briefly describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
21) What is (are) your main reason(s) for this visit? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
22) How long has this problem persisted (from #21)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
23) Under what conditions do your problems usually get worse? \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) Under what conditions are your problems usually improved? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 25) How did you hear about Dr. Bell, or who referred you? \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 26) Name and address of your primary physician:  
 Physician's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) List any major illnesses and/or operations you have had: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 28) List any physical concerns you are having at present (e.g., high blood pressure, headaches, dizziness, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 29) List any other physical concerns you are having at present: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 30) When was your most recent complete physical exam? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Results of physical exam: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 31) On average how many hours of sleep do you get daily? \_\_\_\_\_
- 32) Do you have trouble falling asleep at night? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No  
 If Yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 33) Have you gained/lost over ten pounds in the past year? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No, \_\_\_ gained \_\_\_ lost  
 If Yes, was the gain/loss on purpose? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
- 34) Describe your appetite (during the past week):  
 \_\_\_ poor appetite \_\_\_ average appetite \_\_\_ large appetite
- 35) What medications (and dosages) are you taking at present, and for what purpose?
- | Medication | Purpose |
|------------|---------|
| _____      | _____   |
| _____      | _____   |
| _____      | _____   |
| _____      | _____   |
- 36) What is your present religious affiliation?  
 \_\_\_ 1) Catholic \_\_\_ 2) Jewish  
 \_\_\_ 3) Protestant (specify denomination if any) \_\_\_ 4) None, but I believe in God

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5) Atheist or agnostic \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Other (please specify)
- 37) How important is religious commitment to you?
- | Unimportant | Average importance |   |   |   | Extremely important |   |
|-------------|--------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|---|
| 1           | 2                  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6                   | 7 |
- 38) Do you desire to have your religious beliefs and values incorporated into the counseling process?  
\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Not sure (If Yes, please explain): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Describe your family-of-origin Family Constellation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 39) Biological mother's age: \_\_\_\_\_ If deceased, how old were you when she died? \_\_\_\_\_  
40) Biological father's age: \_\_\_\_\_ If deceased, how old were you when he died? \_\_\_\_\_  
41) If your parents separated or divorced, how old were you then? \_\_\_\_\_  
42) Number of brother(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Their ages: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  
43) Number of sister(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Their ages: \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_  
44) I was child number \_\_\_\_\_ in a family of \_\_\_\_\_ children.  
45) Were you adopted or raised with parents other than your biological parents? \_\_ Yes \_\_ No  
If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
46) Briefly describe your relationship with your brothers and/or sisters: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 47) Which of the following best describes the family in which you grew up?
- | Warm and accepting | Average |   |   |   | Hostile and fighting |   |   |   |
|--------------------|---------|---|---|---|----------------------|---|---|---|
| 1                  | 2       | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6                    | 7 | 8 | 9 |
- 48) Which of the following best describes the way in which your family raised you?
- | Allowed me to be<br>very independent | Average |   |   |   | Attempted to<br>control me |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---|---|---|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1                                    | 2       | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6                          | 7 | 8 | 9 |

**Your Mother** (or Primary Caregiver1)

- 49) Briefly describe your mother: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 50) How did she discipline you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 51) How did she reward you? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 52) How much time did she spend with you when you were a child?  
\_\_\_\_ much \_\_\_\_\_ average \_\_\_\_\_ little

- 53) Your mother's occupation when you were a child: \_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ stayed home      \_\_\_\_ worked outside part-time      \_\_\_\_ worked outside full-time
- 54) How did you get along with your mother when you were a child?  
 \_\_\_\_ poorly      \_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_ well
- 55) How do you get along with your mother now?  
 \_\_\_\_ poorly      \_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_ well
- 56) Did you mother have any problems (e.g., alcoholism, violence, etc.) that may have affected your childhood development? \_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No  
 If Yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 57) Is there anything unusual about your relationship with your mother? \_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No  
 If Yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 58) Describe overall how your mother treated the following people as you were growing up:  
 (Circle one answer for each)
- | Your mother's treatment of: | Poor |   |   | Average |   |   | Excellent |  |
|-----------------------------|------|---|---|---------|---|---|-----------|--|
| 1) You                      | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4       | 5 | 6 | 7         |  |
| 2) Your family              | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4       | 5 | 6 | 7         |  |
| 3) Your father              | 1    | 2 | 3 | 4       | 5 | 6 | 7         |  |

**Your Father** (or Primary Caregiver2)

- 59) Briefly describe your father: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 60) How did he discipline you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 61) How did he reward you? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 62) How much time did he spend with you when you were a child?  
 \_\_\_\_ much      \_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_ little
- 63) Your father's occupation when you were a child: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ stayed home      \_\_\_\_ worked outside part-time      \_\_\_\_ worked outside full-time
- 64) How did you get along with your father when you were a child?  
 \_\_\_\_ poorly      \_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_ well
- 65) How do you get along with your father now?  
 \_\_\_\_ poorly      \_\_\_\_ average      \_\_\_\_ well
- 66) Did you father have any problems (e.g., alcoholism, violence) that may have affected your childhood development? \_\_\_\_ Yes    \_\_\_\_ No  
 If Yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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67) Is there anything unusual about your relationship with your father? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If Yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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68) Describe overall how your father treated the following people as you were growing up:

(Circle one answer for each)

Your father's treatment of:	Poor			Average			Excellent	
1) You	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2) Your family	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
3) Your mother	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

### Thoughts and Behaviors

69) Please check how often the following thoughts occur to you:

- |                                |           |            |               |                |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1) Life is hopeless.           | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 2) I am lonely.                | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 3) No one cares about me.      | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 4) I am a failure.             | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 5) Most people don't like me.  | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 6) I want to die.              | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 7) I want to hurt someone.     | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 8) I am so stupid.             | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 9) I am going crazy.           | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 10) I can't concentrate.       | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 11) I am so depressed.         | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 12) God is disappointed in me. | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 13) I can't be forgiven.       | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 14) Why am I so different?     | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 15) I can't do anything right. | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 16) People hear my thoughts.   | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 17) I have no emotions.        | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 18) Someone is watching me.    | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 19) I hear voices in my head.  | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |
| 20) I am out of control.       | ___ Never | ___ Rarely | ___ Sometimes | ___ Frequently |

Please comment (e.g., examples, frequency, duration, effects on you) about each of the above thoughts that occur frequently or are a concern to you. Use the back of this sheet if necessary.

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### Symptoms

70) Check the behaviors and symptoms that occur to you more often than you would like them to take place:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> aggression          | <input type="checkbox"/> fatigue             | <input type="checkbox"/> sexual difficulties   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> alcohol dependence  | <input type="checkbox"/> hallucinations      | <input type="checkbox"/> sick often            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> anger               | <input type="checkbox"/> heart palpitations  | <input type="checkbox"/> sleeping problems     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> antisocial behavior | <input type="checkbox"/> high blood pressure | <input type="checkbox"/> speech problems       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> anxiety             | <input type="checkbox"/> hopelessness        | <input type="checkbox"/> suicidal thoughts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> avoiding people     | <input type="checkbox"/> impulsivity         | <input type="checkbox"/> thoughts disorganized |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chest pain          | <input type="checkbox"/> irritability        | <input type="checkbox"/> trembling             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> depression          | <input type="checkbox"/> judgment errors     | <input type="checkbox"/> withdrawing           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> disorientation      | <input type="checkbox"/> loneliness          | <input type="checkbox"/> worrying              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> distractibility     | <input type="checkbox"/> memory impairment   | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dizziness           | <input type="checkbox"/> mood shifts         | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drug dependence     | <input type="checkbox"/> panic attacks       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> eating disorder     | <input type="checkbox"/> phobias/fears       | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> elevated mood       | <input type="checkbox"/> recurring thoughts  | _____  |

Please give examples of how each of the symptoms you checked impairs your ability to function (e.g., socially, emotionally, occupationally, physically). Use the back of this sheet if necessary.

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71) List your five greatest strengths:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

72) List your five greatest weaknesses:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

73) List your main social difficulties: \_\_\_\_\_

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74) List your main love and sex difficulties: \_\_\_\_\_

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75) List your main difficulties at school or work: \_\_\_\_\_

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76) List your main difficulties at home: \_\_\_\_\_

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77) List your behaviors you would like to change: \_\_\_\_\_

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78) Additional information you believe would be helpful: \_\_\_\_\_

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