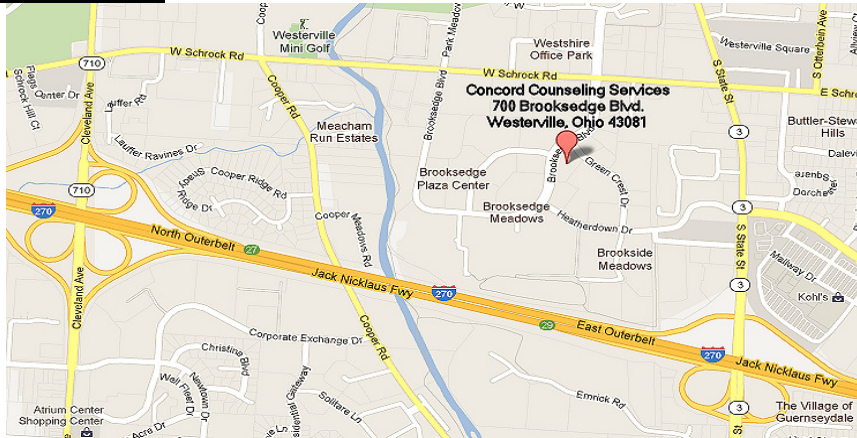
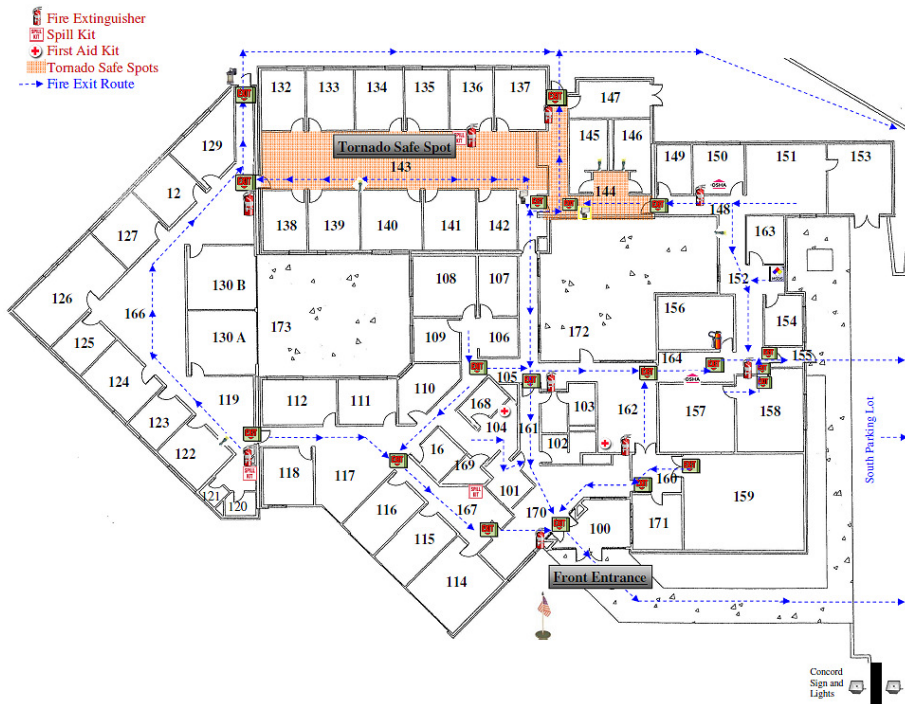


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CLIENT ORIENTATION BOOKLET

Concord Counseling Services
 700 Brooksedge Blvd.
 Westerville, Ohio 43081
 614-882-9338
www.concordcounseling.org

Description of Services Offered and Expectations

Concord Counseling Services is a private, non-profit agency that provides mental health, alcohol and drug, and prevention services to individuals, couples, families, and groups. Concord provides an array of professional treatment services that include, but are not limited to assessments, individual, family, and group therapies, psychiatric services, client linkage and advocacy, and drug and alcohol services. These services are provided by staff appropriately licensed by the State of Ohio as well as by community support providers (case managers). We do not discriminate in the provision of service on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, lifestyle, socioeconomic status, language, handicap (physical, developmental or mental illness or disability including HIV infection, AIDS related complex, or AIDS), or inability to pay. All staff are guided by the current ethical codes that are applicable to their licenses that include guidance related to conflicts of interest. Staff will encourage your growth and development, foster your well being, promote your independence and recovery, and respect your rights.

Assessment will be an ongoing process to help us determine the best services to meet your individual needs. Your active participation in the development of your goals and objectives is crucial to address the reasons that brought you to treatment. You will receive an explanation of your diagnosis and what you can expect while in treatment. You will also be told at the end of your assessment what the recommended length of stay is and the treatment recommendations. You will receive a copy of your treatment plan. During the course of treatment, staff will work carefully with you to meet your goals and objectives and assist with a seamless transition to recommended services, additional resources and/or successful termination. With your consent and when appropriate, family members or other support persons may be actively involved in the assessment, development of individual treatment, ongoing evaluations of the services received, and the quality of care.

Also, during the assessment phase, you will be asked to complete an outcome survey and periodically thereafter (publicly funded clients only). This will be used by you and your provider to identify problem areas and to later gauge progress.

You are expected to attend all scheduled appointments and work as a team with our staff which may include your therapist, case manager, nurse, and/or psychiatrist. Recovery cannot happen without your active participation in all phases of treatment, including developing a treatment plan, asking questions, and discussing any concerns with your providers.

Hours of Operation/Access to Service After Program Hours

Concord's office hours are Monday and Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If a crisis is sufficient to need immediate attention or occurs during non-business hours, call Netcare ACCESS at 276-2273 or go to the nearest hospital emergency room.

Treatment Risks/Benefits

Behavioral health treatment can be helpful in improving how you function and clients often have improvement in the symptoms that led you to seek treatment. Talking with a trained professional can help you better understand why you feel or behave the way you do. You can also learn how to deal with a specific problem or manage intense emotions.

There are, however, some risks to treatment. These include experiencing uncomfortable feelings and emotions that result from discussing the difficult situations and life experiences that led to you to treatment. Talking about and facing personal issues can be painful at times, but you should begin to feel better about yourself and have more skills to deal with issues in your life. Your therapist, case manager, nurse, and/or psychiatrist can discuss the risks and benefits associated with the specific treatment methods and interventions you will receive.

Financial Policies

Subsidized Services

Through our contact with the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County Franklin County (ADAMH), we may be able to offer some subsidized services to those who are experiencing emotional, alcohol, and/or drug problems and whose monthly gross income and dependents fall within the public subsidy guidelines while ADAMH funds are available.

In order to apply for subsidized services you must:

1. Be a resident of Franklin County and
2. Provide documentation of your gross monthly household income (amount before taxes are taken out). and
3. Provide information of any and all insurance and/or other assistance that must be billed prior to receiving the public subsidy

You may decline to disclose your income or provide us with the needed documentation and pay the full cost of services you receive.

Billing Information

Billing information will be collected and verified when you call for your first appointment. Prior to your first appointment Concord's Intake staff will meet with you to discuss financial coverage and complete all paperwork necessary to receive services. You will need to provide your insurance card(s), proof of gross monthly household income and dependents. Verification of insurance coverage is your responsibility prior to your appointment. Until insurance coverage is verified, you are responsible for 100% of the charges. We strongly encourage you to contact your insurance company to verify your behavioral health coverage prior to receiving services!

Fees for Services

The fee for services is based on hourly charges. Sessions scheduled for shorter or longer periods will be billed accordingly. Co-pays and deductibles must be paid at the time of service.

Outstanding Balances

Although Concord files insurance claims as a courtesy, you will receive a monthly statement if your account has a balance due. Your insurance is a contract between you, your employer, and the insurance company. It is very important that you understand the provisions of your policy. Concord is not guaranteed payment by the insurance companies of all claims in a timely fashion, and it is your responsibility to follow up on denied or unpaid claims. If financial problems affect your timely payment of the amount due, we encourage you to contact our billing department at 614-882-9338 for assistance. Concord may choose to pursue legal action on outstanding accounts that are over 90 days past due.

Following is an AOD Risk Chart that indicates routes of transmission, symptoms, method of diagnoses, if a vaccine is available, and whether or not the disease is curable.

AOD Risk Chart

	Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV)	Hepatitis B (HBV)	Hepatitis C (HCV)	Tuberculosis (TB)	
Routes of Transmission	Unprotected anal, oral and/or vaginal sex	X	X (<20% of cases)		
	Sharing needles for injection drug use or tattooing/body piercing	X	X		
	Mother to child	X	X		
	Sharing personal items like razors, toothbrushes and nail clippers When infected person puts germs into the air by coughing, sneezing, laughing or singing		X	X	X
Symptoms	Many people have none for years	X	X	X	
	Flu-like symptoms that go away	X	X		
	Diarrhea	X			
	Weight loss	X		X	
	Tiredness	X	X	X	
	Weakness				X
	Fever			X	X
	Night sweats				X
	Chest pain				X
	Coughing up blood				X
	Cough				X
	Headache			X	
Jaundice		X	X		
Diagnosed By	Blood Test	X	X	X	
	Sputum Test			X	
	X-ray			X	
Vaccine Available	Yes		X (prevention only)		
	No	X	X	X	
Curable	Yes	X (medication available for chronic disease management)	X (can resolve on its own)	X	
	No		X		

ADVANCE DIRECTIVE DECLARATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

An Advance Directive Declaration for Mental Health Treatment is a legal document that empowers you to state your treatment preferences and name a person (proxy) to act for you when medical and mental health professionals determine that you are not able to make informed health care decisions.

What are the benefits of having an Advance Directive Declaration for Mental Health Treatment?

- You can give written instructions to your mental health care providers about your choices for medication, treatment programs and providers if you choose to do so.
- You can name a proxy, if you choose, to advocate for your treatment choices or to make decisions in your place when you lack the capacity to do so.

How does an Advance Directive relate to recovery?

- It helps you to define and recognize “red flag” behaviors and actually may help you gain knowledge and control of your psychiatric condition while helping others recognize the signs.
- Developing an Advance Directive when healthy allows you the opportunity to openly discuss signs and symptoms of your illness, as well as your treatment preferences. When properly planned and implemented, it is a natural fit with empowerment and recovery.

If you would like more information and/or an Advance Directive form please talk to your clinician or case manager.

Aftercare/Quality Improvement

At the completion of your treatment, you will be provided with a Service Termination Summary/Continuing Care Plan. This plan will provide you with a summary of discharge recommendations. Furthermore, as a means to continue to services, you may be asked to participate in a Satisfaction Survey to evaluate the services you received and your perception of your treatment progress. We greatly appreciate your input and participation in this final aspect of your treatment.

Appointments/Cancellations

The time established for your appointments is dedicated to serve you. You may occasionally need to reschedule due to unforeseen events. We ask that you provide 24-hour notice when you need to reschedule an appointment. Three or more missed appointments without a 24-hour notice suggests a lack of investment in treatment and may result in termination of all services. As such, to re-engage or reschedule treatment after three or more missed appointments without a 24-hour notice, you must speak with your clinical provider to determine the appropriate course of services and to make a determination about scheduling additional appointments. Because of the nature of our work there are times when critical situations demand our immediate attention. If we need to cancel an appointment, you will be called immediately and given a chance to reschedule. We will attempt to return your phone calls within 24 hours and reschedule a canceled appointment, whenever possible, within 48 hours.

Concord's Rules and Restrictions

Concord does **not** use mechanical restraint, seclusion, chemical restraint, or major aversive behavioral interventions. Concord staff may utilize verbal de-escalation training procedures in order to intervene with a client experiencing behavioral difficulties. At no time will Concord staff utilize cruel and/or unusual punishment to manage a client, including physical and verbal abuse.

Concord's policies prohibit smoking inside agency buildings and use or possession of alcohol or illicit drugs is prohibited on Concord property.

Weapons of any kind are prohibited on agency property. Only law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties are permitted to possess or carry firearms or weapons. Please be aware that weapons brought onto Concord property in violation of this policy may be turned over to the police department for disposition. Physical aggression and verbally threatening behavior is not permitted.

Noncompliance in treatment, either by behavior that disrupts others' treatment or failure to return to treatment, may result in termination.

Any individual who violates one of the above stated policies is subject to legal prosecution to the fullest extent of the law. Services may also be suspended or terminated. Clients who violate these policies will be informed of any suspension or termination and will receive information about how services may be reinstated, if applicable.

Client Rights and Grievances Resource Agencies – Outside Entities:

Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board (ADAMH)
447 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
614-224-1057

The Ohio Department of Mental Health
30 East Broad Street, Suite 1180,
280 North High Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-2596

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
Two Nationwide Plaza
280 North High Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-3445

Ohio Legal Rights Services
8 East Long Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0253
614-466-7264

Attorney General's Office
Medicaid Fraud Control
65 South Front Street, 5th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0253
614-466-0722

Ohio Client Assistance Program
35 East Chestnut Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-466-9956 & 1-800-228-5405

US Department of Health & Human Services
Office of Civil Rights, Region V
105 West Adams Street, 16th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
312-886-5078

Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
50 West Broad Street, Suite 1075
Columbus, OH 43215-5919
614-466-0912

State of Ohio Medical Board
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43266
614-466-3947

Ohio Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration
77 South High Street, 17th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43266
614-466-3947

State of Ohio Psychology Board
77 South High Street, 18th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43266
614-466-8808

Ohio Credentialing Board for Chemical Dependency Professionals
427 East Town Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614-469-1110

Ohio Civil Rights Commission
220 Parsons Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43205
614-466-2785

Grievance Procedure Steps

1. All client rights complaints will be heard during regular business hours by the Client Rights Officer at 614-882-9338. Concord's staff will notify the Client Rights Officer of any client complaints and be responsible for referring the client to the Client Rights Officer.
2. The Client Rights Officer will explain the grievance procedure and assist, if needed by the grievor or the grievor's representative, with filing the Grievance Form, and will provide representation for the grievor at the agency hearing. Reasonable opportunity will be given to the grievor or representative to be heard by an impartial decision maker. This response will be accomplished within two business days.
3. The Client Rights Officer will provide the grievor a statement regarding the option of the grievor to further grieve to any and all of the following: Franklin County ADAMH Board, Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio Legal Rights Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and appropriate professional licensing or regulatory boards. See Page 8 for contact information.
4. The Client Rights Officer will give access to all relevant information about the grievance to one or more of the organizations specified above, to which the grievor has initiated a complaint.
5. The Client Rights Officer will access all relevant information about the grievance during the investigation and provide a written response that is considered to be a proposed resolution and explanation to the grievor or, with the client's permission, to the designated representative if other than the client. This will be completed within twenty business days of the date the grievance was filed.
6. Although a grievance may be filed at any time the grievor so desires, Concord encourages grievances to be filed within sixty (60) days. Extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration.
7. If the Client Rights Officer is the subject of the grievance, the Executive Director will act as the impartial decision maker.

Implementation and Monitoring

1. The Client Rights Officer will maintain all records of grievances received, the subject matter of the grievance, and the resolution. The Quality Assurance Committee will review these records as they occur, no less than monthly.
2. Upon request, grievance records are also available to Franklin County ADAMH.
3. Concord Counseling will allow Franklin County ADAMH to annually review the implementation of the Client Rights Policies and Grievance Procedures, and shall provide annually the summary of the number of grievances received, type, and resolution status of the grievances.
4. The Client Rights Officer will take all necessary steps to assure compliance with the Grievance Policies and Procedures.

Privacy Policy

Information regarding your health care, including payment for health care, is protected by two federal laws: the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq., 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 & 164, and the Confidentiality Law, 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2, 42 C.F.R. Part 2. Under these laws, Concord Counseling Services may not say to a person outside Concord that you attend the program, nor may Concord disclose any information identifying you as a client and/or alcohol or drug abuser, or disclose any other protected information except as permitted by federal law.

Concord must obtain your written consent before it can disclose information about you for payment purposes. For example, Concord must obtain your written consent before it can disclose information to your health insurer in order to be paid for services. Generally, you must also sign a written consent before Concord can share information for treatment purposes or for health care operations. However, federal law permits Concord to disclose information without your written permission in the following circumstances:

1. Pursuant to an agreement with a qualified service organization/ business associate
2. For research, audit or evaluations (however, we will never do research without your written permission)
3. To report a crime committed on Concord's premises or against Concord's personnel or about any threat to commit such a crime
4. To medical personnel in a medical emergency
5. To appropriate authorities to report suspected child abuse or neglect
6. As allowed by a court order

For example, Concord can disclose information without your consent to obtain legal or financial services, or to another medical facility to provide health care to you, as long as there is a qualified service organization / business associate agreement in place.

Before Concord can use or disclose any information about your health in a manner that is not described above, we must first obtain your specific written consent allowing us to make the disclosure. Any such written consent may be revoked by you in writing.

Violation of the Federal law and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal regulations. (See 42 U.S.C. 290dd-3 and 42 U.S.C. 290ee-3 for Federal laws and 42 CFR part 2 for Federal regulations.)

Client Rights Statement

In Ohio you are provided with specific safeguards for your rights while you are receiving services at Concord Counseling Services, Inc. The following “Rights of Clients” statement is designed to inform you and your family of those rights. The rights of minor children will be covered by the legal consent of parents, adoptive parents, or legal guardians.

Rights of Clients

1. The right to be treated with consideration and respect for personal dignity, autonomy and privacy.
2. The right to service in a humane setting that is the least restrictive feasible as defined in the treatment plan.
3. The right to be informed of one’s own condition, of proposed or current services, treatment or therapies, and the alternatives.
4. The right to consent to or refuse any service, treatment, or therapy upon full explanation of the expected consequences of such consent or refusal. A parent or legal guardian may consent or refuse any service, treatment or therapy on behalf of a minor client.
5. The right to receive a current, written individualized services plan that addresses one’s own mental health, physical health, social and economic needs, and that specifies the provision of appropriate and adequate services, as available, either directly or by referral.
6. The right to active and informed participation in the establishment, periodic review, and reassessment of the services plan.
7. The right to freedom from unnecessary or excessive medication.
8. The right to freedom from unnecessary restraint or seclusion.
9. The right to participate in any appropriate and available agency service regardless of refusal of one or more other services, treatments, or therapies; or regardless of relapse from earlier treatment in that or another service unless there is a valid and specific necessity that precludes and/or requires the client’s participation in other services. The necessity shall be explained to the client and written in the client’s current services plan.
10. The right to be informed of and refuse any unusual or hazardous treatment procedures.
11. The right to be advised of and refuse observation by techniques such as one-way vision mirrors, tape recorders, televisions, movies, or photographs.
12. The right to have the opportunity to consult with independent treatment specialists or legal counsel at one’s own expense.
13. The right to confidentiality of communications and of all personally identifying information within the limitation and requirements for disclosure of various funding and/or certifying sources or state or federal statutes, unless release of information is specifically authorized by the client or parent or legal guardian of a minor client or court appointed guardian of the person of an adult client in accordance with rule 5122-27-09 of the Administrative Code.
14. The right to have access to one’s own psychiatric, medical, or treatment records unless access to particular identified items of information is specifically restricted for the individual client for clear treatment reasons in the client’s treatment plan. “Clear treatment reason” shall be understood to mean only severe emotional damage to the client such that dangerous or self-injurious behavior is an imminent risk. The person restricting the information shall explain to the client and other persons authorized by the client of the factual information about the individual client that necessitates the restriction. The restriction must be renewed at least annually to retain validity. Any person authorized by the client has unrestricted access to all information. Clients shall be informed in writing of agency policies and procedures for viewing or obtaining copies of personal records.
15. The right to be informed in advance of the reason(s) for discontinuance of service provision, and to be involved in planning for the consequences of that event.
16. The right to receive an explanation of the reasons for denial of services.
17. The right not to be discriminated against in the provision of service on the basis of religion, race, color, creed, sex, national origin, age, lifestyle, physical or mental disability, developmental disability, inability to pay, sexual orientation, or physical illness such as HIV infection, AIDS related complex or AIDS.
18. The right to know the cost of services.
19. The right to be fully informed of all rights.
20. The right to exercise any and all rights, including filing a grievance or complaint, without reprisal or retaliation in any form, as well as to have continued and uncompromised access to services.
21. The right to file a grievance.
22. The right to have oral and written instructions for filing a grievance, upon request.
23. The right to have access to quality improvement activities. Concord’s Quality Improvement Coordinator is available for client questions or input.
24. The right to services that is responsive and sensitive to an individual’s ethnic and cultural heritage.
25. The right to information, upon request, in sufficient time to facilitate decision making regarding services including information and referral, consultation, education, prevention, and training.
26. The right to be free from abuse, financial or other exploitation, retaliation, humiliation, or neglect by any Concord staff member.
27. The right to refuse involvement in research projects or give informed consent to participate in research projects.

Grievance Procedure

Concord Counseling has established a Grievance Procedure for use by any client or applicant for service. If you have a concern regarding how you were treated by any staff member of Concord Counseling, you may verbally present your grievance to the person involved, the person’s supervisor, or the Client Rights Officer. If you are not satisfied with the results you may file a written grievance by contacting Concord’s Client Rights Officer.