

CIARA MCDOWELL

CLINICAL PASTORAL COUNSELOR

Purpose & Agreement					
been ir	, the client(s) referred to as "I" or "client," have informed by Life Focus Center that Biblical Counseling and spiritual guidance are being ed. This agreement governs our professional relationship.				
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Couns	selor & Qualifications				
Couns	s an Ordained Minister of Pastoral Care who holds a Master's in Clinical Christian eling, and a Certified Temperament Therapist trained through the National Christian elors Association.				
•	Court-appointed counseling cases will be considered individually and require proper releases.				
•	Our counselors are not secular psychologists , psychiatrists , or state-licensed counselors .				
•	Due to the pastoral nature of these services, they will not testify in court or act as				

Biblical Basis

professional witnesses.

Life Focus Center is a **faith-based ministry**. Counseling will include prayer, use of the Bible as the foundation, and encouragement of personal devotions. I understand this is **Biblical Christian Counseling**, not secular counseling by a state-licensed professional.

No guarantees are given about outcomes; I understand I play a vital role in the results and agree to make a good faith effort — honestly participating in sessions and completing assignments.

Confidentiality & Mandated Reporting

This ministry operates under **clergy/client confidentiality**, which means communication is private. However, confidentiality may be broken **without client consent** under these conditions:

- Reasonable suspicion of serious harm to self or others
- Child abuse, elder abuse, or abuse of the disabled
- When otherwise required by law

Reasonable suspicion includes credible evidence of harm, significant inconsistencies in explanations of injury, or any cause for concern requiring further investigation by authorities.

Location & Privacy Notice

Life Focus Center is located at **301 N. Church Street, Moorestown, NJ**. Because we share space with other offices, we **cannot guarantee privacy** when clients are seen entering or exiting. Others may observe you interacting with us. While we protect your records and information, we cannot be responsible for people seeing you in public spaces.

Sometimes sessions may take place in your home or another location; this agreement still applies.

Fees & Billing

Fees are determined by the **Financial Policies Form** or a **Financial Assistance Application & Determination Letter**. Full payment is due **at the start of each session** by cash, check, or credit card. Life Focus Center does not extend credit. A \$35 fee applies to all returned payments.

Appointment Times

Appointments are scheduled to avoid wait times. Client sessions last **50 minutes**. If you arrive more than **15 minutes late**, your session may be shortened or canceled.

Cancellations & No-Shows

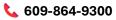
If you cannot attend, please **call 24 hours in advance** so we can help another client. Without 24 hours' notice (barring emergencies), a **\$35 fee** will apply.

Because missed appointments may indicate a crisis, we take no-shows seriously and will assess the need for follow-up intervention.		
Assignments & Participation		
Assignments are essential. As Scripture says, "you will reap what yields halfhearted results. If you fail to complete assignments, so material or be canceled. The client should be more invested in counselor.	essions may repeat the same	
Terminating Counseling		
Counseling usually ends by mutual consent when goals are met client or counselor may terminate at any time.	, verbally or in writing. Either the	
If you miss scheduled sessions, fail to schedule for two consecutarrangement), or do not respond to contact attempts, Life Focus termination. A Termination of Counseling Notice will be placed	s Center will consider this	
Supervision		
To ensure quality care, counselors participate in supervision m without names or identifying information. ✓ You may opt out by checking this box: □	eetings, discussing case studies	
Counseling Agreement & Release		
understand and freely accept this Informed Consent Agreement. I release Life Focus Center, its counselors, employees, and volunteers from liability. I accept my personal responsibility for confidentiality and recognize that bringing a third party into a session may waive my confidentiality privilege for that session.		
If any part of this agreement is found unenforceable, the remain	der stays in effect.	
Client Signature	Date	
Cell:		

Client Mailing Address		
City	State Zip	
Client Signature		Date
Cell:	_	
Client Mailing Address		
City	State Zip	

Contact

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