

LEWIS PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

The rights of Lewis Psychological Services clients are protected by all LPS employees and are listed below:

- The right of the client to always be treated with dignity and respect, and not to be subjected to any verbal or physical abuse or exploitation;
- The right of the client not to be subjected to the use of any type of treatment, technique, intervention, or practice, including the use of any type of restraint or seclusion, performed solely as a means of coercion, discipline, or retaliation, or for the convenience of staff or any volunteer or contractor;
- The right of the client to receive treatment in the least restrictive, most appropriate manner;
- The right of the client to an explanation of the potential benefits and any known side effects or other risks associated with all medications that are prescribed for the client;
- The right of the client to an explanation of the potential benefits and any known adverse consequences or risks associated with any type of treatment that is included in the client's treatment plan;
- The right of the client to be provided with information about other clinically appropriate medications and alternative treatments, even if these medications or treatments are not the recommended choice of that client's treating professional;
- The right of a client voluntarily receiving treatment to refuse any treatments or medications to which that client has not consented, in compliance with the client's rights;
- The right of a client involuntarily receiving treatment pursuant to any court order to *be* informed that there may be consequences to the client if the client fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of the treatment plan or to take any prescribed medication;
- The right of the client to refuse to take any experimental medication or to participate in any experimental treatment or research project, and the right not to be forced or subjected to this medication or treatment without the client's knowledge and express consent, given in compliance with the client's rights, or as consented to by the client's guardian when the guardian has the proper authority to consent to this medication or treatment on the client's behalf;
- The right of the client to actively participate in the development of an individualized treatment plan, including the right to request changes in the treatment services being provided to the client, or to request that other staff members be assigned to provide these services to the client;
- The right of the client to receive treatment or other services from a licensee in conjunction with treatment or other services obtained from other licensed mental health professionals or providers who are not affiliated with or employed by that licensee,

subject only to any written conditions that the licensee may establish only to ensure coordination of treatment or any services;

- The right of the client to be accompanied or represented by an individual of the client's own choice during all contacts with the licensee. This right shall be subject to denial only upon determination by professional staff that the accompaniment or representation would compromise either that client's rights of confidentiality or the rights of other individuals, would significantly interfere with that client's treatment or that of other individuals, or would be unduly disruptive to the licensee's operations;
- The right of the client to see and review the clinical record maintained on that client, unless the executive director of the licensee has determined that specific portions of the record should not be disclosed. This determination shall be accompanied by a written statement placed within the clinical record required by K.A.R. 30-60-46, explaining why disclosure of that portion of the record at this time would be injurious to the welfare of that client or to others closely associated with that client;
- The right of the client to have staff refrain from disclosing to anyone the fact that the client has previously received or is currently receiving any type of mental health treatment or services, or from disclosing or delivering to anyone any information or material that the client has disclosed or provided to any staff member of the licensee during any process of diagnosis or treatment. This right shall automatically be claimed on behalf of the client by the licensee's staff unless that client expressly waives the privilege, in writing, or unless staff is required to do so by law or a proper court order;
- The right of the client to exercise the client's rights by substitute means, including the use of advance directives, a living will, a durable power of attorney for health care decisions, or through springing powers provided for within a guardianship; and
- The right of the client to at any time make a complaint in accordance with K.A.R. 30-60-51 concerning a violation of any of the rights listed in this regulation or concerning any other matter and the right to be informed of the procedures and process for making such a complaint.