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# **Personal History Information**

Client's Name		Referred By	
			Birthdate A
Occupation		_ Employed by	
Social Security #		Business	Phone
Family of Origin			
Were you raised by your	natural parents	? If no,	explain:
Father: Living	_ Age	Deceased	Age at death
Cause of death	(	Occupation	
Describe your relationsh	ip/significant in	teraction with you	ır Father.
			Age at death
Describe your relationsh		iteraction with you	ar Mother.
			hen the first one died?
Which parent were your	emotionally clo	oser to?	
	_		or you as you were growing up?

**Siblings:** List ages and current geographic locations of your brother(s).

List ages and current geographic locations of your sister(s).

Which siblings were you closest to growing up?\_\_\_\_\_

Do you believe that your family was emotionally close as you were growing up?\_\_\_\_\_ Describe:

Describe any past and/or present use of alcohol and/or drugs by other family members, including dependence or abuse, and any treatment of such: (in the last three generations)

Describe any hospitalization or treatment of mental/emotional problems of family members (in the last three generations). Include depression and/or anxiety:

### **Cultural Background**

Race (Optional):	Do you speak any other languages?			
Do you have any speaking, reading, or writing problems ?				
Were you raised in an urban or rural	setting? Please describe any cultural			
considerations which you believe may affect your counseling				

#### **Education and Religious History**

How far did you get in school? \_\_\_\_\_ If you did not complete high school, why?

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Please describe any spiritual or religious information you believe to be pertinent to your counseling.

### Work History

What are your work skills?

Are you satisfied with your current job? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of relationships do you have with your boss and/or coworkers?\_\_\_\_\_

Describe any problems at work which may be causing or contributing to emotional problems or stress currently:

How long have you been at your present job?	If unemployed, how long?
Do you have financial problems v	which are causing stress?Describe

### Medical History

Describe your current physical health.

List any known allergies \_\_\_\_\_

List, date, and briefly describe all surgeries, accidents, or major illnesses.

(Females) Do you have PMS or menstrual problems? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe:

Please review the following symptoms and put a "**P**" before the symptoms you have experienced in the past and a "**C**" before the symptoms you are currently experiencing.

Memory loss	Anxiety/tension	Confusion
Loss of interests	Fatigue/Weakness	Hallucinations
Appetite change	Weight gain/loss	Delusions
Concern for physical health	Temper	Feelings of
Mind racing	Inability to focus	unreality
Worry/fear	Night mares	Paranoia
Difficulty getting to sleep	Difficulty staying asleep	Extreme
Mood swings	Sleeping too much	social withdrawal
Phobia	Sadness/depressed mood	Agitation

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\_\_\_\_Inability to experience joy \_\_\_\_\_Feelings of worthlessness \_\_\_\_\_Easily startled \_\_\_\_Chronic physical pain \_\_\_\_Fear of losing control Panic attacks Have you ever attempted suicide? If yes, give dates, circumstances surrounding attempt(s), and what happened. Have you thought about suicide recently? If yes, give dates and circumstances surrounding those thoughts. List previous psychological, psychiatric, or substance abuse treatment (in-patient or outpatient). Give dates, locations and names of therapists/psychiatrists Have you had any prior "bad" Diagnosis if known: experiences with counseling and/or treatment? Describe: Are you currently on any medication? List List all current and past prescriptions for mood/mind altering medications. Indicate whether current or past with dates Name and location of your current primary physician List any medication allergies **Marital History** Current marital status Number of marriages List age at each marriage and length of marriage Have you ever separated from your current spouse? Number of pregnancies Abortion/Miscarriage(s) Ages and gender of your children Are your children living with you? \_\_\_\_\_ If no, describe: \_\_\_\_\_ Do your children present any major problems or concerns? Describe

Describe your perception of the current state of your marriage\_\_\_\_\_

Does your spouse drink	/use drugs?	Do you believe your spouse to have an alcohol or
drug problem?	Is your spouse er	notionally, physically, or sexually abusive?
Describe:		

#### **Alcohol and/or Drug History**

Do you drink?	_ Do you use drugs?	_ If yes, at what age	did you first start using
alcohol/drugs? _	When was you	r last drink/drug?	List the drugs,
including alcohol	that you have used		

Which drug(s), including alcohol, are you presently using?\_\_\_\_\_

How many drinks do you usually consume in a sitting?

How often do you drink? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you found that you need to drink/use more to achieve the same results?

Has the effect of the alcohol/drugs decreased while continuing to use the same amount?

Have you ever felt that you should cut down on your drinking?

Have you ever tried to cut down or control your use of alcohol/drugs?\_\_\_\_\_

When you have quit drinking have you experienced detox symptoms?

Have you attempted to avoid withdrawal or detox symptoms by using the same substance or another?

Have you taken more alcohol/drugs than you intended or used alcohol/drugs over a larger period of time than you intended? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you spent a lot of time in obtaining, using, or recovering from use of alcohol/ drugs? \_\_\_\_

Have you given up important social, occupational, or recreational activities because of your drinking/using?

Have you continued to use alcohol/drugs despite knowledge of physical or psychological problems connect to it?

Do you believe that you have a problem with alcohol or other drugs?

Has any significant other person in your life been concerned about your drinking/ using?\_\_\_\_Who?\_\_\_\_\_

Have people annoyed you by criticizing your drinking?

Have you ever felt guilt or bad about your drinking? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever had a drink first thing in the morning to steady your nerves or get rid of a hangover? \_\_\_\_ Have you ever had a "blackout"? \_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been arrested for DWI/DUI or public intoxication? \_\_\_\_\_ When \_\_\_\_\_\_ What was the outcome? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any pending court dates? \_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Have you ever been treated for alcoholism/chemical dependency? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, list treatment facilities and dates of treatment: \_\_\_\_\_\_ How long were you able to maintain sobriety? \_\_\_\_\_\_ What was your reason for trying to stop drinking/using? \_\_\_\_\_\_ During detox, have you ever experienced the following: DTs \_\_\_\_\_ Seizures or convulsions

\_\_\_\_\_. List any other major withdrawal symptoms you have experienced:

Are you an active member of AA? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your opinion of it? \_\_\_\_\_\_ Is your spouse involved in AA, NA, EA, Al-Anon, or any other 12 step program? \_\_\_\_\_ Are any other family members involved in AA, NA, EA, Al-Anon, or any other 12 step program? \_\_\_\_\_ If "recovering", do you have a sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_ How many meetings do you attend weekly \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Legal Problems

List dates and circumstances of any recent or prior arrests

Are you currently on probation or parole? \_\_\_\_\_ List any legal problems (divorce, bankruptcy, lawsuits, etc.) which may pertain to stress in your life or may in any way pertain to your counseling: \_\_\_\_\_

### Strengths and Assets

Make a list of strengths that you bring to counseling with you that you believe will help you attain your counseling goals. Examples: Ability to be flexible, willingness to try something new, hard worker, loving husband and kids, stable job, etc.

# **Present Concerns**

In a few words, please tell why you are seeking counseling\_\_\_\_\_