Client Profile: Interviewer Notes

INCLUDE + INTERVIEW + ACKNOWLEDGE + REFER = RESOURCE AND SUPPORT

When the professional includes, interviews, acknowledges and refers family members, family members become a resource and support to both the client and the professional.

The Client Profile questionnaire is a three-page format designed to create an easy flow of clear, concrete information between the client and their family, and the mental health professional. The client and their family may be interviewed together or individually.

Page One

- Identification Information including Photo
 A photograph from the family gives a good historical picture of the client.
- Key Family Members, Parents and Siblings, Key Contact
 Addresses, emails, and phone numbers of parents, siblings are listed. Key contact person for
 information or in case of emergency.
- Current Care Providers
 Physician, Psychiatrist, Opthamologist, Mental Health Professional, Dentist, and any other health care provider's contact information is important and can be provided by family members.

Page Two

The second page of the Client Profile describes identification, diagnosis, and health history. A medical alert describes important information about existing or past conditions. The behavioral alert describes existing or past problems, i.e. anger management, substance abuse. Allergies, medication information, and other regimes are all important healthcare information. History of hospitalizations and incarcerations can also be provided by family.

Page Three

The third page of the Client Profile is designed to elicit social and education information about the client from the family. Specific problems and treatment, successful and/or unsuccessful, can also be discussed. Families often know what has and hasn't worked.

Post Script to Professionals from a Family Psychiatrist

Psychiatrist Thomas Henley, director of a community mental health clinic in southern California, states, "Unfortunately, the popular method of therapy suggests that including the family and patient jointly in the clinical setting is somehow 'out of the norm'. However, if the professional begins with open communication and structures (joint interviews) as routine, the therapist can take care of any future problems, by indicating in their remarks to the patient at the outset, that the family members are invited to participate . . . the professional needs to structure the assessment and interview so it favors inclusion of the family. An important benefit is . . . the family member as a witness to important communications regarding medication, crisis services etc. . . . We as professionals cannot let the overly strict interpretation of confidentiality prevent us from providing good initial assessment to the patient and their family."



Client Profile

	Identifica	tion Information:		
	Name:			
	D.O.B.:			
	SS#:			
Photo	Medicaid#:			
	Case#:			
	Current Residence:			
	Last Reside	nce:		
Key Family Members	:	Siblings		
		-		
Key Contact:				
Current Care Provide	ers:			
Physician:		Mental Health:		
Psychiatrist:		Dentist:		
Opthamologist:				

Client Profile

Name:		D.O.B.:		
Sex:	Ethnicity:		_ Language:	
Height:	Weight:	Eyes:	Hair:	
Diagnosis:				
Date of Last Exam:				
Medical Alert:				
Behavioral Alert:				
Current Medication:	Dosage:		Date Began:	
1	1		_ 1	
2	2		_ 2	
3	3		_ 3	
Side Effects:				
Previous Medications,	/Side Effects:			
Other Regimes (i.e.) sr	pecial diet, vitamin ther	apv:		
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Hospitalizations:	Dates/Location	ons:	Explanation:	
1	1		_ 1	
2	2		2	
Incarcerations:	Dates:		Locations:	
1	1		1	
2	2		_ 2	

Client Profile

Name:	D.O.B.:	
Historical Chronology: (sub	omitted by client and family)	
Attach complete history of illn	ess or summarize below	
Accomplishments:		
Skills or Talents:		
Specific Problems:		
3		
Treatment:		
1		
2		
3		
Comments:		