

Pathways to Success
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Relationship Counseling and Confidentiality

When a couple enters a *client-therapist* professional relationship, the marriage or romantic relationship is the *client*.

As such, any release of information from the file requires the written consent of both partners.

If one partner leaves the client-therapist relationship, the departing partner's right to restrict the release of information ends with the culmination of the last conjoint therapy session.

If the remaining partner chooses to continue, a new application and consent for therapy will be signed, and a new, individual file created. At commencement of the first individual session, the *client* in the client-therapist relationship is now that individual. That individual has the right to restrict the release of information from his/her file without his/her partner's consent.

While you are engaged in couple's counseling, Marlo Bennett's professional commitment is to your marital or romantic relationship. As such, Marlo will not hold confidential from either partner information provided to her in individual sessions, emails, correspondence, phone calls, or any other form of communication. This does not imply that she has a responsibility to share any or all communication from one individual to another. However, individual communication with Marlo may be shared with your partner without your written or verbal consent.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists have an ethical commitment to objectivity in their professional relationship with couples. LMFT's also have an ethical commitment to not engage in dual relationships. A dual relationship would exist if the therapist provided information in a legal case. Therefore, Marlo Bennett, LMFT, does not provide information in legal proceedings including, and not limited to, divorce and child custody cases.

By signing below you acknowledge that you have read and understand the above, that you have had the opportunity to have your questions answered, and that you agree to the above policies.

Signature

Date

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