(Please print and sign the bottom of this form only if it is applicable.)

## **Notice of Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Client Records**

The confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records maintained by this therapist are protected by Federal law and regulations. Generally, the therapist may not say to a person outside the agency that a client receives services from the therapist, or disclose any information identifying the patient as an alcohol or drug user unless:

- 1. The client consents in writing;
- 2. The disclosure is allowed by a court order; or
- 3. The disclosure is made to medical personnel in a medical emergency or to qualified personnel for research, audit or program evaluation.

Violation of the Federal law and regulations by a program is a crime. Suspected violations may be reported to the appropriate authorities in accordance with Federal regulations.

Federal law and regulations do not protect any information about a crime committed by a client either at the agency or against any person who works for the agency or about any threat to commit such a crime.

Federal laws and regulations do not protect any information about suspected child abuse or neglect from being reported under State law to appropriate State or local authorities. I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above notice, and I have also been given the opportunity to receive a copy of the above notice for my records.

Client Signature	Date	
Client Printed Name		
Effective Date: 6/1/2011		