Statement of Policy and Services

Individual counseling and other services at Counseling Services are free of charge to current Kent State University at Stark students. A student must be currently enrolled (in the fall or spring) and have at least half of their classes registered at the Kent State University at Stark campus to be eligible for services. During summer, students must be enrolled in summer classes or be a current student enrolled from both spring and the coming fall semester. Counseling services are provided by counselors licensed by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board of Ohio.

Medications are not available to be provided nor prescribed by any staff in Counseling Services.

All clinical records are maintained as confidential according to the provisions of state and federal laws and ethical guidelines of the counseling profession. Clinical information will not be shared with any third party without written consent. Exceptions to this include: 1. release of records from a court order, 2. suspected child/elder abuse and/or neglect, 3. the student is at or has expressed imminent risk of physically harming him or herself, other identified person, or an identified structure by the clinical judgment of the counselor. Clinical records are maintained separately from student and academic records.

Confidentiality cannot be guaranteed if another person other than Counseling Services staff is present during the counseling session.

At the time of intake, all new students will be provided with a copy of this statement, Consumer’s Bill of Rights, and Personal Health Information to review. Copies and additional information are available online to review and per request.

If you are unable to attend your appointment, it is requested that you contact the office in advance of your scheduled appointment. Frequent or repeated last-minute cancelations may be addressed with you by the counselor.

If services cannot be adequately and/or appropriately provided to the student, Counseling Services staff will assist with necessary referrals to a more appropriate treatment setting off campus.

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