



STATEMENT ON LGBTQ+ CARE

Background

To provide a safe, inclusive space for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, Little Seed Counseling affirms the following statements:

- We welcome lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and families into our practice and offer all mental health services to patients on an equal basis, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, and other non-medically relevant factors.
- We believe that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender identities are within the spectrum of normal human experience and are not in themselves pathological, "unnatural," or "sinful". We therefore do not promote or support attempts to change patients' sexual orientation or gender identity.
- We respect the healthcare decision-making rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender patients/clients, their unmarried partners, their non-biological children, and any others they may define as family for the purposes of healthcare decision-making
- We commit to taking steps to make our practice fully inclusive of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons as reflected in written forms, policies and procedures, appropriate training for all clinical and administrative staff, and standardized assessments.
- We commit to taking steps to learn about the unique mental health concerns of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals and families so that we can provide the highest quality care to all.