



**Attestations for On-site MindSights' Psychological Evaluations
(for Youth placed in locked facilities)**

Regardless of location of testing, youth are best served by a psychological evaluation when they are exhibiting enough emotional and behavioral stability to engage in one-on-one interactions, respond to directives, and make choices among options presented to them. A psychological evaluation is not a crisis intervention and some youth benefit from emotional/behavioral stabilization prior to engagement in a psychological assessment process.

MindSights is willing to host on-site evaluations of youth in detention or other locked facilities only when the youth are:

- Able to present in our offices in plain clothes;
- Able to enter our offices and be in the waiting/testing rooms without shackles or restraints;
- Able to be supervised by the staff or designee accompanying the youth in transitioning to and from the car, waiting room, and testing room;*
- Able to be alone with the psychologist in the testing office while their staff or designated person waits in the waiting room;**
- Able to exhibit appropriate public behavior in the waiting room, which might include young children or other youth;
- Able to respond to directives and choices without aggression toward others.

*It is our recommendation and best practice to ensure the youth is accompanied by a staff or designated person to which they have had previous contact and some relationship building.

**MindSights' clinicians are willing to call 911 or a designated person if the youth runs from our offices; however, it is expected that the person accompanying the youth is responsible for monitoring the youth's whereabouts and intervening as needed. MindSights' clinicians will not follow or restrain a youth resisting services or leaving our offices.

If the above criteria are not met for a given youth, MindSights' clinicians may be willing to travel to local destinations to see children in juvenile detention or residential facilities or other locations. MindSights personnel will consider this option in circumstances in which transporting the child to MindSights' offices is not safe/possible and/or when other clinical needs make off-site testing/observation in the child's best interests.

As this child's representative or legal guardian, I attest that the referred youth,

_____ (child's name), meets the above criteria to attend a MindSights psychological evaluation at a MindSights location.

If you cannot attest to the above or if any of the above conditions change between the time of scheduling and the date(s) of the appointment(s), please notify us if you would like to discuss off-site testing criteria and options.

Signature

Date

Printed Name



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When testing a youth at off-site locations, the youth needs to be able to:

- Present in the designated testing rooms without shackles or restraints;
- Be with the evaluator in the testing office while their staff or designated person supervises from a distance;
- Respond to directives and choices without aggression toward others.

When traveling to off-site locations to evaluate youth, the facility needs to be equipped to provide MindSights' clinician with:

- A safe and private testing room that includes a table and chairs for both the evaluator and the youth to sit, with enough space to sit across the table from one another;
- The ability to give the youth physical materials throughout the session, without partitions or barriers to physical access;
- Assurances that the youth is behaviorally stable enough to engage in an evaluation process without active aggression;
- Any necessary supervision of the youth, including accessible staff, should the clinician require support, access to bathroom facilities, etc.;
- On-site personnel who are prepared for the evaluation to occur, who ensure the youth has their basic needs met to be prepared for a 2-3 hour meeting, and ready to receive the clinician at the agreed upon time of evaluation.

The clinical services provided during an evaluation are authorized and paid through various administrative medical, OPDS, insurance, or private pay agreements, as designated in the Fee Agreement/Consent process. In order to compensate MindSights' clinicians for their time and expense in traveling to off-site locations, contracting for the following additional expenses is required:

- Travel time, paid at \$255/hour, with a minimum charge of \$255.
- Mileage reimbursement at the IRS business mileage rate at the time of evaluation.
 - (56 cents/mile for 2021)

As this child's representative or legal guardian, I attest that the referred youth,

_____ (child's name), meets the above criteria to participate in a MindSights psychological evaluation at an off-site location. I further attest that I will work with the facility to ensure the above criteria are met in preparation for and on the day of testing. I will notify MindSights immediately should any of the above criteria change between the time of scheduling and the date(s) of appointment(s).

Requested location of testing: _____

Signature

Date

Printed Name