

Recommendations for Pre-Sessions

Presenting symptomology or diagnosis (if known) of client

Medications

History

Etiology of deafness

School history

Family structure (language used at home)

Content of psychotic phenomena (if present)

Purpose of appointment

Goal of the session

The clinician's familiarity with interpreting/deafness

Post-session needs

Clinician's style or approach (theoretical orientation)

Individuals who will be in attendance (client, family, etc.)

First session or on-going?

Recent issues that have come up in therapy (if on-going)

Develop a method to handle miscommunication issues

Self-disclosure, if applicable

Turn-taking approaches if family or group setting.

Recommendations for Post Sessions

Cultural or language issues which presented, but could not be expanded on during treatment.

Possible interpretations of language that could be understood differently.

Therapeutic-related questions about the session

Self-disclosure/Vicarious trauma issues and its effect on communication

Follow-up plans for future treatment (if applicable).

Questions/Concerns from the clinician about the process.

References of individuals/information. (if appropriate)

Issues regarding pace/setup/turn-taking that were problematic.