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- Information as to direct involvement in child abuse or neglect
- Information as to direct involvement in abuse of the elderly
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Client                                                                                                                     Date
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Counselor                                                                                         Date

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