

2017 Ethics Training for Counselors, Social Workers, & Supervisors

Ethics and the Impact of the Use of Technology

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GENERAL ETHICS

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Description of Course:

Advances in technology and the availability/access to the Web are impacting how behavioral health professionals deliver treatment services and what constitutes typical standards of care. In addition, these changes affect ethical issues like therapist self disclosure, boundary crossings and boundary violations, confidentiality, and informed consent. In 2017, behavioral health professionals face a myriad of new ethical dilemmas, with little guidance from ethical codes that do not address these emerging issues. This presentation will review the current literature regarding new ethical dilemmas related to technology and the Web, and provide guidance and recommendations for behavioral health professionals. Specifically, this workshop will discuss: 1) History of Technology Use in Counseling; 2) Digital Types; 3) Social Media; 4) Therapist Self-Disclosure; 5) Emailing & Texting/Messaging Patients; and 6) Social Media Policies.

Objectives:

At the end of this presentation participants will be able to:

- 1) Determine if they are a 'Digital Native' or 'Digital Immigrant' based upon the descriptions offered and discuss how this characteristic may impact the delivery of behavioral health services.
- 2) Describe how involvement with social network sites may impact therapist self-disclosure.
- 3) Identify three risks associated with texting/emailing patients.
- 4) Cite eight of the ten social media policies presented and describe in more depth one of the policies and how it relates to behavioral health practice.
- 5) Demonstrate familiarity with the pitfalls of enforcing employee social media policies by discussing recent National Labor Board Relations rulings or new state laws.

Agenda:

8:45 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Course Begins
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Course Resumes
12:30 p.m.	Course Ends/Evaluation

Mr. Ellis is an accomplished public speaker, educator, and author with twenty-eight years of experience in the field of Addictions, Mental Health Services, and Social Work. He currently serves as a Senior Instructor at the University of Akron School of Social Work where he is responsible for refining and instructing courses for Masters Level students. Mr. Ellis received a BA in Psychology from Cleveland State University in 1994 and a Masters of Social Work from the same institution in 2001.

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