

Ethics and Domestic Violence

Program Description

Professionals in the field of partner violence face multiple risks and challenges in upholding their ethical obligations while responding to the needs of their clients in a volatile service environment. This presentation examines some of the ethical and clinical tensions in the field of partner violence. It introduces an ethical decision-making model and applies the model to cases drawn from four core areas of ethical standards: self-determination, confidentiality, conflicts of interest and dual relationships. Participants will engage in problem solving around commonly occurring ethical dilemmas in this field.

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will understand the ethical and clinical tensions in services in the field of interpersonal violence.
2. Participants will be familiar with four key concepts in ethics (confidentiality, conflicts of interest, boundaries and self-determination) and will apply them to cases in the field of domestic violence.
3. Participants will be familiar with a model for ethical decision making.
4. Participants will be able to apply the model to cases involving domestic violence.

Target Audience

Clinicians, case managers, social workers, counselors, psychiatrists, psychologists, educators, advocates, health and human service practitioners.

Contact Hours

Up to 4 hours (limited to 35-40 participants)

Program Agenda

Available upon request.

Faculty

Dr. Kim Strom is the Smith P. Theimann, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Ethics and Professional Practice at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. Dr. Strom teaches in the areas of direct practice, education, and human resource management. Her scholarly interests involve ethics, moral courage, and social work education. She is the former chair of the National Association of Social Workers' National Committee on Inquiry and is active in training, consultation and research on ethics and social work practice. She has written over 60 articles, monographs and chapters on ethics and practice. She is the author of *Straight Talk about Professional Ethics* and *The Ethics of Practice with Minors: High Stakes and Hard Choices* and the forthcoming text *Cultivating Courage*. Dr. Strom-Gottfried is also the co-author of the texts *Best of Boards, Direct Social Work Practice* and *Teaching Social Work Values and Ethics: A Curriculum Resource*. Dr. Strom also held an appointment as the UNC Institute for the Arts and Humanities Associate Director for the Academic Leadership Program, which helps prepare and

support the next generation of academic leaders. Currently, she serves as Principal Investigator of the UNC School of Social Work behavioral healthcare contract, and has been recently appointed by the chancellor to serve as Director of the UNC - Chapel Hill Office of Ethics Education and Policy Management.