

Out of the Office: Ethical Practice in In-Home Care

Program Description

Practitioners in many health and helping professions deliver their services outside the office setting. While natural settings such as clients' homes and communities offer great therapeutic advantages, they may also give rise to complex or unanticipated ethical challenges.

In this session, participants will learn a user-friendly model for ethical decision making and apply it to dilemmas arising in a variety of non-office environments.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will:

1. Understand the ABCDE Model for making ethical decisions;
2. Identify ethical dilemmas that are unique to practice in natural settings;
3. Demonstrate ethical decision making using the ABCDE Model of Ethical Decision Making;
4. Be familiar with the resources for learning more about dilemmas in this domain of practice.

Target Audience

Mental health clinicians (psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists), early intervention specialists, and other interested healthcare providers (public health workers, nurses, health educators, counselors, and physical therapists, etc.) practicing in natural settings.

Contact Hours

Up to 4.0 hours

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.