

Straight Talk about Professional Ethics

Program Description

Ethics shape our sense of right and wrong, and inform our actions every day. Professionals must incorporate their own values with those of the profession, and understand how to apply ethical standards to complex and vexing dilemmas involving clients and colleagues. This session addresses features of the NASW Code of Ethics, a model for ethical decision making, and the role of moral courage in acting on ethical principles. Participants will learn to apply these concepts to cases from a variety of settings and social work roles.

Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this session, participants will take away:

1. Knowledge of the key features of the NASW, APA, NBCC and other codes of ethics;
2. Familiarity with a model for ethical decision making;
3. Appreciation of the role of moral courage in acting on ethical principles;
4. The ability to apply this knowledge to an array of relevant case examples.

Target Audience

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

Contact Hours

3-4 hours. Longer sessions allow for greater depth and discussion.

(Check with presenter on participant limit)

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.