

Ethics and Intimate Partner Violence

Program Description

This training focuses on the contemporary and historical use of violence to problem solve within intimate partnerships. The terms intimate partner violence (IPV) and domestic violence (DV) offer important distinctions for both the health care professional and client. Participants in this workshop will discuss real and/or perceived power differentials within both the clinical context and the current or former intimate partner relationships. This six-hour program prepares attendees to identify and navigate ethical dilemmas through examining IPV, coercion, the threat or use of violence, power, and associated clinical obligations.

Participants are encouraged to explore frequently polarizing topics using lecture, authentic small group discussion, and additional exercises as time permits. To personalize engagement, advanced and novice practitioners are requested to a) review and have a copy of their professional Code of Ethics accessible and b) bring specific case dilemmas/examples for group discussion and problem solving. This program is appropriate for practitioners, researchers, and policymakers as it positions a frequently taboo topic as an important public health issue with both clinical and ethical implications.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this workshop, participants should be able to:

1. Demonstrate concepts inherent to ethical practice
2. Describe the intersection of personal values and professional ethics as related to coercion, power, and IPV
3. Implement two strategies that provide ethical guidance in IPV situations
4. Demonstrate identification and negotiation of ethical dilemmas.

Target Audience

This program is designed for mental/medical/public healthcare professionals and service organizations seeking to deliver ethical, culturally diverse, equitably focused, care.

Contact Hours

6.0 contact hours

Program Agenda: 6 hours

9:00am-10:30am	Perspectives regarding an “anti-violent” culture and professional ethics
10:30am-10:45am	Break
10:45am—12:15pm	Historical and contemporary understandings of IPV and trauma
12:15pm-12:45pm	Lunch Break
12:45-1:15pm	Ethical dilemmas of classification and assessment
1:15pm-2:45pm	Theorizing ethical and applied models for violence and trauma
2:45pm-3:00pm	Break
3:00pm-4:00pm	Practicing peer consultation with vignettes/ Q&A for improving macro and clinical praxis

4:00pm

Adjournment

Faculty

Dr. Carmen Crosby (she/her/hers) is a respected thought leader in the areas of diversity, inclusion, and trauma-specific, ethical practice. Drawing from her training as a therapist, clinical supervisor and researcher, her contributions to the field of trauma and violence highlight the importance of social equity and reflexive praxis. Her translational research connects the dots between intersectionality and cultural inclusion, current trends in evidence-based research and her desire to support individuals and organizations toward superior performance. Dr. Crosby approaches these difficult topics through curiosity, skill and a self-effacing manner that is both practical and engaging.

Dr. Crosby received her MSW from University of Michigan where she focused on Interpersonal Practice with Children, Youth, Families and Society. She received her PhD from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill where she focused on the development, application, and evaluation of prevention research. Dr. Crosby is a trainer and independent consultant based in North Carolina.