

Ethics in a Changing Behavioral Health Environment

Program Description

This workshop will compare and contrast the ethical codes of multiple behavioral health disciplines (counseling, psychology, and social work) and review practical strategies to adapt to an environment that is responding rapidly to a global pandemic. It will also include a review of the ethical principles that guide public health.

Program Objectives

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

- Explain the similarities and distinctions between behavioral health professional codes of ethics.
- Describe basic principles of public health ethics.
- Outline ethical dilemmas in current practice.
- Apply ethical principles to changes in practice.

Target Audience

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

Program Agenda

Available upon request

Contact Hours

2.0 hours

Faculty

Bebe Smith, MSW, LCSW is a consultant and clinical social worker in private practice. She is a former director of continuing professional development and coordinator of the NC Evidence Based Practices Center at Southern Regional AHEC. She worked for 21 years at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the Department of Psychiatry and the School of Social Work. She has taught mental health professionals from multiple disciplines in clinical and academic settings. Her clinical work has focused on providing evidence-based treatment and services to persons who live with schizophrenia and other severe mental illnesses. She helped develop OASIS, the first early psychosis program in North Carolina, at UNC in 2005, and was a founder of the UNC Center for Excellence in Community Mental Health in 2008. She also led a pilot of Critical Time Intervention (CTI) from 2012-2015. CTI was adopted for statewide expansion in 2014. She is a trainer in Family Psychoeducation and Critical Time Intervention. She was the NASW-NC Social Worker of the Year in 2012 and won the Bryan Public Service Award from the Carolina Center for Public Service in 2015.