

# CCJP CODE OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR

It is expected that, in the delivery of substance abuse treatment to individuals with criminal justice involvement, recipients of CCJP certification will:

**General respect and caring**

- Perform duties with the attitude that change can occur, and accept responsibility for facilitating that change.
- Demonstrate appropriate respect for the dignity, worth, knowledge, insight, experience, and areas of expertise of others.
- Accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions.
- Make every reasonable effort to ensure that psychological knowledge is not misused, intentionally or unintentionally, to harm others.
- Encourage others, if appropriate, to relate with integrity, to respect the dignity of persons, and to expect respect for their own dignity.
- Assume overall responsibility for the scientific and professional activities of assistants, students, supervisees, and employees with regard to respect for the dignity of persons, all of whom, however, incur similar obligations.

**Conflict of interest**

- Avoid relationships (e.g., with students, employees, or clients) and other situations which might present a conflict of interest or which might reduce their ability to be objective and unbiased in their determinations of what might be in the best interests of others.

**Do no harm**

- If referring a client to a colleague or other professional, maintain appropriate contact, support, and responsibility for caring until other service begins.
- Do everything reasonably possible to stop or offset the consequences of actions by others when these actions are likely to cause serious physical harm or death. This includes reporting to appropriate authorities or an intended victim, and would be done even when a confidential relationship is involved.

**Confidentiality**

- Embrace, as a primary obligation, the duty of protecting client's rights and not disclose confidential information acquired in teaching, practice or investigation without appropriately executed consent within the standards and guidelines of Federal and state regulations.
- Adhere strictly to established rules of confidentiality of all records, materials and knowledge concerning persons served in accordance with all current government and program regulations.

**Informed consent**

- Seek as full and active participation as possible from others in decisions which affect them.
- Practice within the guidelines and standards of Federal and state regulations regarding informed consent and human subjects protocols.

**Competence and self-knowledge**

- Promote objectivity and integrity, and maintain the highest standards in the services offered.
- Conduct self-evaluations of professional performance applying ethical, legal, and professional standards to enhance self-awareness and performance.
- Accurately represent their own and their associates' qualifications, education, experience, competence, and affiliations, in all spoken, written, or printed communications, being careful not to use descriptions or information which could be misinterpreted.
- Take immediate steps to obtain consultation or to refer a client to a colleague or other appropriate professional, whichever is more likely to result in providing the client with competent service, if it becomes apparent that a client's problems are beyond their competence.
- Keep themselves up to date with relevant knowledge, research methods, and techniques, through the reading of relevant literature, peer consultation, and continuing education activities, in order that their service or research activities and conclusions will benefit and not harm others.
- Develop and utilize strategies to maintain one's own physical and mental health.

**Reliance on the discipline**

- Seek consultation from colleagues and/or appropriate groups and committees, and give due regard to their advice in arriving at a responsible decision, if faced with difficult situations.
- Additionally, counselors must comply with the ASACB Code of Ethics for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors. Ethical complaints must be submitted following the guidelines in the ASACB Code of Ethics.

\* Based on codes from the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, the Canadian Psychological Association, the California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources, the Addiction Technology Transfer Center National Curriculum Committee and the Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association

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Signature

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Date

FAILURE TO OBSERVE THE CODE OF ETHICAL BEHAVIOR MAY RESULT REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATION.