

ETHICS IN ADDICTION COUNSELING
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Glossary

Abandonment: The desertion, rejection or neglect of a client by a counselor. Also known as *underinvolvement*.

Autonomy: Self-directed freedom and independence

Beneficence: Actions intended to benefit others

Boundary: An ethical line that separates appropriate from inappropriate professional conduct.

Confidentiality: The expectation that client information will be kept private and access to it limited.

Disengagement: The desertion, rejection or neglect of a client by a counselor. Also known as *underinvolvement*.

Duty to warn: The requirement for a counselor to provide notification of an individual's intent to harm him/herself or to harm another person.

Fiduciary relationship: Characterized by 1) The expectation of trust between a client and counselor 2) The unequal balance of power between a client and counselor 3) The requirement of a counselor to put the client's needs above all else.

Iatrogenic: Relating to an illness or disorder caused by treatment.

Informed consent: The process of providing information about treatment to a client and obtaining permission before conducting a clinical intervention.

Justice: Equal and fair treatment across all groups or members of the same group

Mandated reporter (Illinois): An individual who by law must report a suspected case of child abuse or neglect to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Nonmaleficence: "Do no harm"

Overinvolvement: Becoming overly concerned, attached, committed or immersed in a client's case.

Underinvolvement: See *disengagement*

Release of information: Formal consent given by a client to a counselor which gives the counselor permission to share confidential information with a third party.

Zone of abuse: An area of counseling containing practices that are always inappropriate or unethical

Zone of marginality: An area of counseling containing practices that are sometimes appropriate or ethical, but sometimes not.

Zone of safety: An area of counseling containing practices that are always appropriate or ethical.