

# Law and Ethics 2021 – Remote Training: Updates for Licensed Clinicians

## Training Overview

This course examines specific recent and planned changes to California law and professional ethics codes for mental health professionals. Particular attention is given to obligations and processes related to risk management. Case examples bring focus to how these changes actually apply in clinical work, inside and outside of the therapy room. Participants will gain understanding of how the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted laws, regulations, and enforcement for psychotherapists. The training will also address common legal and ethical issues encountered when working with children and families, and when working with clients remotely.

## Learning Objectives

- Participants will be able to identify at least three recent changes to California law surrounding psychotherapy;
- Participants will be able to list at least three recent meaningful changes to professional ethics codes;
- Participants will be able to describe at least four legal requirements for California therapists using technology in clinical practice;
- Participants will be able to describe at least two impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the regulatory environment for psychotherapy; and
- Participants will be able to develop a specific action plan for at least two common problems clinicians encounter when working with children and families.

## Continue Education

This course meets the qualifications for six (6) hours of continuing education credit for MFTs, LPCCs, LEPs, and/or LCSWs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Placer County Systems of Care, CAMFT-approved Continuing Education Provider #041035, maintains responsibility for this course and its content.

## Instructor

*Dr. Benjamin Caldwell* is a licensed marriage and family therapist, an adjunct faculty member at California State University Northridge, and the Education Director for SimplePractice Learning. He is the author of several books, including *Basics of California Law for LMFTs, LPCCs, and LCSWs* and *Saving Psychotherapy*. He served as Editor for the *User's Guide to the 2015 AAMFT Code of Ethics*, and as lead author of AAMFT's *Best Practices in the Online Practice of Couple and Family Therapy*. He was directly involved in California's first-in-the-nation ban on reparative therapy for minors, and he drove the change in title from "intern" to "associate" for pre-licensed MFTs and PCCs. For his advocacy work, he was awarded the AAMFT Division Contribution Award in 2013. He is based in Los Angeles.

## Date and Time

Two half-days training – **both days required**  
November 3-4, 2021  
8:00am – 11:15pm each day

## Location – Remote Training

Remote training via Zoom video conference  
Zoom link will be provided to registered participants prior to the training date.

## For more information and to enroll:

Self-registration is available at [Placer Learns](https://www.placerlearns.com)

To request a new External User Account, email [PlacerLearns-SOCadmin@placer.ca.gov](mailto:PlacerLearns-SOCadmin@placer.ca.gov)

For accessibility requests (e.g. ADA access), special needs, questions and/or to provide feedback, please contact Placer County designee, Holiday Johnston via email at [hjohnsto@placer.ca.gov](mailto:hjohnsto@placer.ca.gov).





## Fee:

This training is **free and open to the public**. Registration is required in [Placer Learns](#). Placer County employees should access Placer Learns with *single-sign-on* through the County Intranet.

If you do not have a Placer Learns account, please contact a Placer Learns Department Administrator at [PlacerLearns-soctraining@placer.ca.gov](mailto:PlacerLearns-soctraining@placer.ca.gov) to request an account and one will be created for you.

## Cancellation Policy:

Due to this training being offered at no cost and most of our trainings often taking a waitlist, we ask that you to withdraw from this training via your Placer Learns account if you are not going to attend. If you require any assistance in withdrawing, you may contact Holiday Johnston via email at [hjohnsto@placer.ca.gov](mailto:hjohnsto@placer.ca.gov).

## Target Audience:

*Law and Ethics: Updates for Licensed Clinicians* is intended for seasoned practitioners, those who are supervising pre-licensed clinicians, and/or those in need of fulfilling the six hour continuing education requirement for the BBS.

## Schedule:

**This is a two, half-day remote training.** A Zoom link for access to the training will be provided to participants prior to the day of training. Access to the training will begin 15 minutes prior to start of the training time listed on the flyer. One 15 minute break will be offered each day at the trainer's discretion.

## Course Certificates and CEUs

Attendance for this training will be closely monitored by an administrator. Participants are required to attend and participate for the duration of the remote training for credit. Attendees who complete the training attendance requirements will be able to view and print their Completion/CEU Certificate from the Transcripts tab in Placer Learns within two weeks of the training date. Please note the number of course credits does not include the time allotted for registration and breaks. **Attendees not present and accounted for will not be given credit. Partial credit is not offered.**

## Feedback:

A training evaluation and demographic survey will be available electronically. Attendees are encouraged to review the training's learning objectives and goals to provide feedback upon completion of the course. Additional feedback or grievances may be forwarded to the Workforce Education and Training Coordinator at (530) 889-7222.

