

Placer County



Law and Ethics with Ben Caldwell

Training Description

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 technology, inclusion, supervision, self-care, and working with children and families. Case examples bring focus to how these changes actually apply in clinical work, inside and outside of the therapy room. This course includes a review of specific disciplinary actions that have influenced how clinicians market and provide their services, including discussion of working from home.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Identify at least three recent changes to California law surrounding psychotherapy;
- List at least three recent meaningful changes to professional ethics codes;
- Describe at least four legal requirements for California therapists using technology in clinical practice;
- Describe at least two legal or disciplinary cases impacting the delivery of mental health services; and
- Develop a specific action plan for at least two common problems clinicians encounter when working with children and families.

Continuing 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 (SOC) CAMFT-approved Continuing Education Provider #041035. SOC maintains responsibility for this course and its content.

About the 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.

Training Dates and Time

Two Training Options to Choose From

Both days are required for credit.

October 19th & 20th, 2022

12:30pm-3:45pm

or

November 2nd & 3rd, 2022

8:30am-11:45pm

Location: Remote Training via Zoom

Registration is available in Placer Learns

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Or email: PlacerLearns-SOCadmin@placer.ca.gov

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Fee:

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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 a Placer Learns Department Administrator at PlacerLearns-SOCadmin@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 live, remote training over two half– days. 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.

