Law and Ethics: Updates for Clinicians

Training Description

This course examines specific recent and planned changes to California law and professional ethics codes for mental health professionals. 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 their personal values and ethics sometimes enter into professional decision making. The training will also address common legal and ethical issues encountered when working with children and families. We close with discussion of the expanding role of technology and social media in our clients' lives and in professional practice.

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- List at least four recent changes in relevant state law for California mental health providers.
- List at least two recent changes in relevant state regulation for California mental health providers.
- List at least three requirements under federal law for mental health providers.
- Describe at least three common causes for professional disciplinary actions.
- Describe at least two ethical concerns surrounding app-based psychotherapy.

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

About the Instructor

Dr. Benjamin Caldwell is a California licensed marriage and family therapist and clinical supervisor. He is the author of five books, including *Basics of California Law for LMFTs, LPCCs, and LCSWs*, which is now on its 10th edition, and *Saving Psychotherapy*. He serves as adjunct faculty for California State University, Northridge. In his past role as Chair of the Legislative and Advocacy Committee for the California Division of AAMFT, 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. Ben maintains a private practice in Los Angeles, specializing in working with couples.

Training Dates and Time

March 4th & 5th, 2025
Time: 9:00am-12:15pm

Location: *Auburn HHS Center—Cordova*
11434 B avenue Auburn 95603

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PlacerLearns-SOCadmin@placer.ca.gov

Fee:

This training is ***free and open to the public.*** Registration is available in Placer Learns as follows:

- ◊ Placer County Employees access Placer Learns through the Learning Zone on their MyPlacer.
- ◊ External Users (non-county employees) access Placer Learns through this External User Log-in Page.
- ◊ External Users can request a Placer Learns account at the External User Log-in Page.

Cancellation Policy:

Due to this training being offered at no cost and most of our trainings often taking a waitlist, we ask that you withdraw from this training via your Placer Learns account if you are not going to attend. If you require any assistance in withdrawing, please contact a Placer Learns System 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:

Registration will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the training time listed on the flyer. Two breaks will be offered, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, at the trainer's discretion. Lunch will be one hour and on your own, tentatively from 12:00-1:00pm. The training will end promptly at 4:30 pm.

Course Certificates and CE Hours:

Attendees are required to sign in upon their arrival and sign out at the completion of the training. Within two weeks of the training date, attendees will be able to view and print their completion/CE certificate from the Transcripts tab in Placer Learns. Please note the number of course credits does not include the time allotted for registering, taking lunch, or other breaks. **Attendees who fail to sign out will not be given credit. Partial credit is not offered.**

Feedback:

Attendees are encouraged to provide feedback upon completion of the course. Learning Objectives will be available to review prior to providing training feedback. Participants will be directed to a Survey Monkey to provide Training Evaluation and Demographic information electronically. Additional feedback or grievances may be forwarded to the Workforce Education and Training Coordinator at (530) 889-7697.