

Current Issues in Ethics for Professional Counselors

Texoma Counseling Association

Friday, January 29, 2010

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Kelly Square, Sherman, TX

Workshop Presenter: Sandra W. Froese, LPC-S

- 11:00 Sign-in and Introductions
- 11:10 **Comparison of the *American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics* with the *American School Counselors Association (ASCA) Ethical Standards for School Counselors*, and the *Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselor (LPC) Code of Ethics***
- 11:30 **Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling**
1. Examining Ethical and Legal issues on Key Topics in the Public School setting
 2. Managing Suicidal or potentially Violent Students
 3. Understanding Parental Rights in the school setting
 4. Managing Student Privacy Rights who are eligible for Special Education services.
 5. Sexual Harassment Issues in the school setting
 6. Confidentiality and Privacy Rights of Students between the Counselor and Faculty
 7. Responding to a Legal Subpoena
 8. When Not to Submit Confidential Records in Court
 9. Privacy Rights of Students with issues of Pregnancy, Incarceration, Sexual Orientation, Mental Illness, Anorexia, and/or Addictions
- 12:00 **Ethical Issues in Private Practice**
1. Confidentiality and Privacy Rights of Clients
 2. Dual Relationships
 3. Use of Technology, e-mail systems, and cell phone use to protect privacy
 4. Recent Changes in Licensing and Certificates for Licensed Professional Counselors
 5. Supervision Continuing Education requirements for the LPC Supervisor
- 12:15 **Q&A regarding Ethical and Legal Issues in Schools and Private Practice**
- 12:30 **Break**
- 12:45 **Discussion of Scenarios in Counseling Involving Potential Conflicts between Ethics, Laws and Moral Values**
- 1:30 **Summary, Questions and Answers**
- 1:45 **Wrap-up/Evaluation:** *At the end of the session, participants will be able to answer a post-test that determines their understanding of ethical issues of confidentiality, privacy, boundaries, dual relationships, student records, potentially suicidal or potentially violent students, assessment and interpretation, court subpoenas, parental rights, and counselor professional competence with 100% passing.*
- 2:00 **Awarding of Continuing Education Certificates**

References:

Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling, Second Edition, by Remley, Hermann, and Huey © 2003
American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics, ACA Governing Council, © 2005
American School Counselor Association (ASCA) Ethical Standards for School Counselors, Revised June 2004
Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors Code of Ethics, Subchapter C. Code of Ethics, amended April 27, 2008

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