The Ethical Complexities of Boundary Issues and Dual Relationships in Psychotherapy

Training Dates
January 6, 2015—Savannah GA
January 17, 2015—Atlanta
March 21, 2015—Atlanta
May 30, 2015—Atlanta
June 29, 2015—Savannah, GA
September 1, 2015—Savannah GA
October 23, 2015—Augusta GA
October 31, 2015—Atlanta
November 4, 2015—Atlanta
November 20, 2015—Augusta GA
December 1, 2015—Atlanta

Time: 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Training Location:
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Ethical issues concerning boundaries and dual relationships are among the most complex and difficult for the mental health professional. Other than explicit prohibitions concerning sexual contact with clients, many of the boundary situations which arise are not easy to assess ethically. What constitutes a boundary violation in one situation may be ethically acceptable in a similar situation. This course gives psychotherapists the tools they need to resolve the common and not-so-common ethical and boundary issues and dilemmas that they may expect to encounter in their everyday professional practice. Additionally, the course provides guidance in helping practitioners in differentiating between boundary crossings and boundary violations and it will assist them in understanding the impact dual relationships on all stakeholders.

Who Should Attend:

This training is for family violence facilitators, LPC's, LCSW, SA Counselors, and others interested in increasing their effectiveness with male clients.

Continuing Education Credits of 6 hours have been applied for through GCFV, GACA, LPC, and LCSW.

Tuition: $65.00

Pre-registration is required. Tuition fee covers the cost of instruction, handout materials, refreshments.

Learning Objectives

By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

1. Identify and discuss ethical theory and ethical principles;
2. Define and explain boundary crossings and boundary violations;
3. Review and discuss various types of dual relationships;
4. Clarify the murky matters of bartering, touch, self-disclosure, and gifts that can arise during the therapeutic process;
5. Describe the problematic issues associated with boundary violations;
6. Articulate ethical principles regarding dual relationships (multiple relationships);
7. Using ethical decisional making skills to resolve dual relationship issues.

Your Presenter:

Gary K. Byrd, M.Ed., CCS, CAMS, MAC, CEO of The Anger Management Institute. He has written anger management participant workbooks for teens and adults. Also, he has written family violence intervention participants workbooks for men and women. He has over 20 years experience in working with in family violence programs. Mr. Byrd is actively working on his PhD at California Southern University.

Agenda

Registration 8:45 a.m.

9:00 Ethical theory and principles
10:15 Break
10:30 Definition of boundary crossings and violations
11:00 Various types of dual relationships
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Murky matters you may confront in psychotherapy—bartering, gifts, etc.
2:00 Break

2:15 Potential ethical issues associated with boundary violations

3:15 Explain ethical principles and codes related to multiple relationships

4:00 Utilizing ethical decisional making skills to resolve dual relationship problems

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