

Ethics, Values and Cultural Responsiveness in Adult Protective Services

In-Person Training



In this interactive and engaging introductory training, participants learn the basic components of ethics and values as applied to APS social work practice. Trainees will be able to apply a practical framework for ethical decision-making, as well as become aware of their own value systems and how they may affect decision-making in the field. Participants will develop the awareness needed to analyze situations from a culturally responsive standpoint. At the conclusion of the training, trainees will be better able to label, organize, and understand what they observe and to analyze the consequences of the decisions facing them.

Course Requirements

Certificates of course completion will be awarded upon completion of ALL course activities. Handout #13 - Personal Identity Wheel should be completed prior to training.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this training session, participants will be better able to:

- Define seven ethical principles in APS work.
- List four major ethical influences on APS decision-making.
- Describe cultural humility.
- Describe how the concepts of implicit bias and intersectionality affect APS work with vulnerable adults.
- Provide one example of using cultural responsiveness in working with vulnerable adults.
- List the components of an ethical and culturally responsive decision-making framework.

Meet the Trainer

Susan D. Writer, Ph.D.

Susan Writer has her doctorate in clinical psychology from Alliant International University and works full time as the Psychoeducation and Public Affairs Liaison for Aurora Behavioral Health Care, an acute in-patient psychiatric hospital in San Diego that treats children, adolescents, adults, and seniors struggling with mental illness and substance use disorders.

Dr. Writer has clinical subspecialties in geropsychology, adolescent mental health and substance use, sex therapy (inclusive of working with issues around sexual orientation and gender identity), and addiction.

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IN PERSON

Date: Sept. 27, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sign In: 8:30am – 9:00am

Location:

Riverside County DPSS Staff
Development Training Center
22690 Cactus Avenue
Moreno Valley, CA 92553



REGISTRATION

Please register through your respective county's training process.

The registration deadline for this training is Sept 11, 2023



AUDIENCE

This course is designed for new APS professionals as well as Vulnerable Adult Abuse partners (e.g. conservatorship investigators, workers in the aging and disability networks, law enforcement). This training is also appropriate for senior staff that require knowledge and/or skills review.



Her clinical work has centered around mood and bipolar disorders, personality disorders, simple and complex trauma, self-injurious behavior, suicidal behaviors, phase-of-life and end-of-life issues, grief and loss, sexual health, coming-out issues, addiction and co-occurring conditions, and self-esteem and identity development.

She is an expert in crisis intervention, working with individuals, families, social service agencies, senior centers, schools, faith leaders, businesses, and health care providers and organizations. She helps community members and other professionals navigate complex behavioral health systems of care, develop resources, and provides psychoeducation evidence-based prevention, intervention, postvention, and post-traumatic growth. She also provides graduate level and post-licensure training in a number of clinical areas as well as cultural diversity and inclusion, ethics and professionalism, trauma informed care, self-care, and clinician compassion fatigue/vicarious trauma/moral injury/burnout. And Dr. Writer consults for treatment facilities to help them become safer for LGBTQ+ residents by improving cultural competencies for staff and culturally appropriate policies and protocols on the organizational level.

Locally, Dr. Writer works with the Academy for Professional Excellence, a Program of SDSU's School of Social Work, the San Diego VA, CSUSM, UCSD, Palomar College, the Navy Drug and Alcohol Counselors School in Point Loma, as well as other organizations across the country.

In-Person Training Protocol

- Please review venue information (e.g. parking)
- Networking and registration take place from 8:30a-9:00a
- Training takes place from 9:00a-4:00p
- Attendees must arrive on time and stay for the entire training in order to receive full credit
- If attendee arrives more than 30 mins late or leaves more than 30 mins early, they will not receive full credit

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- Protect the health and safety of themselves and others
- Minimize the spread of COVID-19 virus and other variants

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