

OUTLINE

WHY WORKING WITH MINORS IS DIFFERENT

Vulnerability and power differentials
Federal and state laws outlining legal responsibilities
Issues involved with older adolescents

Who has access?
Responding to requests for records
Clinical records and psychotherapy notes

CONSENT RULES AND ISSUES INVOLVING MINORS

Consent vs. assent
Who can provide consent?
Parental rights and consent rules
Special rules for older adolescents
Informed consent process

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF DIVORCED PARENTS

Informed consent process
Parenting plans
Other legal considerations
Case example

WHEN A MINOR IS (AND IS NOT) A CLIENT

When does an individual become a client?
Personal representatives
Ethical vs. legal considerations

MANDATORY REPORTING: THE "WHAT", "WHEN" AND "TO WHOM"

Mandatory reporting laws
Federal definition of child abuse
State laws
Ethical considerations
Case example

CONFIDENTIALITY STANDARDS AND LIMITS WITH MINORS

Limits of confidentiality
Communications with minors and parents
Progressive scenarios technique
Parental agreements

BOUNDARY ISSUES WITH MINORS

Social media policies
Multiple relationships
Power differentials
Virtual relationships
Texting and messaging
Case examples

PARENTAL RIGHTS...AND WRONGS

Default rights
Special situations
Exceptions

PHYSICAL TOUCH

When it is appropriate, and when it is not
Informed consent
Organizational policies
Case example

CONTROL OF MINORS' RECORDS

Health care vs. educational records
HIPAA vs. FERPA

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- Psychologists
- Marriage and Family Therapists
- Psychotherapists
- Addiction Counselors
- School Counselors
- School Social Workers
- School Psychologists
- Other Mental Health Professionals who work with minors

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OBJECTIVES

1. Analyze legal and ethical responsibilities when working with minors in clinical practice, per relevant professional codes as well as federal and state laws.
2. Distinguish between consent and assent and the implication for providing ethical services to minor clients.
3. Outline confidentiality standards for minor clients and when limits to these standards can be applied to the clinical relationship.
4. Determine the ethical and legal course of action to take in situations involving conflicting desires of divorced parents of minor clients.
5. Explain the laws that govern mandatory reporting and how these impact ethical decision making in clinical practice.
6. Evaluate current clinical practice policies to ensure adequate protection involving issues of boundaries and physical touch.

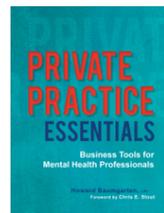
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