

## Outline

### SETTING THE STAGE FOR BEST PRACTICES

- Having a Code of Ethics to Follow
- Boundary Contexts and Why They Matter
- Setting up a Peer Group to Seek Counsel for Ethical Dilemmas
- The "Always Do No Harm to Your Clients" Rule

### TOP BOUNDARY CHALLENGES AND ETHICAL TRAPS

- Self-Disclosure – A Slippery Slope
- Giving & Receiving Gifts
- Physical Contact & Proximity in Session
- Language Usage in Session
- Contact Outside of Sessions
- Minors & Parents
- Handling Clients Who Lack Boundary Skills

### TECHNOLOGY AND BOUNDARIES

- Social Media – How to Avoid Ethical Issues
- Email, Texting & Phone Call Boundary Challenges
- Telehealth and the Impact on Boundaries

### PRIVATE PRACTICE ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS & GRAY AREAS

- Impact of Isolation on Boundaries
- Why Private Practice Heightens All Boundary Concerns
- Policies & Procedures that Can Reduce Ethical Boundary Issues

### DUAL RELATIONSHIPS (FRIENDS, FAMILY, STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES, BUSINESS, ACQUAINTANCE)

- Developing a Strategy for Dual Relationships
- Evaluate Your Ability to Handle the Dual Relationship at Hand
- Creating a Proper Treatment Plan that Assists with Boundary Concerns
- Top Mistakes Clinicians Make Regarding Dual Relationships

### FINANCIAL & BUSINESS – NAVIGATING BOUNDARY ISSUES

- Self-Referral Policies & Procedures
- Collection Process for Nonpayment of Fees
- Fee Establishing & Transparency Guidelines
- Sliding Scales & Bartering
- Confidentiality & Privacy Concerns

## Objectives

- Analyze how following a code of ethics applies to boundary setting in clinical practice.
- Evaluate the unique boundary issues that arise in private practice and how to effectively handle them.
- Employ best practices for avoiding boundary issues related to self-referral policies and procedures.
- Appraise ethical dilemmas related to self-disclosure and language usage in session.
- Assess the ethical challenges that technology poses in a clinical setting.
- Establish ethical guidelines to effectively handle possible dual relationships with clients in clinical practice.

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**Answers to the Biggest Boundary Challenges Clinicians Face**

- Top Social Media & Technology Boundary Mistakes to Avoid
- When is a Dual Relationship OK? Is a Dual Relationship Ever OK?
- In-Session & Out-of-Session Do's and Don'ts
- Private Practice Boundary Setting Concerns
- Specific Tips and Strategies for Clinicians Regarding Fees and Referrals

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## Top Ethical Challenges

Boundary issues present some of the largest challenges you'll face as a clinician. How you communicate and interact can be interpreted differently by each client. Your professional liability is at risk by not following clear guidelines and best practices when it comes to boundaries.

This seminar will provide you with answers to the top challenges you face. You'll get guidance on the following ethical boundary pitfalls:

- Social Media
- Email & Text
- Self-Disclosure
- Gifts & Receiving Gifts
- Contact Outside of Session
- Dual Relationships
- Financial & Business Boundaries

Sign up today and avoid ethical entanglements that risk your professional liability!

## Speaker

**Latasha Matthews, MA, LPC, CPCS, CPLC**, specializes in private practice development and counselor development. She is the author of *The Dumping Ground: A Guide to Gaining Powerful Skills to Set Life-Changing Boundaries*. In addition, Ms. Matthews is an adjunct professor at Shorter University, Atlanta and the owner of Illumination Counseling and Coaching, LLC. She is the co-founder of Pieces that Fit, Inc., a 501(3)(c) organization that provides support for cultural diversity, mental health, academic success and life skills.

With over 20 years of experience in the human services field, Ms. Matthews has a wealth of knowledge, experience and passion that she loves to share with the world. She develops and conducts several workshops and educates counselors across the nation. She provides consultation, mentorship and internships to clinicians as often as she can. She serves as a committee member on the board for certified professional counselor supervisors from the State of Georgia.

Ms. Matthews earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Akron, in Human Resources and her MA in Professional Counseling and Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy from Argosy University. Her professional memberships include the American Counseling Association, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia, *Chi Sigma Iota*.

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