

OUTLINE

WHY WORKING WITH MINORS IS DIFFERENT

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

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

WHEN A MINOR IS (AND IS NOT) A CLIENT

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

CONFIDENTIALITY STANDARDS AND LIMITS WITH MINORS

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

PARENTAL RIGHTS...AND WRONGS

Default rights
Special situations
Exceptions

CONTROL OF MINORS' RECORDS

Health care vs. educational records
HIPAA vs. FERPA
Who has access?
Responding to requests for records
Clinical records and psychotherapy notes

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF DIVORCED PARENTS

Informed consent process
Parenting plans
Other legal considerations
Case example

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

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

BOUNDARY ISSUES WITH MINORS

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

PHYSICAL TOUCH

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

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Target Audience: Counselors • Social Workers • Psychologists • Marriage and Family Therapists
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School Psychologists • Other Mental Health Professionals who Work with Minors



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ETHICS WITH MINORS FOR

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HOW TO NAVIGATE THE MOST CHALLENGING ISSUES

Those of us who treat minors and their families experience a flood of emotions. There is confusion over changing ethical codes and laws, fear that the actions that we take will lead to long-term developmental damage, and anxiety that at any moment we might unintentionally cross a line that could jeopardize our professional license and put us in legal peril. In this environment, we can find ourselves impaired in our ability to function as professionals and help our clients.

Combining a step-by-step guide to an effective decision-making model, the most updated ethical codes and legal statutes, and lessons from 30 years as a clinician and ethics professor, Terry Casey, PhD, HSP will give you a solid foundation for evaluating the ethical options when working with minors and their families. You will have much more confidence about the course of action you take involving **mandatory reporting, access to minors’ records, parental rights, boundary issues, touch**, and others.

SPEAKER

TERRY CASEY, PhD, is a Licensed Psychologist, HSP health service provider with over 30 years of professional experience, including a 16-year tenure as the director of counseling & psychological services for a non-profit agency with over 30 counselors at over a dozen locations. He is in private practice in Franklin Tennessee, teaches ethics and professional issues in counseling at Lipscomb University’s graduate program in clinical mental health counseling, and guest lectures at Trevecca University’s PhD program in Clinical counseling. Dr. Casey also served for several years as the chair of the ethics committee for the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors’ Association and in an advisory capacity for graduate counseling programs at two universities. He has presented frequently on ethics to organizations such as the American Counseling Association, the Tennessee Licensed Professional Counselors Association, the Nashville Area Association of Christian Counselors, and others. For more information visit his practice website at rencounselingtn.com.

Speaker Disclosures:

Financial: Dr. Terry Casey maintains a private practice. He is an adjunct faculty member at Lipscomb University. Dr. Casey receives a speaking honorarium from PESI, Inc.

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Dr. Casey’s workshops not only provide cutting edge information on legal and ethical issues, they also allow participants to interact with peers and the code of ethics in meaningful way. Participants are challenged, engaged, and leave with real-life skills.

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OBJECTIVES

1. Identify the five primary perspectives of the Multiple Perspective Model of ethical decision-making when working with minors.
2. Summarize the difference between consent and assent and how they apply to working with minors.
3. Apply ethics code and statutory requirements related to confidentiality standards to situations regarding minor clients.
4. Evaluate the potential ethical courses of action to take in situations involving minor clients, using the Multiple Perspectives Model.
5. Explain the state 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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