

Professional Ethics and Values in Contemporary Social Work Practice: Ethical Dilemmas in the Age of Digital and Social Media

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Workshop description: This session will address the integration of the core values and ethics of the social work profession into contemporary social work practice. This session will also focus on the issue of morality and professional ethics and the inherent ethical dilemmas that occur in practice through this complex intersection.

Learning Objectives:

1. Workshop participants will review the integration of professional ethics and the core values of the social work profession as they relate to contemporary practice with children, families, and other at risk populations.
2. Participants will receive information on the pragmatic use of social work ethics when confronted with ethical dilemmas in contemporary professional practice.
3. Participants will receive information on the complex intersection of morals, ethics, and professional values.
4. Participants will discuss the challenges to ethical social work practice in the age of digital and social media including confidentiality, client privilege, and monitoring of one's online identity.