

Kansas Certified Prevention Professional

CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

This code of ethics is adopted to ensure the delivery of the highest quality of professional prevention services to persons, organizations and communities in Kansas. The code is based on a belief in the dignity and worth of the individual and conviction that the individual has both personal rights and responsibilities to each other and to society.

Prevention professionals are committed to promoting healthy behavior in individuals, groups and systems. In pursuing this end, professionals must make every effort to protect the welfare of those who seek their services or become the objects of research by using prevention skills only for purposes consistent with these values and not knowingly permit their misuse by others. In pursuit of these ideals, prevention professionals must subscribe to this code of conduct in applying for certification.

These ethical principles provide a model of exemplary professional conduct and express the professional's recognition of his or her responsibilities to the public, to service recipients and colleagues, and provide a guide for day-to-day conduct. These principles call for commitment to honorable behavior, even at the sacrifice of personal advantage. Principles should not be regarded as limitations or restrictions, but as uniform standards and accepted practices based on core values that have emerged with the development of the field.

As a Certified Prevention Professional, I agree to uphold and adhere to the following principles and practices:

- I will not discriminate against service recipients or colleagues based on race, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition, or physical, medical or mental disability. I will broaden my understanding and acceptance of cultural and individual differences and provide services in a manner that is sensitive to and preserves inherent protective factors. I will comply with all local, state and Federal laws regarding the accommodations of individuals with disabilities.
- I will observe the profession's technical standards, strive constantly to improve personal competence through continuing education and training, and discharge professional responsibilities promptly and efficiently to the best of my ability.
- I will recognize personal limitations and not use techniques or offer services outside of my competence or training. I will not misrepresent my professional qualifications, affiliations, or products, either directly or by implication, and will document and assign credit to appropriate persons or sources when applicable.
- If I have knowledge of unethical conduct or practices on the part of an agency or prevention professional, I will uphold my ethical responsibility to report the conduct or practices to appropriate funding, regulatory or certifying bodies or to the public.
- I will abstain from use of all illegal substances and the abuse or non-medical use of those that are legal. I will abstain from non-medical use of legal substances while on the job. I will uphold my obligation to model appropriate behavior related to the use of substances.
- I will report any instances of suspected abuse of children or vulnerable adults to the appropriate agency/authority and will follow-up to ensure that proper action has been taken.
- I will maintain confidentiality consistent with the regulations relevant to my program/agency except in the case of the abuse of children or vulnerable adults.
- I will utilize formal and informal structures to obtain and incorporate input from service recipients in the development, implementation, and evaluation of services.
- I will meet my responsibilities with the highest sense of integrity and will not allow personal gain to take precedence over the maintenance of public trust and the good of the service recipient. I will make referral to another professional or program when it is in the best interest of my client.
- I will be proactive on public policy and legislative issues as guided by public welfare and the individual's right to services and personal wellness. I will strive to educate the general public and policy makers regarding prevention and related issues and will adopt a personal and professional stance that promotes sound behavioral health practices.
- I will refer, as appropriate, to my employer's social media or social networking policy for direction on the proper use of social media and social networking in relation to my employment.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE KANSAS CERTIFIED PREVENTION PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT. I WILL, TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY, ADHERE TO AND HONOR THIS CODE IN MY PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEALINGS.

Signature _____ Date _____

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