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Child & Family Center

Is pleased to present

Pamela Harmell, Ph.D.

**Don't Be Scared!
Be Prepared!**
**Legal and Ethical Issues
in Mental Health**

January 26th, 2012



9:00am-4:00pm

Course Description:

This workshop features a series of brief film clips depicting client-therapist situations that exemplify various complex ethical dilemmas such as (1) dealing with suicidal clients, (2) therapist impairment self-care, (3) multiclient issues, (4) record keeping and subpoenas, and (5) updates to Tarasoff. Literature updates, along with relevant Codes of Ethics and current expert opinion on standard of care will be included in all areas of discussion.

Course Objectives:

Participants will:

- ♦ be able to **identify** difficult therapist dilemmas and **apply** ethical and legal principles and codes in various patient situations.
- ♦ be able to **anticipate** appropriate and ethical therapist behavior and **discuss** proper therapist behavior.
- ♦ see **demonstrations of actual complex clinical situations** while **preparing** appropriate methods of handling patient situations.
- ♦ **gain confidence** handling difficult patient dilemmas in real life settings.
- ♦ **assess and critique** therapist behavior while **preparing** for real-life patient situations.

Agenda:

9:00am-10:00am

Introduction to Law and Ethics
Malpractice
Establishment of legal liability for psychotherapists
Practice vignette
Practicing risk management techniques

10:00am-11:00am

Relevant case law
Seven elements of suicide assessments
Suicidal adults, children & adolescents
Statistics
Updated SAD PERSONS

11:00am-12:00pm

Review of Tarasoff
Working with dangerous clients
Case law regarding Tarasoff
Latest and current updates to Tarasoff (Ewing v. Goldstein).

LUNCH BREAK – 12:00pm-1:00pm

1:00pm-2:00pm

Community mental health
The social recovery model

2:00pm-3:00pm

Child abuse updates
Multiclient situations: couple, family
Record keeping guidelines

3:00pm-4:00pm

Therapist self-disclosure
Therapist self-care

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Dr. Pamela Harmell is a national lecturer specializing in legal and ethical issues in clinical practice. She is a Professor at the Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology and has written extensively in professional publications on ethical practice and Past President of the Board of Psychology. Dr. Harmell is former Chair of the California State Ethics Committee, and is the current Co-Chair of the Los Angeles County Psychological Association Ethics Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors of the California Psychological Association and is Past President of the Los Angeles County Psychological Association. She has completed one year of law school.

Continuing Education Credit

Psychologists: Child & Family Center is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Child & Family Center maintains responsibility for this program and its content. This course offers 6 CE credits for psychologists.

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Participants must attend the entire seminar to receive the 6 CE credits.

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