

ETHICS WORKSHOP

ETHICAL CONCERNS IN WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS AT RISK FOR SUICIDE: LOOKING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN

WORKSHOP

From the days of ancient Greece to modern times suicide has posed vexing philosophical and ethical questions. Clinicians working with suicidal individuals face ethical challenges which may vary for different age cohorts and cultures. Provision of effective clinical practice requires clinicians to recognize and examine their own personal values and attitudes as well as respecting and understanding those of their clients. A clinician's response and service to clients must be provided in a competent manner, with recognition of the strengths and needs of the individual and within the context of ethical codes and standards.

Participants will engage in discussion of ethical issues such as dignity and worth of the individual, self determination, involuntary treatment, and assisted suicide. Case scenarios representing challenging ethical situations with suicidal individuals will be explored through group discussion. This program will examine ethical concerns related to working with clients who are dealing with suicidal thoughts and behaviors, and will encourage clinicians to be more cognizant of how their own values, experiences and belief system impact their work.

Program Objectives:

Participants will:

- Explore and identify varying factors associated with response to suicidality based on age groups and culture
- Recognize the effect these varying factors have in a clinician's work with clients
- Demonstrate a greater understanding of ethical concerns related to suicidality in clients across the lifespan
- Consider how their own values, experiences and belief system impact their work with clients presenting with suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

PRESENTERS



Ann Duckless, MA, CPS

Ms. Duckless is a Community Educator and Prevention Specialist in the Connect Suicide Prevention Program at the National Alliance on Mental Illness – New Hampshire (NAMI NH). She has worked in the field of substance abuse prevention and treatment for the past 20 years and became a Certified Prevention Specialist in 2006. She has extensive experience working directly with middle and high school youth and their families. She has taught at the college level and has provided numerous presentations on suicide awareness and intervention to counselors, physicians, social service providers and family members at a local, regional and national level. In April 2004, Ms. Duckless was recognized with the Excellence in Teaching Award from Franklin Pierce College.



Ken Norton, LICSW

Mr. Norton is Director of the Connect Suicide Prevention Project at the National Alliance on Mental Illness – New Hampshire (NAMI NH). He is a Steering Committee member of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 800 273 8255 and serves on the New Hampshire Suicide Prevention Council. He has extensive experience working with individuals with mental illness and in developing crisis response services in the community. He has lectured nationally and internationally on the topic of suicide prevention. He has been providing training and consultation to the National Guard and Department of Defense on suicide awareness and prevention. Mr. Norton is the recipient of the 2008 NH NASW Social Worker of the Year Award.

CEU ETHICS CREDIT



Three (3) hours of Continuing Education Ethics Credits have been approved. NH NASW authorization # 2696. These credits can be used by anyone licensed by the NH Board of Mental Health Practice.

2010 Annual Awards Dinner

NASW ETHICS CONFERENCE & ANNUAL DINNER

MARCH 5, 2010

Holiday Inn – Bartlett Room
Concord, New Hampshire

4:30 PM to 9:00 PM



Conference Agenda:

12:45-1:00 PM	Registration
1:00-1:15 PM	Welcome & Introductions
1:15-2:30 PM	Program
2:30-2:45 PM	Break
2:45-4:30 PM	Program

Awards Dinner Agenda:

4:30 - 5:30 PM	Reception
5:30 - 5:45 PM	Opening Remarks
5:45 - 6:30 PM	Dinner
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Youth Theatre Production <i>Inspiring Hope: Stories of Breakthrough & Resolution – Using playback theatre, these young actors will empower the audience to explore challenging social issues and the power of resiliency.</i>
7:30 - 8:30 PM	Award Presentations
8:30 - 8:45 PM	Closing Remarks



Youth Theatre Production featuring: ACTING OUT

Acting Out is a program of Monadnock Family Services in Keene. Acting Out cultivates resiliency, social skills and healthy development in youth through theatre training.



Social Workers Inspire Community Action

2010 NH-NASW Award Winners

Victoria Cash
BSW Student of the Year

Karen Bianco, LICSW
Social Worker of the Year

Sandra Matheson
Citizen of the Year

Erin Dudley
MSW Student of the Year

Martha Byam, MSW
Social Worker of the Year

Grace Mattern
Citizen of the Year

Rep. Jim Splaine
Legislator of the Year

Workshop & Dinner Schedule

12:45 PM Registration
1:00 PM Welcome and Introductions
1:15 PM Workshop (1 Beverage Break)
4:30 PM Workshop Ends
4:30 PM Awards Dinner Reception
5:45 PM Annual Awards Dinner



Registration Form

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Work Address: _____ Home Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____

Registration Fee: Deadline Thursday, March 1st

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop and Dinner | \$70.00 | Dinner buffet will include a vegetarian choice.
<i>Please make a notation if you have any
special dietary restrictions</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop Only | \$45.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Only | \$35.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner Only/Social Work Student | \$20.00 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner & Workshop/Social Work Student | \$40.00 | |

Please make *checks payable to NH NASW* and send with registration by **March 1st** to:
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**In Celebration of
Social Workers:
Ethics Workshop &
Annual Meeting**

**New Hampshire Chapter
National Association of Social Workers**

**Presents
An Ethics Workshop**

The Ethical Concerns In Working With Individuals At Risk For Suicide:
Looking Across The Lifespan

Presented by: Ann Duckless, MA, CPS & Ken Norton, LICSW

Followed by:

NH NASW Annual Awards Dinner

Friday, March 5, 2010

12:45 - 9:00 PM

Holiday Inn, 172 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301