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Ethics and Boundaries for Addiction Professionals – John Savage

Addiction treatment has become a professional and independent profession ie, the Addiction Practitioners' Association Aotearoa-New Zealand (dapaanz).

Working in addiction treatment presents practitioners with some unique ethical and boundary dilemmas.

Competent counsellors receive routine clinical supervision, are well-aware of and adhere to their codes of ethics, accept the complexity of maintaining good professional boundaries, can wrestle with these dilemmas and make sound judgments in their work with clients.

This two-day workshop explores ethical dilemmas in depth and helps participants to identify and act on sound ethical decisions, and foster and maintain professional boundaries with those they are working with. The workshop comprises of a mixture of educational sessions and experiential components. The first day will address the basics of ethics, ethical dilemmas and boundary issues. The second day will equip participants to critically examine and make sound ethical decisions in their work with clients and to maintain ethical and professional boundaries.

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