



**LICENSED/CERTIFIED COUNSELOR
CODE OF ETHICS**

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT...

- A. My primary goal is recovery for the client and his families; that I have a total commitment to provide the highest quality care for those who seek my professional services.
- B. I shall evidence a genuine interest in all clients and families and do hereby dedicate myself to the best interest of the clients and to helping them to help themselves.
- C. I shall maintain at all times an objective, non-possessive, professional relationship with all clients.
- D. I shall be willing to recognize when it is in the best interest of the client to release them or refer them to another program or individual.
- E. I shall adhere to all the professional rules of confidentiality of all maintenance and distributions of records, material, and knowledge concerning the client and respect the integrity and protect the welfare of the person or group with whom I am working.
- F. I shall not in any way discriminate between clients, families, or fellow professionals based on race, religion, age, sex, handicap, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic conditions.
- G. I shall respect the rights and views of other counselors and professionals.
- H. I shall advocate changes in public policy and legislation to afford opportunity and choices for all diseased chemical abusers endangering themselves and others.
- I. I shall maintain respect for institutional policies and management functions within agencies and institutions, but will take the initiative toward improving such policies when it will better serve the interest of the client.
- J. I have a commitment to assess my own personal strengths, limitations, biases, and effectiveness on a continuing basis; that I shall continuously strive for self-improvement; that I have a personal responsibility for professional growth through further education and training.
- K. I have an individual responsibility to espouse objectivity and integrity; responsibility to report acts of moral turpitude and uphold ethical professional codes, responsibility for my own

conduct in all areas. Including, but not limited to, personal behavioral, the use of mood altering drugs, and community activities. I am further willing to provide, respond to, and support requests by the credentialing body for professional disclosure of legal and ethical behavior and records relating, impinging or affecting the Alcohol Drug Counselor profession and my professional status.

- L. I shall cooperate with duly constituted professional Ethics Boards and promptly supply necessary information unless constrained by demands of specialized confidentiality rules.
- M. I have a responsibility to myself, my clients, the community, and associates to maintain my physical and mental health and well being and shall adopt a personal and professional stance, which promotes the well being of all human beings.

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to abide by the OBLADC code of ethics. I also understand that failure to abide by the OBLADC code of ethics may result in the revocation of my certification, license, or intent status to practice as an alcohol/drug counselor.

PRINT NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE