

ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR CERTIFIED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADDICTIONS PROFESSIONALS

It is expected that, in the management of, or delivery of services to, individuals with criminal justice involvement, recipients of CCJP certification will:

General Respect and Caring

- Perform duties with the attitude that change can occur, and accept responsibility for facilitating that change.
- Demonstrate appropriate respect for the dignity, worth, knowledge, insight, experience, and areas of expertise of others.
- Accept responsibility for the consequences of their actions.
- Make every reasonable effort to ensure that psychological knowledge is not misused, intentionally or unintentionally, to harm others.
- Encourage others, if appropriate, to relate with integrity, to respect the dignity of persons, and to expect respect for their own dignity.
- Assume overall responsibility for the scientific and professional activities of assistants, students, supervisees, and employees with regard to respect for the dignity of persons, all of whom, however, incur similar obligations.

Conflict of Interest

Avoid relationships (e.g., with students, employees, or clients) and other situations which might present a conflict of interest or which might reduce their ability to be objective and unbiased in their determinations of what might be in the best interests of others.

Do No Harm

- If making a referral to a colleague or other professional, maintain appropriate contact, support, and responsibility until other service begins.
- Do everything reasonably possible to stop or offset the consequences of actions by others when these actions are likely to cause serious physical harm or death, as allowed by Texas law.

Confidentiality

- Embrace, as a primary obligation, the duty not to disclose confidential information acquired in teaching, practice or investigation without appropriately executed consent within the standards and guidelines of Federal and state regulations.
- Adhere strictly to established rules of confidentiality of all records, materials, and knowledge concerning persons served in accordance with all current government and program regulations.

Informed Consent

- Seek as full and active participation as possible from others in decisions, which affect them.
- Practice within the guidelines and standards of Federal and state regulations regarding informed consent and human subjects protocols.

Competence and Self-Knowledge

- Espouse objectivity and integrity, and maintain the highest standards in the services offered.
- Conduct self-evaluations of professional performance applying ethical, legal, and professional standards to enhance self-awareness and performance.
- Accurately represent their own and their associates' qualifications, education, experience, competence, and affiliations, in all spoken, written, or printed communications, being careful not to use descriptions or information which could be misinterpreted.
- Take immediate steps to obtain consultation or to refer a client to a colleague or other appropriate professional, whichever is more likely to result in providing the client with competent service, if it becomes apparent that a client's problems are beyond their competence.
- Keep themselves up to date with relevant knowledge, research methods, and techniques, through the reading of relevant literature, peer consultation, and continuing education activities, in order that their service or research activities and conclusions will benefit and not harm others.
- Develop and utilize strategies to maintain one's own physical and mental health.

Reliance on the Discipline

Seek consultation from colleagues and/or appropriate groups and committees, and give due regard to their advice in arriving at a responsible decision, if faced with difficult situations.

Resolving Ethical Issues

- TCBAP certified professionals shall take appropriate action when they possess information that raises doubts as to whether another professional is acting in an ethical manner.
- TCBAP certified professionals shall not initiate, participate in, or encourage the filing of ethics complaints that are frivolous or intend to harm a professional rather than to protect clients or the public.
- TCBAP certified professionals shall cooperate with investigations, proceedings, and requirements of a TCBAP ethics investigation or ethics committees of other duly constituted associations or boards having jurisdiction over those charged with a violation.

Applicant Signature

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Date

ASSURANCES AND RELEASES

TCBAP may request further information from all persons listed on the application form, in order to verify training, employment, etc. This information is not available to others outside the certification process without the written consent of the applicant.

“I give my permission for the TCBAP and staff to investigate my background as it relates to information contained in this application for certification as a Certified Criminal Justice Professional. I understand that intentionally false or misleading statements, or intentional omissions, shall result in denial or revocation of certification.”

“I consent to the release of information contained in my application file, and other pertinent data submitted to, or collected by the TCBAP, to officers, members, and staff of the aforementioned board.”

“I further agree to hold the TCBAP, its officers, board members, employees, and examiners free from civil liability for damages or complaints by reason of any action that is within the scope of the performance of their duties which they may take in connection with this application and subsequent examinations, and/or the failure of TCBAP to issue certification.”

“I hereby affirm that the information provided on this form is correct and that I believe I am qualified for the certification for which I am applying.”

Applicant Signature

Credentials

____/____/____
Date

PROCEDURE FOR CODE OF ETHICS COMPLAINTS

TCBAP has a process established to provide an avenue through which persons can file complaints about the ethical conduct of a TCBAP CCJP or an applicant to the certification system. This provides a procedure and a forum by which such a professional or applicant may make a good-faith dispute and respond to such complaints. This system is used to adjudicate complaints, which, have been found to be irrevolvable through other means. Prior to employing the process, persons are encouraged to attempt to resolve the situation through other means, i.e., personally with the CCJP professional or through the CCJP professional's supervisor/employing agency. If this means fail or do not satisfactorily resolve the circumstances, the disciplinary review process may be the appropriate vehicle to address the complaint.

Ethic complaints must be submitted in writing and mailed to TCBAP Headquarters at 401 Ranch Road 620 Ste 310, Austin, Texas 78734