



REGISTERED ADDICTION SPECIALIST

CODE OF ETHICS

As a Registered Addiction Specialist, I DO AFFIRM:

- That my primary goal is recovery for the client and the client's family.
- That I have a total commitment to provide the highest quality of care to those who seek my professional services. That I shall not provide services beyond the terms and conditions of my professional certifications and/or licenses.
- That I shall evidence a genuine interest in all my clients, and do hereby dedicate myself to the best interest of my clients and to help them help themselves.
- That I shall maintain at all times an objective, professional relationship with all of my clients. I shall not engage in social or business relationships with my clients for my personal gain.
- That I shall be willing to recognize when it is in the best interests of my clients to release and refer them to another program or another helping individual.
- That I shall adhere to the Rule of Confidentiality with regard to all records, material and knowledge concerning my client, and shall protect his/her rights to confidentiality in accord with Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42 sections 2.1 through 2.67(1) and any other applicable regulations.
- That I shall cooperate with complaint investigation and supply information requested during such complaint investigations, subject to the confidentiality provisions cited above.
- That I shall not in any way discriminate between clients or fellow professionals on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, disability, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic condition.
- That I shall respect the rights and views of my fellow Registered Addiction Specialists and other professionals. I will not verbally, physically or sexually harass, threaten, or abuse any program participant, patient, client or fellow addiction professional.
- That I shall maintain respect for institutional policies and management within agencies, and will take the initiative toward improvement of such policies and management when it will better serve the interests of my clients.
- That I have a continuing commitment to assess my own personal strengths, limitations, biases and effectiveness.
- That I shall continuously strive for self-improvement and professional growth through further education and training.
- That I have an individual responsibility for my own conduct in all areas, including, but not limited to, the use of mood-altering drugs. I shall not provide counseling or education services while under the influence of any amount of alcohol or illicit drugs (not including drugs or medication prescribed by a physician or other person authorized to prescribe drugs, used in the dosage and frequency prescribed; nor including over-the-counter medications used in the dosage and frequency described on the box, bottle or package insert).
- That I have an individual responsibility for myself in regard to sexual conduct and/or contact with clients, and shall not engage in sexual conduct with current program participants, patients or clients.
- These things I pledge to my professional peers and to my client.
- I hereby pledge to comply with this Code of Ethics, as well as to comply with a consistent code of conduct that may be applicable to a recovery or treatment program with which I may be affiliated.

Printed name of RAS

Signature

Date