

Idaho Qualified Prevention Professional - Code of Ethics

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These principles should not be regarded as limitations or restrictions, but guidelines for which prevention professionals should constantly strive. They are a guide of core values and a commitment to honor, even at the sacrifice of personal advantages.

- I will adopt a personal and professional stance that promotes the well-being of all humankind to support the public welfare and individual's rights to services and personal wellness.
- I will do no harm to service recipients. My practices will be respectful and non-exploitative. I will endeavor to ensure that services protect the recipient from harm
- I will not discriminate against recipients or colleagues based on race, religion, national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, economic condition, or mental or physical abilities including persons who are positive for the HIV virus or with AIDS.
- I will observe all applicable prevention professional technical and ethical standards and will strive to ensure that my actions and services cause no censure of my profession.
- I understand that I have a responsibility to report the unethical conduct or practices to Benchmark Research and Safety or the Department of Health & Welfare Substance Abuse Program.
- I will recognize limitations and boundaries of competencies and not use techniques or offer services outside of my competencies. I will not misrepresent either directly or by implication my professional qualifications or affiliations.
- I will not allow quality of service and the public trust to be subordinate to personal gain and advantage.
- I will be diligent to responsibly plan services, render services carefully and promptly, to be thorough and to observe applicable technical and ethical standards
- I will safeguard all confidential information acquired during service delivery from disclosure, including but not limited to verbal disclosure, unsecured maintenance of records or recordings of activities or presentations without appropriate releases.
- Where there is evidence of impairment in a colleague or a service recipient, I will refer the individual to appropriate resources and as is appropriate, continue to provide support to them.
- I will continually seek to broaden my understanding and acceptance of cultural and individuals differences, and in so doing render services and provide information sensitive to those differences.
- Where there is evidence of child or other abuse, I will report evidence to the appropriate agency and follow up to ensure that appropriate action has been taken.

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____