

RESEARCH YOUR STATE

See worksheet on last page

STATE-BY-STATE RESEARCH

Check out these websites: (Please note that websites may have changed)

- ✓ State Mental Health Laws (Try: megalaw.com)
- ✓ States Boards Standard of Professional Conduct and Sanctions (Try: your state licensing board website)
- ✓ Your state's mental health professional's association (Look for a page on legislative bills/laws relevant to practice) NOTE: You may need to be a member to access.
- ✓ State and Federal Laws/Codes: Federal and State Resources (Try: lawsonline.com)
- ✓ Minors and Rights to Consent (Try: gutmacher.org)
- ✓ State Laws: State-by-State (Try: justlaws.org)
- ✓ Licensure for Counselors State-by-State (Try: counseling.org/counselors/licensure)

STANDARDS FOR PARTICULAR DISCIPLINES

Check out these websites: (Please note that websites may have changed)

- ✓ Ethical Standards and School Counselors (Try: schoolcounselors.org)
- ✓ Ethics in Religious and Spiritual Therapy (Try: aapc.org; Try: aacc.org)
- ✓ Ethics and Managed Care [key work search]
- ✓ Ethics and Emergency Care [Try: acep.org]
- ✓ Ethics and Employee Assistance Programs (EAPs) (Try: eapassn.org)
- ✓ Ethics and Coaching (Try: certifiedcoach.org; Try: coachfederation.org)
- ✓ Ethics and Technology (Try: ethicscenter.net)
- ✓ Ethics and Business (Try: Business-ethics.com)
- ✓ Ethics: Military and heir Families [key word search]
- ✓ Ethics and Administrators in Mental Health [key word search]

IN YOUR STATE

YOU NEED TO KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS...

Use the Internet to search for the following information:

LICENSING BOARDS

- Who is in charge of the counseling profession and licensing in your state?
- Where are they located? How do you get in touch with them?
- What are the various counseling credentials for my state?
- What is the information regarding counselor licensing examination and internship hours?
- Do I need to take an HIV/AIDS class and where can I attend?
- How much clinical supervision is required for licensing?
- Starting your own counseling practice in your state?
 - Look for the following information: doing business in your state; professional liability insurance; private practice pointers; supervision; consultation requirements for counselors in private practice.

ETHICAL CODES FOR YOUR LICENSING

- Look up and review any administrative or revised codes relevant to your licensing.
 - Get a copy of your licensing's standard of professional conduct.

ADMINISTRATIVE/LICENSING BOARDS SANCTION POLICIES

- **Sanctions:** administrative or revised code number; general provision information regarding sanctions for misconduct for your state; practice below standard of care; sexual misconduct or contact; physical and emotional abuse; diversion of controlled substances or legend drugs; substance abuse; criminal convictions; aggravating and mitigating factors.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: Research...

- Continuing education requirements: who is required to have continuing education? What courses are acceptable?
- How many hours do I need and in what time.?

SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR YOUR LICENSING: Research...

- Scope of practice: know and understand the scope of practice for your specific professional designation, certification, and/or licensing in your state and understand the standard of care to which you will be held.

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION: Research...

- **Privileged communication:** administrative or revised code number; definition of privileged communication for your state; who are disqualified; frequently asked questions regarding privileged communication for your state; changes in law or legislation affecting privileged communication for your state; when are you required to release information?
 - Seek information regarding your states disclosure laws.

MANDATORY REPORTING LAWS (Relevant to Child/Vulnerable Adult Abuse)

Key Word Search:

- ✓ [Your State] Child Abuse Reporting Numbers
- ✓ [Your State] Child Abuse Reporting Laws
- ✓ [Your State] Vulnerable Adult Abuse Reporting Laws
- ✓ [Your State] Duty To Warn And Protect Laws
 - Mandatory reporting of child and vulnerable adult abuse and neglect: state statute number; standard for reporting; persons required to report; failure to report; privileged communication relevant to mandatory reporting laws.

WORKSHEET: STATE-BY-STATE RESEARCH

TOPIC (What I want info on): _____

GOOGLE (Key search words): _____

RELEVANT WEBSITE ADDRESSES:

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WHAT I LEARNED: