



Ethical & Risk Management Issues Related to Child Abuse Reporting

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3 CE Hours - Satisfies Ethics Requirements

Objectives: Participants will be able to describe:

- Specific ethical challenges faced by Mandated Reporters of child abuse
- How child abuse reporting laws impact the rights of parents to raise their children
- The role of poverty on child maltreatment and risk of being reported
- How the U.S. system of child protection differs from elsewhere in the world and varies from state to state

AGENDA

Ethical Considerations in Child Abuse Reporting

- Evolution of child abuse reporting laws
- What should be the role of society in protecting children?
- How do you draw the line: What is and isn't child abuse

Professional Dilemmas and Legal Issues Faced by Mandated Reporters

- Therapists
- Physicians
- Clergy

Rights of Parents vs. Rights of Children

- Discipline
- Medical Treatment
- Education

Socioeconomic Factors

- Correlation between poverty and child maltreatment
- Implications for intervention
- Influences of poverty in reporting of child abuse

Where You Live Does Matter

- Our state system of child protection
- The U.S. approach to child protection: Are we leaders or are we missing the boat?

Values vs. the Law

- Meeting the basic needs of children vs. providing them with the best opportunities for the future: How good is good enough?

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Debra Schilling Wolfe received her M.Ed. in Community Mental Health Counseling from Northeastern University in 1978.

Debra is the founding Executive Director of the University of Pennsylvania's Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research, a multidisciplinary center focused on child welfare systemic reform. The research and testimony of Ms. Wolfe and her colleagues have influenced change in child welfare policy and laws on local and national levels.

A former Director of Child Welfare Services for Catholic Social Services and Clinical Director for Our Town Family Center, Ms. Wolfe's clinical background includes child and family therapy and supervision specifically with child abuse cases.

Her publications include *Revisiting Child Abuse Reporting Laws and Social Policy*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, and *Forensic Psychiatry*.

She has held leadership roles in the child welfare arena for over 30 years and directed innovative child welfare programs nationally, including the New York Foundling Hospital Crisis Nursery and Boston City Hospital Sexual Abuse Team.

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