Workshop Title

Insider Practice: Managing Boundaries in Small Communities Detailed Workshop Description

This interactive workshop will address the types of ethical dilemmas common in rural practice as well as communities of interest where social workers may be engaged in practice with people they see regularly outside the office, such as religious and ethnic communities. We will address difficulties related to confidentiality, maintaining healthy relationships, managing major purchases, and various other circumstances that can lead to potential conflicts of interest. Participants will work through scenarios based on real-life social work case examples and will leave with suggestions for how to manage their practice ethically.

Learning Objectives

1. To identify potential problems resulting from living and doing social work in a small community. 2. To develop tools for managing practice to avoid ethical concerns.

Target Audience

Social workers in rural communities and others who work with people whom they regularly meet in everyday life. This workshop would be more relevant to social workers with 1-5 years practice experience or anyone who is relatively new to insider practice.

Presenter Information

This workshop will be presented by representatives from the SASW Education Committee.