

Code of Ethics for All Certified Prevention Specialists

The Code of Ethics set forth for Certified Prevention Specialists encompass the following Standards/Principles:

Competence

A. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall provide competent professional service to all in keeping with the IC&RC standards. Competent professional services requires:

- a) thorough knowledge of ATODA prevention.
- b) skill in presentation and education techniques.
- c) willingness to maintain current and relevant knowledge through ongoing professional education.

B. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall assess personal competence, recognize personal boundaries and limitations and not offer services beyond his/her skill or training level.

C. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall maintain the highest professional standards and:

- 1) Shall not claim either directly or by implication, professional knowledge, qualifications or affiliations that they do not possess.
- 2) Shall neither lend his/her name nor participate in any professional or business relationship, which may knowingly misrepresent or mislead the public in any way.
- 3) Shall not misrepresent his/her certification/credential to the public or make false statements regarding his/her qualifications.
- 4) Must ensure that any materials or products with which he/she is associated in developing or promoting, whether for commercial sale or other use, are presented in a professional and factual way.
- 5) Must not misrepresent the work of others.
- 6) Must not represent one's own prevention work for personal or professional recognition, funding or other gain.

Non-discrimination

A. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall not participate in discrimination on the basis of race, religion, age, gender, national ancestry, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, marital status, political belief, HIV/AIDS status, or physical/mental disability.

B. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall broaden his/her understanding and acceptance of cultural and individual differences, in order to render services and provide information sensitive to those differences.

Confidentiality

A. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall possess knowledge of and comply with all applicable state and federal guideline, regulations, statutes, and agency policies regarding confidentiality, (CFR 2).

Public Advocacy

A. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall advocate for consistent health promotion and awareness messages to the general public.

B. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall provide factual, current, state-of-the-art ATODA prevention information to the consumers.

C. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall advocate public policy that would help strengthen the overall health and well being of the community.

Integrity

A. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall not misrepresent directly or by implication his/her credential, qualifications or affiliations.

B. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall not knowingly make any false statement to the licensing/credentialing board or disciplinary authority.

1) The C.P.S. shall not practice under a false name or a name other than the name under which his/her credential is held.

C. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall not subordinate service and public trust for personal gain and advantage.

D. The Certified Prevention specialist shall promptly alert a colleague to potentially unethical behavior.

E. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall report violations of professional conduct by other prevention professionals to the appropriate licensing/credentialing authority when there is knowledge that the said professional has violated professional standards.

1) Integrity can accommodate the inadvertent error and honest difference of opinion;
it cannot accommodate the deceit or subordination of principle.

F. The Certified Prevention Specialist should not be associated directly or indirectly with any services or products in a way that is misleading or incorrect.

G. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall respect the integrity and protect the welfare of the consumer, and shall not engage in any action that violates the civil and legal rights of consumers.

Nature of Services

A. Above all, the Certified Prevention Specialist shall DO NO HARM to the consumer.

- 1) The CPS shall be respectful and non-exploitive.
- 2) The CPS shall protect consumer for harm and profession from censure.
- 3) The CPS shall not place an individual in any activity or setting where such participation could cause harm to the individual or to others.

B. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall comply with all laws, codes, rules and regulations, which apply to professional conduct.

C. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall report child abuse to appropriate authorities according to state and federal regulations. (CFR 42)

D. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall maintain an objective and non-possessive relationship with those he/she serves, and shall not exploit them sexually, emotionally, financially or otherwise.

Applicant's Signature

Date