

**National Children's Alliance
Seamless Mental Health Virtual 2023 Conference**

Workshop Title, Summary, and Learning Objectives

Title: Ethics and Mental Health Treatment in Cases of Child Maltreatment

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Description: Codes of ethics are designed to guide the conduct of mental health professionals and provide a structure to inform ethical professional practice. These codes are often broad and infer a focus on interactions with adults and rarely children and teens, much less those impacted by child maltreatment. However, application in mental health practice is left to providers to learn and do so correctly in an environment of competing demands, such as the therapeutic relationship, multidisciplinary and other systems issues, and legal requirements. This session will focus on deepening understanding of basic mental health ethical principles as applied to cases of child maltreatment. Participants will learn strategies to manage ethical dilemmas through discussion of concepts and application to case examples.

Learning Objectives:

1. Participants will demonstrate an understanding of basic professional ethical principles.
2. Participants will learn strategies for how to manage ethical dilemmas.
3. Participants will be able to correctly apply professional ethics to a range of circumstances relevant to cases of child maltreatment.

Target Audience: Mental health, social work

Duration: 2.00 hours