

## Law and Ethics for Service Providers in the Community

**DATE & TIME:**

**February 24 & 26, 2026**

**9:00AM – 12:00PM**

*All registration is completed on EventsHub prior to the training. Check-in begins 15 minutes prior to training time. All participants must arrive during the Check-in period. Late arrivals will not be admitted. Participation in both dates is mandatory for full credit. Partial credit will not be provided.*

**PLACE:** Web Broadcast – Zoom

**REGISTRATION:** <https://eventshub.dmh.lacounty.gov/Account/Events/Trainings/Detail/13570>

**DESCRIPTION:** This advanced training is intended for licensed mental health professionals within the Department of Mental Health who provide community-based services to adults with serious mental illness and to children with serious emotional disturbances. The course offers guidelines for navigating common legal and ethical challenges, along with a structured decision-making process for addressing complex ethical and boundary-related issues. Participants will examine real-world scenarios that illustrate the laws, regulations, and ethical standards relevant to their clinical practice. Topics include maintaining confidentiality in community settings, responding to client disclosures of potentially dangerous behavior, managing boundaries in situations involving multiple roles, and engaging with family members or concerned others. Throughout the training, participants will engage in practical exercises to apply a structured process for discussing and resolving legal, ethical, and boundary issues that are most relevant to their specific programs or clinical roles. Fulfills the Law and Ethics requirements for all mental health disciplines.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Licensed DMH Staff

**OBJECTIVES:** As a result of attending this training, participants should be able to:

- 1) Identify common sources of boundary challenges and ethical dilemmas in clinical practice.
- 2) Identify applicable legal and ethical guidelines for navigating common clinical situations.
- 3) Describe how culture and personal values influence an individual's perception of ethical behavior.
- 4) Describe best practices for maintaining communication and confidentiality when providing services in community settings.
- 5) Describe how to establish and maintain appropriate boundaries that are responsive to the needs of diverse clients within the therapeutic relationship.
- 6) Describe strategies for managing the ethical tension between client empowerment and the need for protection.

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**DEADLINE:** February 13, 2026

**CONTINUING  
EDUCATION:**

**6.0 hours for BBS, BRN, CCAPP-EI  
6.0 CE for Psychologist provided by AATBS**

**COST**

**NONE**