

State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Chapter 4757-5 Rules for Standards of ethical and professional conduct

4757-5-05 Standards of ethical practice and professional conduct: impaired practice.

In impaired practice situations: counselors, social workers and marriage and family therapists shall not undertake or continue professional relationships with a client, supervisee, or student when the objectivity or competency of the counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist is or could reasonably be expected to be, impaired due to mental, emotional, physiological, pharmacological, or substance abuse conditions. If such a condition develops after a professional relationship has been initiated, the counselor, social worker, or marriage and family therapist shall terminate the professional relationship in an appropriate manner, shall notify the client of termination in writing, and shall assist the client in obtaining services from another professional.

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