ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Ethical responsibilities towards the profession

- Integrity
- Negligence
- Dishonesty
- Evaluation and research
- Education, training and development
- Competency
- Incompetence of colleagues
- Compliance with legislation, policies and procedures
- Display of registration certificate

Ethical responsibilities towards the client system

- Confidentiality
- Professional relationships
- Third party requests
- Gifts/incentives
- Dealing with client's money
- Terminating social work-client relationship
- Advertising and public statements

Ethical responsibilities towards colleagues and other social workers

- Respect
- Confidentiality
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Criticism and disputes involving colleagues
- Consultation
- Referral for services
- Supersession

Ethical responsibilities in practice settings

- Supervision/ management
- Performance evaluation
- Client records
- Billing
- Advocacy for sufficient resources
- Commitment to employers
- Labour management disputes

Ethical responsibilities to the broader society

- Social development
- Public emergencies
- Social and political action

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