



IBADCC

Idaho Board of Alcohol/Drug Counselor Certification, INC.

**Code of Ethics
Certified Prevention
Specialist
2017**

The Code of Ethics set forth for Certified Prevention Specialists (CPS) encompasses the following Standards/Principles:

Competence

1. The Certified Prevention Specialist (CPS) shall provide competent professional services to all in keeping with the IBADCC standards.
2. Competent professional services require:
 - a. Thorough knowledge of ATOD (Alcohol Tobacco or Drug) prevention.
 - b. Skill in presentation and education techniques.
 - c. Willingness to maintain current and relevant knowledge through ongoing professional education.
3. The CPS shall assess personal competence, recognize personal and professional boundaries and limitations and not offer services beyond his/her skill or training level.
4. The CPS shall maintain the highest professional standards and:
 - a. Shall not claim either directly or by implication, professional knowledge, qualifications or affiliations that they do not possess.
 - b. 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.
 - c. Shall not misrepresent his/her certification/credential to the public or make false statement regarding his/her qualifications.
5. The CPS 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.
6. The CPS must not misrepresent the work of others.
7. The CPS must not represent one's own prevention work for personal or professional recognition, funding, or other gain.

Nondiscrimination

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

The CPS shall possess knowledge of and compliance with all applicable state and federal guidelines, regulations, statutes, and agency policies regarding confidentiality (42 CFR Part 2) and The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA).

Public Advocacy

1. The CPS shall advocate for consistent health promotion and awareness messages to the general public.
2. The CPS shall provide factual, current, state-of-the-art ATOD prevention information to consumers.
3. The CPS shall advocate public policy that would help strengthen the overall health and well-being of the community.

Integrity

1. The Certified Prevention Specialist shall not misrepresent directly or by implication his/her credentials, qualifications or affiliations.
2. The CPS shall not knowingly make any false statement to the licensing/credentialing board or disciplinary authority.
3. The CPS shall not practice under a false name or a name other than the name under which his/her credential is held.
4. The CPS shall not subordinate service and public trust for personal gain or advantage.
5. The CPS shall promptly alert a colleague to potentially unethical behavior.

6. The CPS shall report violations or professional conduct by other prevention professionals to the IBADCC Board when there is knowledge that the said professional has violated professional standards.

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

7. The CPS should not associate directly or indirectly with any services or products in a way that is misleading or incorrect.

8. The CPS 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

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

2. The CPS shall be respectful and non-exploitive.

3. The CPS shall protect consumer from harm and profession from censure.

4. The CPS shall not place an individual in any activity or setting where such participation could cause harm to the individual or others.

5. The CPS shall comply with all laws, codes, rules and regulations, which apply to professional conduct.

6. The CPS shall report abuse and or neglect of children or adults to appropriate authorities according to state and federal regulations (42 CFR Part 2)

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

Ethical Obligation for Community and Society

According to their consciences, prevention professionals should be proactive on public policy and legislative issues. The public welfare and the individual's right to services and personal wellness should guide the efforts of prevention professionals to educate the general public and policy makers. Prevention professionals should adopt a personal and professional stance that promotes health.