

Writing about an

Ethical Framework

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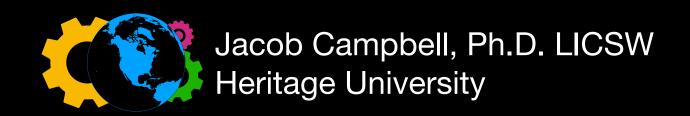
Agenda The Plan for Week 05

Expectations for week five

What is an ethical framework

Ways we consider ethics within program evaluation

How we would write about ethical frameworks



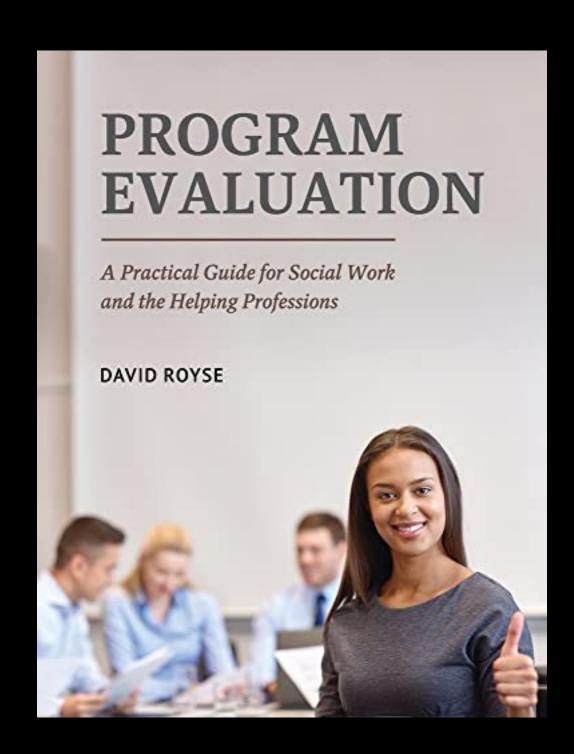
Read

McDonald et al. (2015) Ethical Professional Writing in Social Work and Human Services

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http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17496535.2015.1009481 Ethical Professional Writing in Social Work and Human Services Donna McDonald, Jennifer Boddy, Katy O'Callaghan and Polly Chester Social workers write a lot and their writing has a major impact on people's lives The complexity of their writing task arises because they must deal with confidential client information while usually writing for multiple audiences. This means that social work students must achieve more than the basics of technical writing skills. The purpose of this article is twofold. First, after reviewing the literature on the importance and challenges of writing well in social work (and having hosted a number of writing workshops for social workers and human services practitioners), we argue that the development of students' writing skills must be framed within the social, political and ethical professiona circumstances in which students will be working in the future. By teaching writing skills through the lens of the profession's ethics and values, students will be instilled with a greater understanding of the importance of writing. Second, we propose a model of ethical professional writing which integrates three essential elements that must conjoin in tandem: reflective mindfulness of the client-centred focus of writing responsibilities; a sound understanding of the values and principles of the social work and human services professions as compositional, rhetorical and technical writing skills. In particular, this article focuses on the second element of this model which is concerned with having a sound understanding of the values and principles of ethical professional writing We conclude that this framework will promote writing competence and benefit Keywords: Ethical professional writing; client-centred writing; writing values and Donna McDonald is Senior Lecturer & Convenor Disability Studies, Griffith University, School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith Health Institute, Population and Social Health Research Centre. Correspondence to: Donna McDonald, PhD, School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith Health Institute, Griffith University, University Drive, Meadowbrook, Qld 4131, Australia. Email: donna. Jennifer Boddy is Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Griffith University, School of Human Services and Jennifer Boddy is Senior Lecturer in Social Work, Griffith University, School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith Health Institute, Population and Social Health Research Centre. Katy O'Callaghan is Director, Outpost Consulting. Katy is a researcher, writer and social policy analyst. Polly Chester is Research Assistant, School of Human Services and Social Work, Griffith Health Institute, Griffith University (Logan campus). © 2015 Taylor & Francis

Royse (2023) Chapter 07
Group Research for Program
Evaluation



Do

- Complete the reading quiz
- Watch lecture video
- Complete your first journal entry

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Framework

for Program Evaluation

Explain the considerations you made when designing the project.

Frame it clearly

Potential questions answered

- How will you interact with clients, the institution, and subjects?
- How will you protect the rights and privacy of subjects?
- With whom will you share data, and why?
- Did your tasks/timeline ultimately go the way you thought it would?
- What took longer and why?
- What was more complicated than you expected, and why?



Ethical Development of a Program Evaluation

Steps to Ensure Ethical Considerations

- Report to relevant stakeholders
- Ensure informed consent and privacy
- Work with stakeholders to obtain cooperation
- Submit the evaluation plan and procedures to an agency board for review and approval
- Address policies and procedures required for protection of human subjects and informed consent
- 2 Identify and review IRB guidelines and requirements
- Plan that includes participant identification, sound methodology, and reporting plan

Focus on social service values and principles

- Social justice
- Respect for persons
- Professional integrity
- Accountability and transparency
- Accuracy, judiciousness and credibility

- Reflexivity
- Authenticity
- Sensitivity
- Purpose
- Persuasion

Reference

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