

My Experience in Peru

Fall 2026 SOWK 430 Week 04

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Agenda

Review week four content

Experiences working at an orphanage

Learning Objective

Be exposed to child welfare from an international perspective.

Reamer (1998)

The Evolution of Social Work Ethics

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The recent ratification of a new NASW Code of Ethics—the most ambitious set of ethical guidelines in social work's history—marks an important stage in the profession's development. This article traces the evolution of ethical norms, principles, and standards in social work during four stages in the profession's history: (1) the morality period, (2) the values period, (3) the ethical theory and decision-making period, and (4) the ethical standards and risk management period. In the past 100 years, social work has moved from a preoccupation with clients' morality and values to the formulation of comprehensive ethical guidelines for practice. In recent years social work has also developed rich conceptual frameworks and practical resources to help practitioners identify, assess, and address complex ethical issues. Implications of these developments for the profession are explored, particularly in light of social work's commemoration of its 100th anniversary.

Key words: ethical decision making; ethical standards; ethics; NASW Code of Ethics; values

Ethical issues have always been a central feature in social work. Throughout the profession's history social workers have been concerned with matters of right and wrong and matters of duty and obligation. The National Association of Social Workers' (NASW) recent ratification of a new code of ethics (NASW, 1996) signals social workers' remarkable progress in the identification and understanding of ethical issues in the profession. The 1996 code—the first major revision in nearly two decades and only the third code of ethics ratified in NASW's history—reflects the impressive growth in social workers' grasp of complex ethical issues in practice.

ethics. Social workers' core values and ethical beliefs are the profession's linchpin. Social workers' concern with ethics has matured considerably during the past century, moving from frequently moralistic preoccupation with clients' values to concern about complex ethical dilemmas faced by practitioners and strategies for dealing with these dilemmas. Social work's concern with ethics spans four major, sometimes overlapping, periods: (1) the morality period, (2) the values period, (3) the ethical theory and decision-making period, and (4) the ethical standards and risk management period.

The Morality Period

In the late 20th century, when social work was formally inaugurated as a profession, there was much more concern about the morality of the

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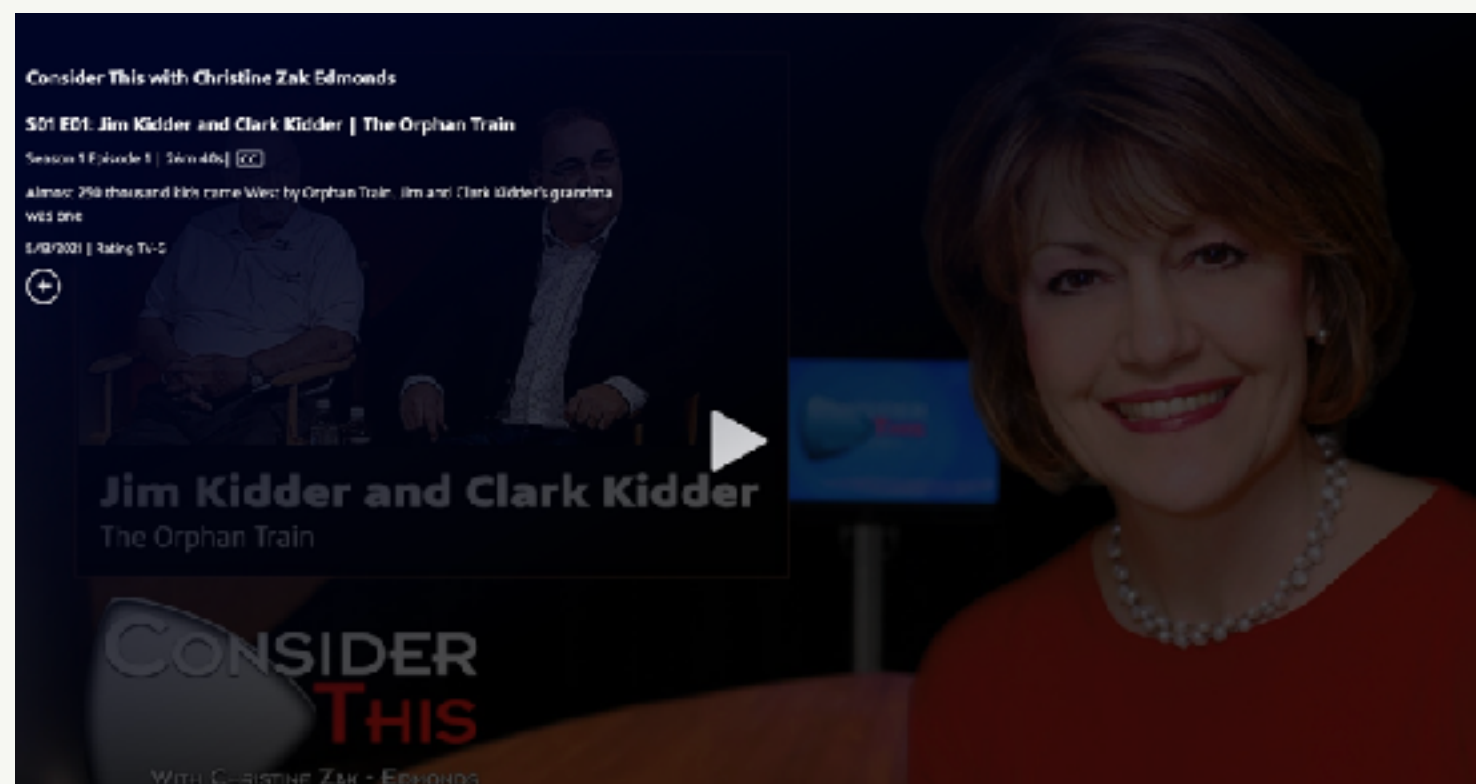
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Three Replies

- Social Services in History, Vantage of The Orphan Trains
- Evolution of the Code of Ethics: Early Ethics
- Evolution of the Code of Ethics: The Current 2021 Version and Previous Versions
- Evolution of the Code of Ethics: The Digital Period



Consider This with Christine Zak Edmonds (2021)

Content This Week

Week 4



My International Social Work Class from 2009



We got the chance to see a lot of sights, cultural experiences, and great food.



We assisted at an orphanage



And visited a family in shanti town