



Using an

Ethical Principle Screen and Decision Making

Fall 2026 Week 06 of SOWK 587

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Week Six

Agenda

Plan for the week

Ethical principle screen

Steps in decision making

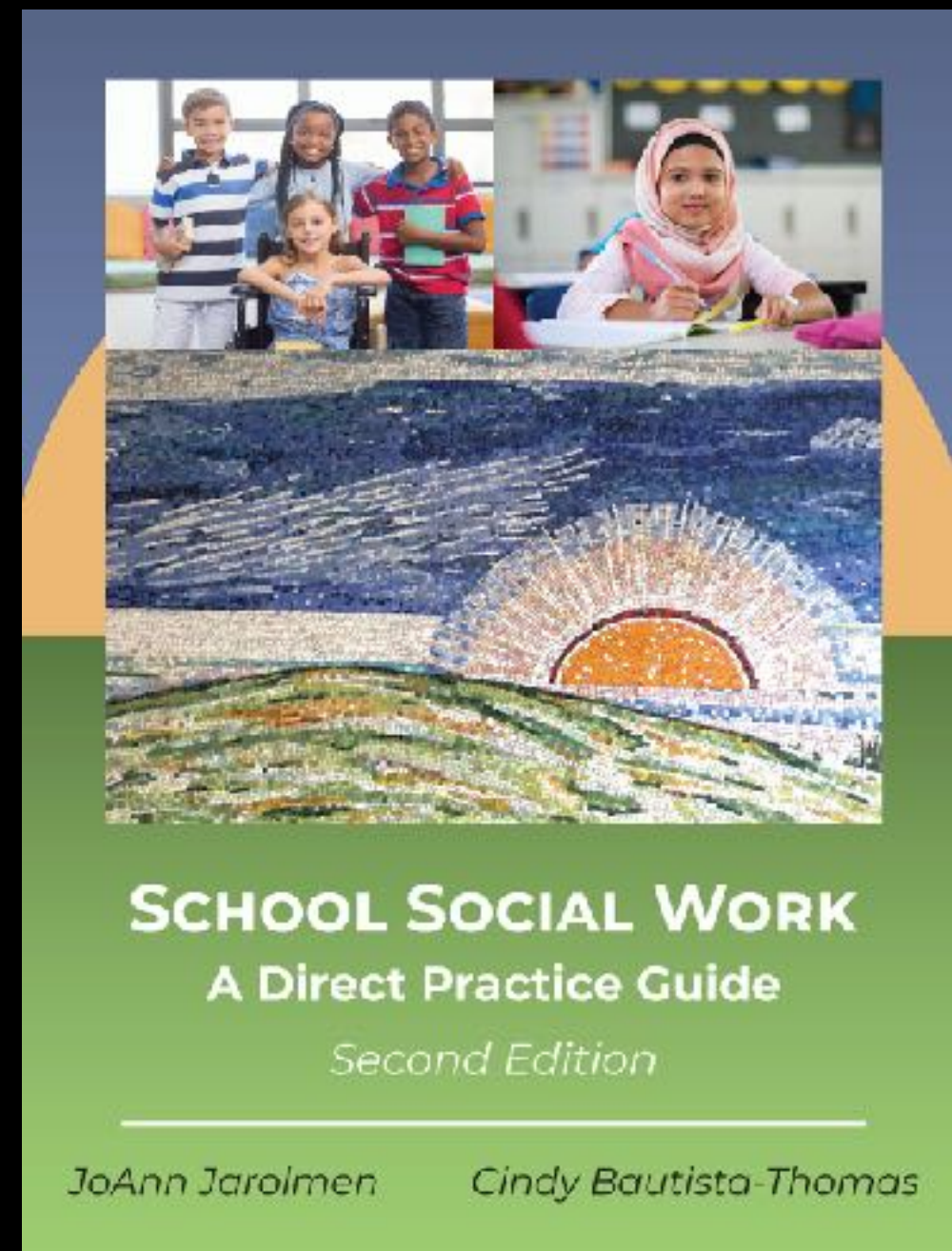
Case example

Learning Objectives

- Define and describe the Ethical Principle Screen (EPS) and its hierarchical ranking of ethical principles.
- Examine a case study using steps in decision making

Activities for Week Six

What You Should Be Doing

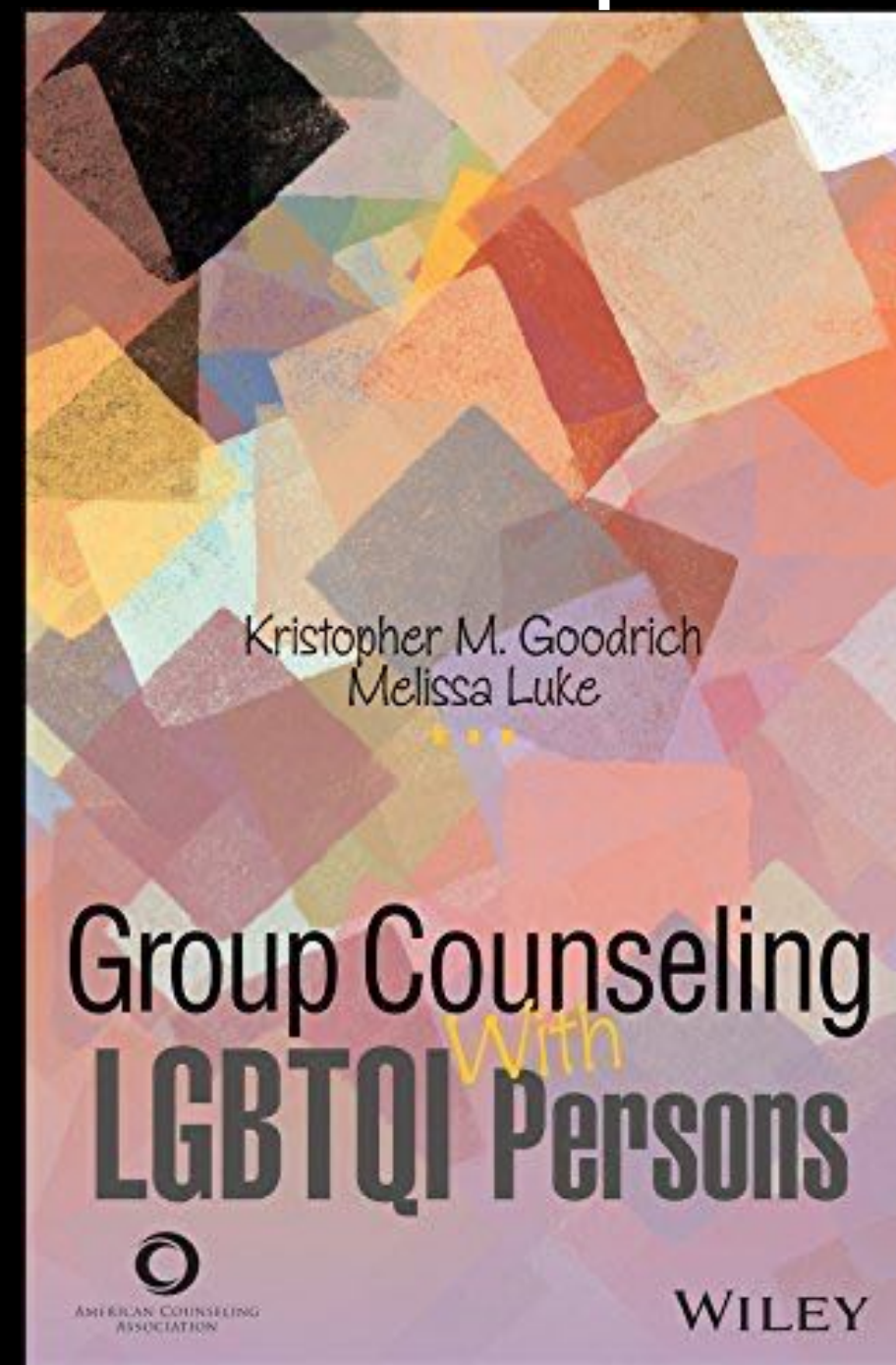


Read Chapter 6

Ethical Dilemmas

Groups in Context: School, Community Outpatient, and Residential Settings

Read Chapter 8



Make Three Replies in the Forums

- Reflecting on the Unique Challenges Faced by LGBTQI
- FERPA and Confidentiality and Ethics
- Sharing Example Ethical Dilemmas
- Reflection on Content From Chapter Six

Submit A-02: Ethical Decision-Making Video Presentation

Ethical Principles Screen

Key Ethical Assessment Tool

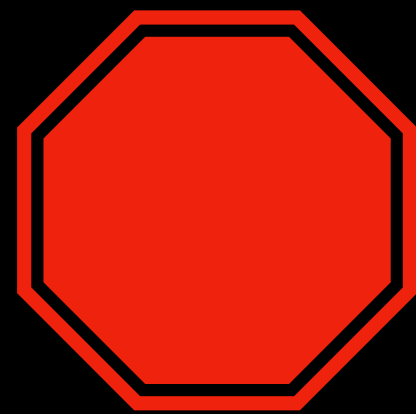


Ethical Principles Screen

How We Conceptualize The EPS

Is protection of
life of concern?

Dilemma
involves
multiple
principles



a higher-order principle
takes precedence over
the satisfaction of a
lower-order principle

Consider Before
Taking Action:

- Impartiality
- Generalization
- Justifiability

(Dolgoff et al., 2012)

Decision Making

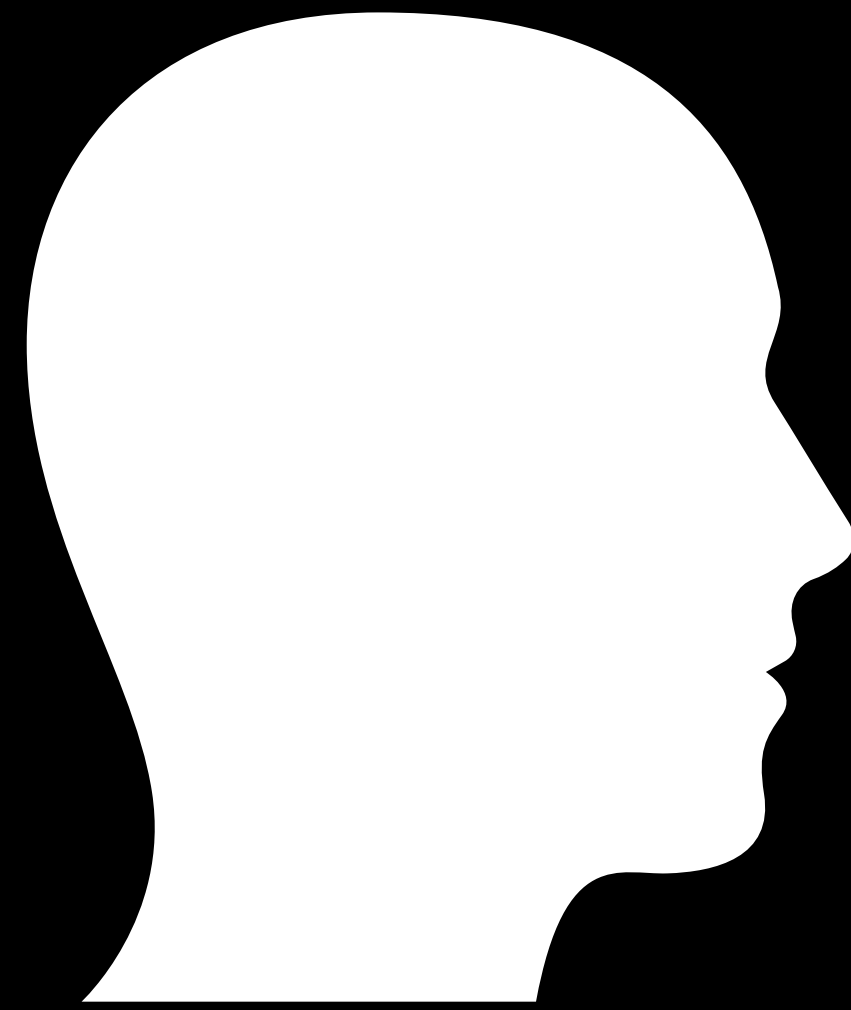
Steps to Take

- Determine the issue in question and gather information
- Separate practice issues from the ethics of the case in question
- Identify the conflicting values
- Get help
- Identify alternatives
- Evaluate the costs and benefits to the stakeholders
- Clarify and examine your own values
- Decide which priority to make first and be able to rationally support your choice
- Record the decision in your case notes

Bridges Program, IEP eligible in
ares of reading, writing, math,
social/emotional, behavior and
communication under the
category of health impaired

Diagnosis of ADHD

Delimma: Transition planning
goals beyond perceived capacity



Client Example

Gerold