

Using an

# Ethical Principle Screen and Decision Making

Spring 2025 Week 06 of SOWK 587

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# Week Six

## Agenda

Plan for the week

Ethical principle screen

Steps in decision making

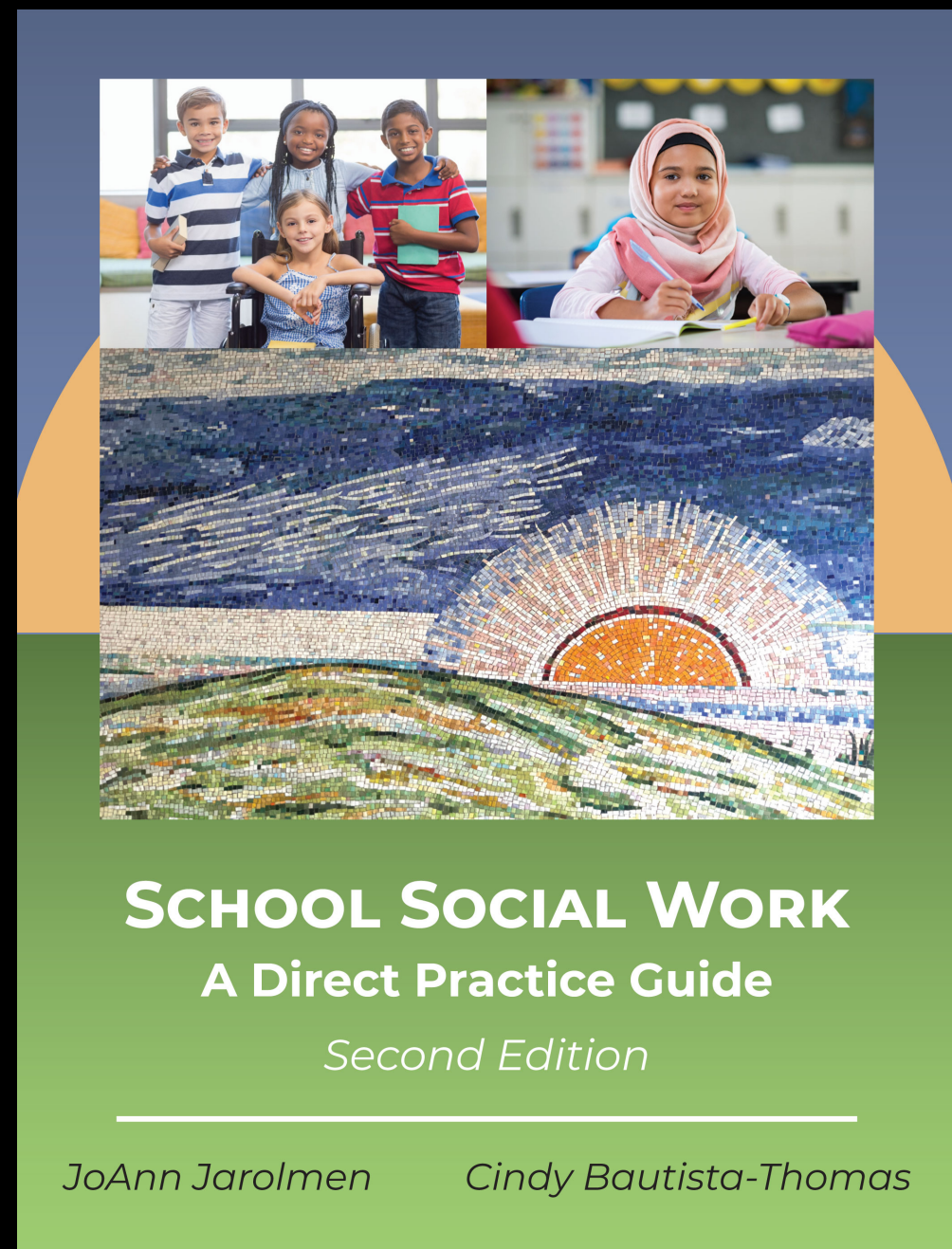
Case example

## 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

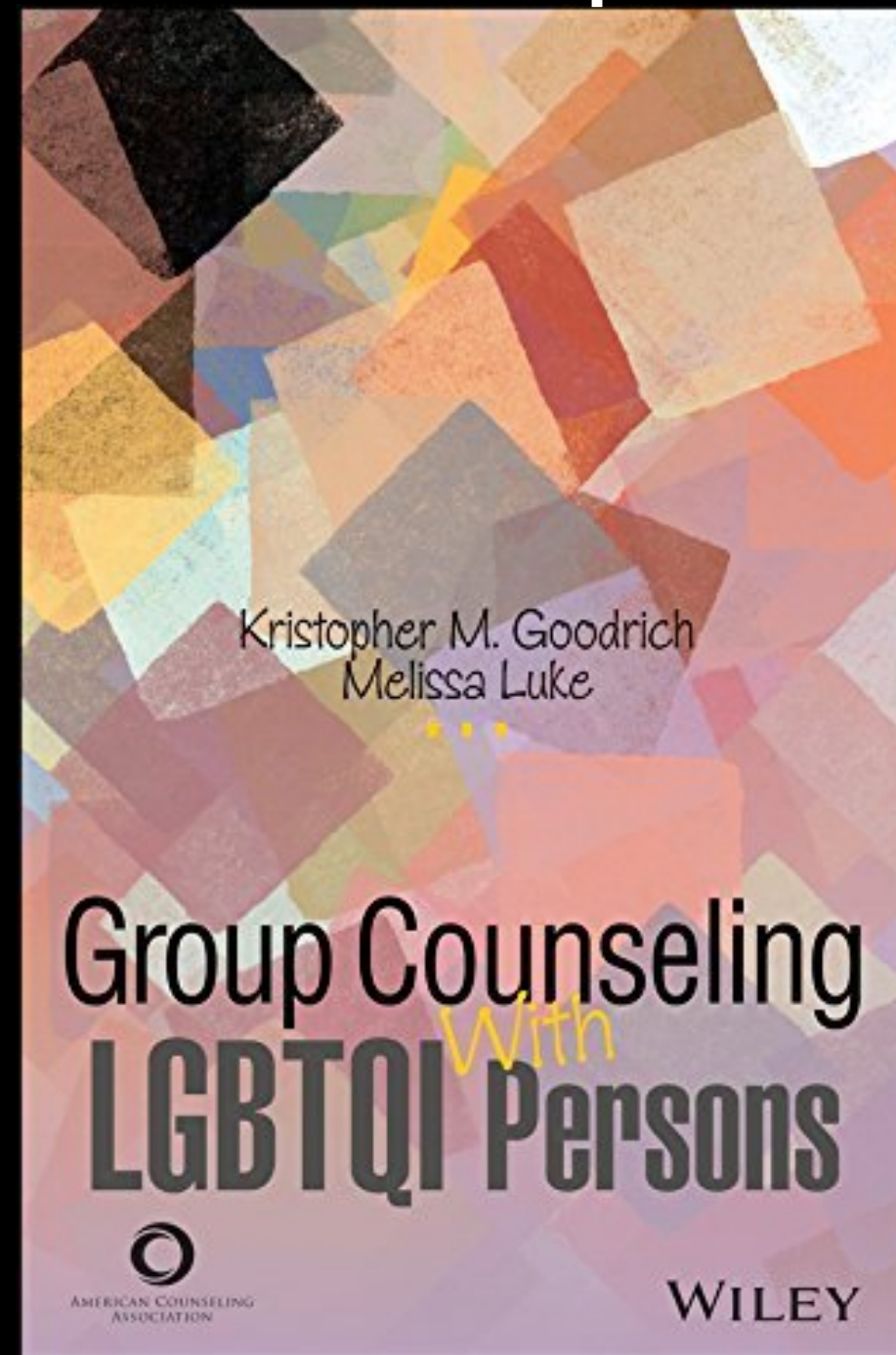


Read Chapter 6

Ethical Dilemmas

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

Read Chapter 8



Make Three Replies in the Forums

Topics Include:

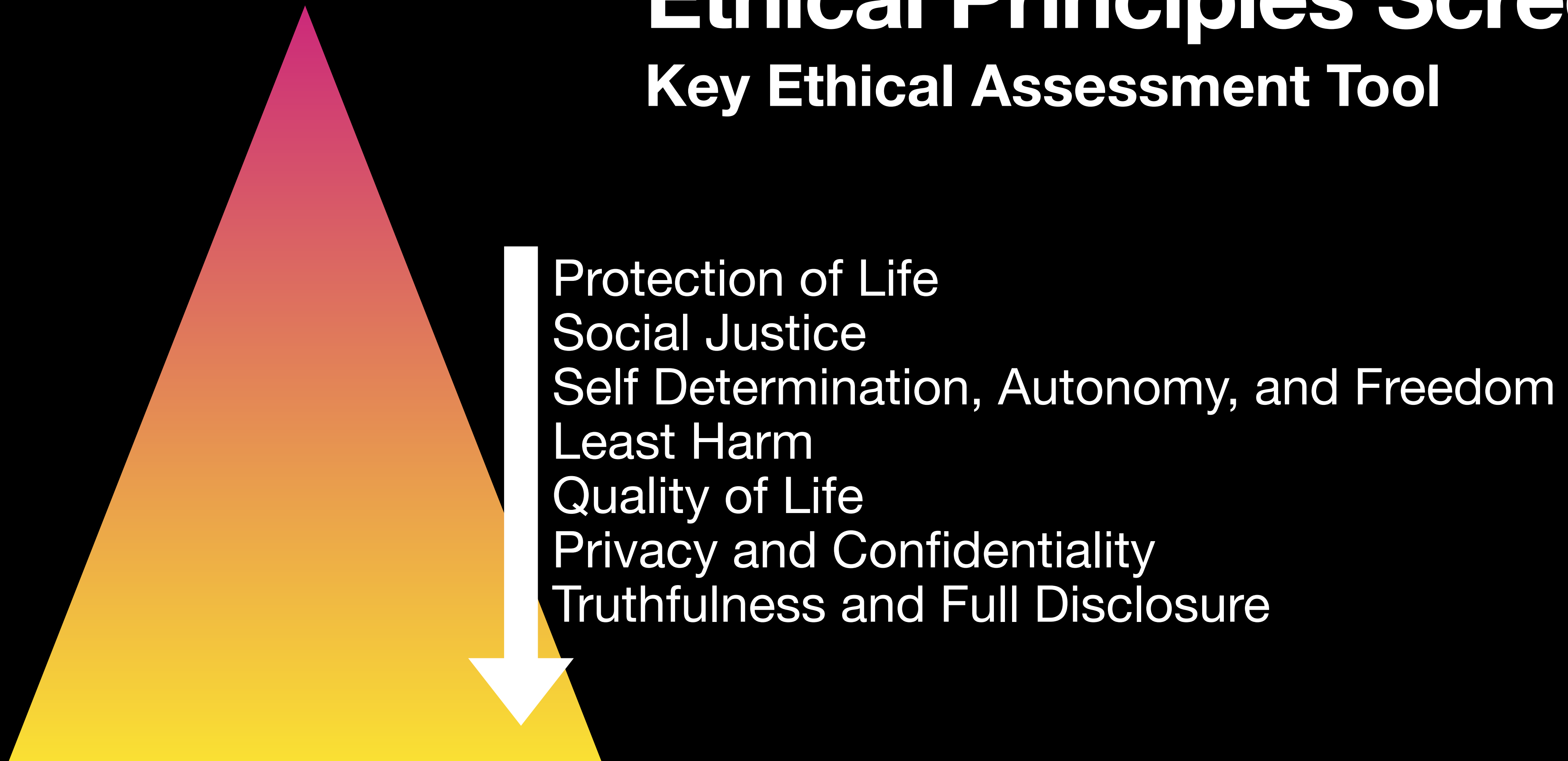
- Reflecting on the Unique Challenges Faced by LGBTQI
- FERPA and Confidentiality and Ethics
- Reflection on Content From the Textbook

Member of small group post in the synthesis forum

Submit A-03: Ethical Decision-Making Video Presentation

# Ethical Principles Screen

## Key Ethical Assessment Tool



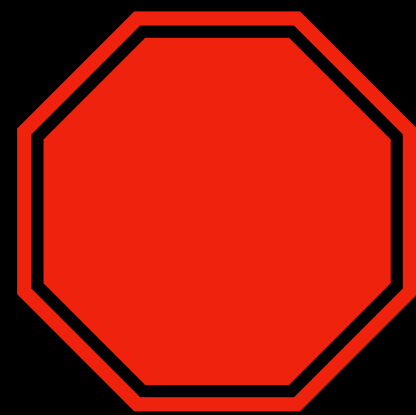
(Dolgoff et al., 2012)

# 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

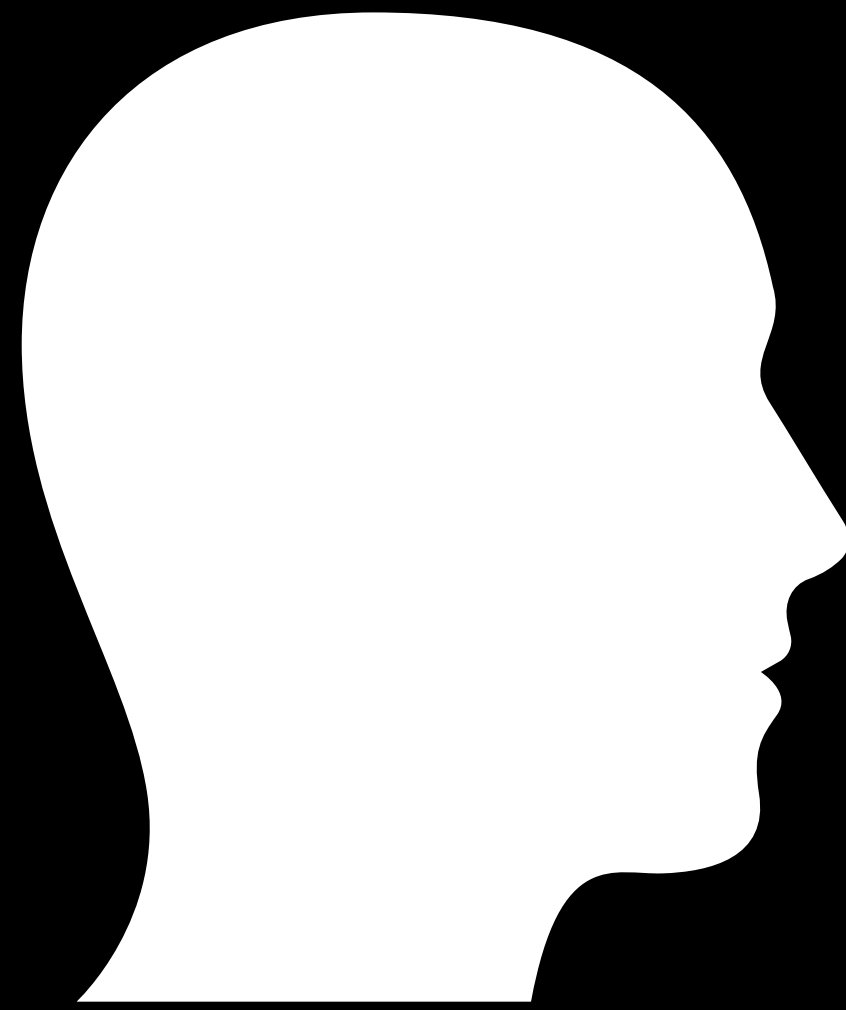
## Steps to Take

- 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 areas 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