

The Indian Health Service (IHS) TeleBehavioral Health Center of Excellence in collaboration with the IHS Clinical Support Center (Accredited Provider) presents:

Telehealth Webinar Series

## Introduction to Ethics and Fundamental Ethical Principles for Behavioral Health Providers

To Register: [https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_oHz5Y2NeRVO1o41vbV8nGw](https://ihs-gov.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_oHz5Y2NeRVO1o41vbV8nGw)

July 7, 2026, | 12:00 pm EST, 11:00 am CST, 10:00 am MST, 9:00 am PST, 8:00 am AKST

Duration: 1 hour

### Presenter:

Avron Kriechman, MD, Psychiatrist, University of New Mexico

### Description:

Professional codes of ethics provide a common set of principles and standards upon which behavioral health providers build their professional work. They have as their goals the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom providers work. They require a lifelong effort to act ethically; to encourage ethical behavior by students, supervisees, employees, and colleagues; and to consult with others concerning ethical problems.

This webinar provides an introduction to ethics and a review of fundamental ethical principles, their history and philosophical origins. We will also explore, through case examples, the ethical principles employed in the daily work of the behavioral health provider in working with individuals with behavioral health concerns.

### Outcomes/Objectives:

1. Examine ethics, including its historical and philosophical foundations, and the five fundamental ethical principles.
2. Identify fundamental ethical principles used by behavioral health professionals when working with individuals with behavioral health concerns.
3. Determine which ethical principle is operating within specific case examples.

### Content Level:

Intermediate

### Target Audience:

Target audience for training is clinical professionals, behavioral health specialists, and addiction specialists.

### About the Presenter



Avron (Avi) M. Kriechman, MD, has nearly 45 years of experience providing behavioral health services to children, adolescents, youth and families in schools, Tribal, urban, and rural communities. He has served as the principal investigator for numerous Garrett Lee Smith Suicide Prevention grants and co-principal investigator for 5-year SBIRT programs in New Mexico and has worked in integrative health care services throughout his career.

### Instructions for Obtaining Continuing Education Credit:

To receive a certificate of continuing education you must:

- Electronically register for the session.
- Participate in the entire live 1 hour activity. No partial credit will be given.
- Complete the online evaluation by **July 21, 2026**. You will be able to print your certificate after completing the evaluation.

## ACCREDITATION:



In support of improving patient care, IHS Clinical Support Center is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

JOINTLY ACCREDITED PROVIDER™  
INTERPROFESSIONAL PARTNERSHIP



IPCE CREDIT™

This activity was planned by and for the health care team, and learners will receive 1.0 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.

### Physicians

The IHS Clinical Support Center designates this live activity for 1 hour of *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™* for each hour of participation. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### Nurses

This activity is designated 1.0 contact hour for each hour of participation.

### Physician Associates



The IHS Clinical Support Center has been authorized by the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for 1.0 AAPA Category 1 CME credit. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

### Social Workers



As a Jointly Accredited Organization, the IHS Clinical Support Center is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved under this program. Regulatory boards are the final authority on courses accepted for continuing education credit. Social workers completing this course receive 1.0 clinical continuing education credit.

### Psychologists



Continuing Education (CE) credits for psychologists are provided through the co-sponsorship of the American Psychological Association (APA) Office of Continuing Education in Psychology (CEP) and the IHS Clinical Support Center. The IHS Clinical Support Center maintains responsibility for the content of the program. Psychologists completing this course receive 1.0 continuing education credit.

### Counselors

Many state Counselor boards (including the various types of addiction counselors, mental health counselors, etc.) accept either APA or ASWB approval. See these approvals under Psychologists and Social Workers. Please check with your board to be sure.

### Attendance

Participants can select a certificate of attendance, enabling participants to register with licensing boards or associations that have not been preapproved for credits. To apply for credit types not listed above, participants should use the procedure established by the specific organization from which they wish to obtain credit.

Accreditation applies solely to this educational activity and does not imply approval or endorsement of any commercial product, services or processes by the CSC, IHS, the federal government, or the accrediting bodies.

**Disclosure Statement:** As a jointly accredited provider of continuing education, the IHS Clinical Support Center must ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in its educational activities. Course directors/coordinators, planning committee members, faculty, reviewers and all others who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity are required to disclose the existence of all financial relationships with ineligible companies within the prior 24 months. Safeguards against commercial bias have been put in place. Faculty will also disclose any off-label and/or investigational use of pharmaceuticals or instruments discussed in their presentation. All those who are in a position to control the content of this educational activity have completed the disclosure process and have indicated that they do not have any relevant financial relationships or affiliations with any manufacturers or commercial products to disclose.

There is no commercial interest support for this educational activity.

### **Zoom First Time Users**

If you have never attended a Zoom meeting before, you can download the Zoom desktop client here:

<https://zoom.us/support/download>

### **Requirements for Zoom**

If you plan to join virtually, you must have a computer with broadband Internet access. For the best experience viewing the videos, use Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome. If you have trouble viewing this training on-line, check your system to make sure you have the appropriate hardware and software.

### **Privacy Policies**

Before you begin the training, you can review the IHS Privacy Policy (<https://www.ihs.gov/privacypolicy/>).

You can also review the Qualtrics Privacy Policy for details on how user information submitted in the evaluation is protected. <https://www.qualtrics.com/privacy-statement/>

### **Recording**

All sessions are recorded for those unable to join them real-time, however, credit is not available for viewing the recording. You can access previous recordings at: <https://www.ihs.gov/teleeducation/webinar-archives/>

### **Calendar**

<https://www.ihs.gov/teleeducation/webinars/>

### **TeleEducation LISTSERV**

To subscribe to this list go to [http://www.ihs.gov/listserv/topics/signup/?list\\_id=609](http://www.ihs.gov/listserv/topics/signup/?list_id=609)

### **Questions & Technical Assistance**

If you need assistance registering or have technical support questions, please send an email to [IHSTeleEducation@ihs.gov](mailto:IHSTeleEducation@ihs.gov) describing your issue.