ALABAMA SCHOOL COUNSELOR ASSOCIATION

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School Counselors Navigating Legal & Ethical Dilemmas in 21st Century Learning Environments

School counselors encounter legal and ethical dilemmas in 21st century learning environments almost every day. The American School Counselor Association Ethical Standards for School Counselors provides an opportunity to have difficult conversations regarding ethical dilemmas, while also providing direction for navigating the legal and ethical dilemmas encountered through the profession. Participants will develop an ethical decision making framework for analyzing and resolving ethical and legal dilemmas through the application of the ASCA ethical standards, case and statutory law, and the most recent research in counseling. Through the discussion of the purpose of ethical standards, professional responsibilities, ethical concerns for practice, and current research and case law, participants will be given the opportunity to increase their understanding regarding the complexities of respecting a minors' right to confidentiality, sole possession notes, caregiver rights, duty to warn, implementing suicidal ideation response efforts, AI/ChatGPT, and personal conduct.

This workshop is designed to help school counselors:

1. **Develop an ethical decision-making framework for analyzing and resolving ethical and legal dilemmas through the application of the ASCA Ethical Standards for School Counselors, case and statutory law, and the most recent research in counseling.**
2. **Analyze complex situations with regard to respecting a minor's right to confidentiality, sole possession notes, caregiver rights, duty to warn, implementing suicidal ideation response efforts, AI/ChatGPT, and personal conduct.**
3. **Articulate how to apply an ethical decision-making model when addressing emerging issues in the counseling profession.**

AGENDA

7:45-8 - Login & Welcome

8-10 - Session 1 (2 CEs)

10-10:10 - Break

10:10-12:10 - Session 2 (2 CEs)

12:10-12:45 - Lunch

12:45-2:45 - Session 3 (2 CEs)

Franciene Sabens is a southern Illinois high school counselor with 16 years of experience. She is also an ASCA Legal & Ethical Specialist and serves as a board member for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission, is a member of the American School Counselor Association Ethics Committee, and the National Council for the Advancement of Educator Ethics (a special NASDTEC Committee). Franciene was named Illinois High School Counselor of the Year in 2014 and honored by ASCA in 2016 at the White House as the Illinois state representative for the School Counselor of the Year ceremony. She contributed to the current Developmental Counseling Model for Illinois Schools and is a frequent ASCA publication contributor. Franciene is a well-respected presenter who is passionate about enhancing the counseling profession, helping school counselors implement ethically aligned comprehensive programs that meet students changing needs, and assisting students with reaching their greatest potential.

This workshop is approved for 6 Ethics CEs.

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