



PAGPS
PHILADELPHIA AREA
GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY
SOCIETY

Virtual PAGPS Fall Ethics Workshop
September 23, 2023, 8:45AM – 12:15PM Eastern Time

**The Ethics of Managing Suicidal Clients
for Group Therapists**

3 Ethics CE credits for Psychologists, Social Workers,
Marriage & Family Therapists, & Professional Counselors

This webinar will explore the ethical implications of working with suicidal clients in group settings. Consideration will be given to decision making with regard to informing others in an effort to protect clients who are at imminent risk of suicide. Further, the webinar will present different models of addressing suicidal members in groups. Participants will learn the basics of suicide prevention through the lens of evidence-based and ethical treatment. There will be case examples included that challenge participants to apply these principles to situations. Discussion will focus on the balance between maintaining client autonomy and confidentiality while also addressing safety concerns.

Presented by Tony L. Sheppard, Psy.D., CGP, ABPP, AGPA-F



Dr. Sheppard is a psychologist and the founder and director of Groupworks, a private practice in Louisville, KY. The Second Edition of his book, *Group Psychotherapy with Children*, co-authored with Dr. Zachary Thieneman will be published in August of 2023. He is a Fellow of the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA) and received the Spalding University School of Professional Psychology Alumni of the Year Award in 2018. Dr. Sheppard attained Board Certification in Group Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology (ABPP) in 2023. He teaches at the local, state and national levels on group therapy and suicide and self-harm. He has taught Group Psychotherapy at Spalding University for over 15 years and trains and supervises doctoral students in group psychotherapy at Groupworks.

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

1. Describe three of the basics of suicide prevention.
2. Identify three ethical principles that apply to managing suicide risk.
3. Demonstrate effective application of these ethical principles to the management of suicide risk.
4. List three ways these principles apply to their work in groups.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please note that this workshop offers three Continuing Education credits for Ethics.

This workshop does not meet requirement for suicide prevention credits.

ALL attendees MUST register on our website: <https://www.philadelphiagroupttherapy.com/>. Payment will be accepted by PayPal above to our website and may also be made by check. Checks can be made out to PAGPS and mailed to Nate Schlingmann, 41 E Mt Pleasant Ave., Philadelphia PA 19119-1829.

- \$75 member (for a free, one-year first-time membership, see our website: <https://www.philadelphiagroupttherapy.com/>)
- \$100 non-member
- \$25 student rate
- PAGPS Equity Rate is available – please see our website for details.

Password for the Zoom meeting will be sent via email the day before the event.

NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT HAVING REGISTERED

PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THE PASSWORD FOR THE ZOOM LINK WITH ANYONE

Please contact PAGPSGROUP@gmail.com or (267) 277-2412 with any questions.

Sign in will begin at 8:30AM, welcome and introductions at 8:45AM and, because we are issuing Ethics CEU's, you must be present for the full three hours with your video feed on, beginning promptly at 9:00AM. There will be a 15-minute break.

ABOUT PAGPS CONTINUING EDUCATION

PAGPS offerings are designed for mental health professionals and deal with topics that are usually underrepresented in graduate training programs and/or that provide additional, advanced, and newly emerging perspectives on group therapy theory, research, and practice. This program is intended for mental health professionals at a post-graduate level. This program, when attended in its entirety, is available for 5 continuing education credits. The Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society (PAGPS) is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. PAGPS maintains responsibility for this program and its content. PAGPS is also approved by the PA State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists & Professional Counselors to offer continuing education for social workers, marriage & family therapists, and professional counselors. This program carries 3 Ethics CE credits.

Attendees can also receive 3 credits toward re-certification for the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists (CGP). PAGPS is committed to accessibility and non-discrimination in its continuing education activities and will conduct its activities in conformity with the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles for Psychologists. To arrange accommodations for special needs, please contact us at pagpsgroup@gmail.com.

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