

Ontario College of Social Worker and Social Service Workers Code of Ethics

The Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers regulate two professions, social workers and social service workers. The following sets out the

Code of Ethics for members of the college:

- 1) A social worker or social service worker shall maintain the best interest of the client as the primary professional obligation;
- 2) A social worker or social service worker shall respect the intrinsic worth of the persons she or he services in her or his professional relationships with them;
- 3) A social worker or social service worker shall carry out her or his professional duties and obligations with integrity and objectivity;
- 4) A social worker or social worker shall have and maintain competence in the provision of a social worker or social service work service to a client;
- 5) A social worker or social service worker shall not exploit the relationship with a client for personal benefit t, gain of gratification;
- 6) A social worker or social service worker shall protect the confidentiality of all professionally acquired information. He or she shall disclose such information only when required or allowed by law to do so, or when clients have consented to disclosure;
- 7) A social worker or social service worker who engages in another profession, occupation, affiliation or calling shall not allow these outside interests to affect the social work or social service work relationship with the client;
- 8) A social worker or social service worker shall not provide social work or social service work services in a manner that discredits the profession of social work or social service work or diminishes the public's trust in either profession;
- 9) A social worker or social service worker shall advocate for workplace conditions and policies that are consistent with the this Code of Ethics and the Standards of Practice of the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers;
- 10) A social worker or a social service worker shall promote excellence in his or her respective profession;
- 11) A social worker or social service worker shall advocate change in the best interest of the client, and for the overall benefit t of society, the environment and the global community.