

# Ethical Issues

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# ACA Code of Ethics

- ▶ The ethical code was developed
  - ▶ Based on counseling principals:
    - ▶ Beneficence- do good for the client
    - ▶ Non-maleficence- do no harm
    - ▶ autonomy- client has direction, so they work on the goals the client wants
    - ▶ justice- work for change
    - ▶ Fidelity- loyal to the client and your principles
  - ▶ As a guideline for professional practice
  - ▶ Educate us about responsibilities, are a basis for accountability, protect clients, are a basis for improving professional practice
  - ▶ Assist with decision making
    - ▶ Counselors utilize the ethical code to guide decision making with decision making.

# Types of Ethics

- ▶ Mandatory Ethics - EX do not sleep with client
- ▶ Aspirational Ethics- what you strive to interpret. EX is when you have decide whether to report a person who has six months to live and they are deciding whether or not to use a feeding tube to extend that life for a little bit
- ▶ Positive Ethics - EX be helpful, respect client's values