



Ohio Counseling Association Position Regarding Listserv Use

OCA is a professional listserv for counselors, counselor educators, and supervisors who are members of the Ohio Counseling Association. The purpose of the listserv is to provide an open forum for discussion of issues and sharing of resources related to the profession. Advertisements or promotion for businesses, products, and services which are not related to the counseling profession are not permitted.

OCA expects those utilizing the listserv to take every reasonable precaution to avoid ethical violations. The American Counseling Association's ACA Code of Ethics (2014) makes clear that counselors should not only avoid harming, but also respect the dignity and welfare of clients (Standards A.1.a and A.4a). This includes monitoring client privacy and confidentiality when coordinating referrals, advocacy, or other communication about clients through electronic means (Standards A.7.b, B.1.b, B.1.c, and B.3.e). Further, counselors are expected to be cognizant of changes in the use of technology in professional settings, and to take all appropriate accommodations to ensure client confidentiality and the security of clients' information (Standards H. Introduction and H.2.d). Such concerns are applicable when coordinating referrals via the OCA listserv.

OCA reserves the right to follow up with any concerning messages sent via the listserv or remove individuals from the listserv if problems persist. Any questions or concerns regarding the use of the OCA listserv can be directed to the Executive Director at ocaexec@gmail.com.