

Telehealth and Forensic Evaluations: Ethical Guidelines, Best Practices, Useful Techniques, Limitations and Important Considerations

Forensic Mental Health Association of California Virtual Training



SCHEDULE

9:00-11:00am

Program

11:00-11:30am

Break

11:30am-1:30pm

Program

PRESENTERS

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REMINDERS

- For CE credit, make sure you have logged into the training with your full name.

- Your Certificate of Attendance will be emailed to you by 2/5/24.

- Don't forget to complete the online evaluation form.

SUMMARY

The Covid-19 pandemic brought telehealth to the forefront as a mechanism for delivering psychological services. Psychological assessment providers had to pivot to navigate the remote nature of telehealth and also maintain professional assessment ethics and guidelines. Professional ethics and guidelines for psychologists indicate that these providers practice within their scope of competence.

This training on telepsychology is designed to provide the participant with an understanding of how the APA Guidelines for Telepsychology address and incorporate the APA Ethics and Specialty Guidelines for Forensic Psychology. California has specific telehealth polices and the participant will learn how to apply and follow the California telepsychology protocols. The participant will also learn about legal support for the practice of telepsychology, HIPPA requirements for the practice of telepsychology, how to implement the APA Guidelines for Telepsychology, how to consider and address psychiatric and cultural considerations, how to conduct telehealth assessment interviews, and know what tests/measures are appropriate for telehealth purposes.

Participants will learn how to apply these concepts to competency to stand trial evaluations and be able to analyze if their remote assessment protocols for forensic assessment meet the standard of practice in California.