David Kaplan’s ORCA Conference Presentations

- Thursday two hour preconference informed consent presentation
  - Presenter: Dr. David Kaplan
  - Title: Developing an Exemplary Informed Consent Brochure
  - Description: Counselling ethics require that all counsellors obtain informed consent in writing. Research has shown that focusing on informed consent has a positive impact on the relationship between counsellor and client. This workshop will present an outline for constructing an exemplary informed consent brochure. A model brochure will be handed out and participants will be encouraged to share ideas.
  - Learning Outcomes:
    - Participants will:
      - Learn the necessary content areas for an informed consent brochure.
      - Examine a model informed consent brochure.
      - Develop content for their informed consent brochure.

- Friday four hour deep dive ethics presentation
  - Presenter: Dr. David Kaplan
  - Title: Raising the Bar: Critical New Concepts in the ACA Code of Ethics
  - Description: The current edition of the American Counseling Association Code of Ethics substantially raises the bar for the ethical practice of professional counselors. This presentation will highlight new ethical imperatives in such areas as professional values, social media, the imposition of counselor personal values, and fee splitting. A focus of this workshop will be on using a comprehensive decision making model to resolve modern and complex ethical dilemmas in the areas described above. Participants will spend substantial time practicing ethical decision making with real-life counseling dilemmas.
Learning Outcomes

- Participants will:
  - Learn about critical new concepts in the current edition of the ACA Code of Ethics.
  - Practice ethical decision making.
  - Practice bracketing, the skill of preventing the counselor’s personal values from interfering in a session.

Saturday one hour current issues presentation

- Presenter: Dr. David Kaplan

- Title: Keeping Up With the Counseling Profession: Current Issues on the National Level

- Description: The counseling profession has made many advancements including the coalescence of professional identity and new employment opportunities. Professional counselors need to be well informed as to what these changes mean for them. ACA’s Chief Professional Officer will discuss efforts to advance the profession in such areas as educational requirements, licensing standards, licensure portability, and legislative efforts and the implications of these advancements for professional counselors.

Learning Outcomes

- Participants will:
  - Explore national issues in counseling.
  - Learn about new licensing standards.
  - Provide input into ACA’s response to critical national issues.