

## **Certified Mental Health Coach Code of Ethics**

The principles in the following Code of Ethics guide Certified Mental Health Coaches in their roles, relationships, and levels of responsibility in which they function professionally.

1. Mental Health Coaches consider the Bible to be the final authoritative basis for faith, values, and ethics.
2. Mental Health Coaches will maintain a committed, intimate, and dedicated relationship with a local body of believers.
3. Mental Health Coaches recognize and uphold the inherent, God-given worth and dignity of those they serve.
4. Mental Health Coaches will maintain Godly standards of personal conduct.
5. Mental Health Coaches will represent themselves accurately. In the interest of the client's welfare, competent Mental Health Coaches represent their qualifications fairly and accurately. They correct any misunderstandings clients may have about their qualifications.
6. Mental Health Coaches will keep current with emerging knowledge relevant to serious mental illness, and openly share this knowledge with their colleagues.
7. Mental Health Coaches will recognize their boundaries of competence and provide only those services and use only those techniques for which they are qualified by training or experience.
8. Mental Health Coaches should be able to recognize when a situation calls for a response which exceeds what they are able to provide, and to assist their clients in obtaining the professional services they need.
9. Mental Health Coaches will never intimidate, threaten, harass, use undue influence, physical force, or verbal abuse, or make unwarranted promises of benefits to the individuals they serve.

10. Mental Health Coaches will advocate for those they serve that they may make their own decisions in all matters when dealing with mental health professionals.

11. Mental Health Coaches will respect the privacy and confidentiality of those they serve.

12. Mental Health Coaches will be guided by the principle of self-determination for all and help those they serve to achieve their own needs, wants, and goals.

13. Mental Health Coaches will not enter into dual or multiple relationships that conflict with the interests of those they support.

14. Mental Health Coaches will not engage in romantic or intimate activities with those to whom they are currently providing support or have worked with in a professional role in the past two years.

15. Mental Health Coaches will not engage in business, extend, or receive loans, or accept gifts of significant value from those they serve.

16. Mental Health Coaches are sensitive to human diversity and will not practice, condone, facilitate, or collaborate in discrimination of any form.