



ONE-DAY ADVANCED TRAINING VIA ZOOM

Ethical Issues in Working with Abusive Partners

Thursday, October 29th, 2026

Chris Huffine, Psy.D.

Time

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. PDT
11:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. EDT

Format

Training provided live via Zoom

CEUs

6 CEUs available

An advanced training to examine common ethical dilemmas and challenges when working with abusive partners

Allies in Change is a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Portland, OR. It is one of the largest Abuse Intervention Programs in the state, offering about thirty groups for abusive partners, including specialized groups for voluntary attendees and for women. Of particular note, Allies in Change works with over 70 voluntary abusive partners, more than any other agency in the country.

Training Overview

Working with abusive partners brings up a variety of population-specific ethical questions and issues. Given that individuals working with this population can come from a variety of professional backgrounds, including some that don't have a set code of ethics, what are foundational ethical concerns that must be considered?

This 1-day training will highlight key ethical issues in working with abusive partners. Through the use of group discussion as well as presentation, this training will highlight common ethical questions and dilemmas in working with abusive partners. Topics that will be touched on will include mandatory reporting, duty to warn, confidentiality, informed consent, partner contact and identifying who is your client, among others. Time will also be spent highlighting the difference between liability and ethical concerns and how, at times, they can be at odds with each other.

Learning Goals

- Sharpen your understanding of the distinct ethical challenges in working with abusive partners
 - Clarify who is your client when working with an abusive partner
 - Enhance your understanding of when mandatory reporting applies when viewed through an ethical lens
 - Sharpen up your stance and practice of partner contact
 - Differentiate between liability and ethical concerns and how they can, at times, be at odds with each other
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Who Should Attend

This training is for those who work directly with abusive partners as well as those who supervise and manage those who work with abusive partners (e.g., program managers, supervisors)

Core Takeaway

Participants will leave with a deepened understanding and clarity of the most common and distinct ethical issues to consider when working with abusive partners

Agenda

- Common ethical principles
- Ethics vs. liability
- Informed consent
- Are your services educational or therapeutic?
- Who is your client?
- Confidentiality/privacy considerations
- Mandatory reporting expectations
- Duty to warn
- Ethical considerations in victim/partner contact

About the Presenter

Chris Huffine, Psy.D.

Chris Huffine, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist who has worked with abusive men for over 30 years. He is the Executive Director of Allies in Change in Portland, Oregon, which he founded in 2004. During his career he has worked with thousands of abusive men and hundreds of female and male victims of abuse. He is a founding member of the Oregon state BIP standards group. He is considered to be a national expert on working with abusive partners and has provided trainings around the country, including a semi-annual 40-hour training on working with abusive men. He is the author of “Becoming Allies . . . With Your Partner, Yourself, and Others: Addressing the Abuse and Control in Your Relationships”, a comprehensive book for abusive partners on identifying and changing their patterns of abuse and control.

Registration & Pricing

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\$100	\$125

Easy Registration

- 1. Phone: (503) 297-7979
- 2. Email: training@alliesinchange.org
- 3. Mail: Allies in Change
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Payment

To pay by debit or credit card, please pay online at www.alliesinchange.org, or call our office. Checks can be mailed to the address shown and made payable to Allies in Change.



*Early registration must be received 14 days prior to the training.
Group discounts are available

Allies in Change is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Oregon. It provides abuse intervention programming, counseling services, and advanced professional trainings focused on working effectively and responsibly with abusive partners.

Upcoming Advanced Trainings

Thursday, November 19, 2026

Co-occurring Mental Health Issues in Abusive Partners

There is general agreement that intimate partner violence is its own issue and not the result of any particular mental health issue. At the same time, substance abuse, trauma, and other mental health issues are common among abusive partners. This training will provide an overview of some of the most common mental health issues present in abusive partners, including trauma, substance abuse, mood disorders, and personality disorders. Attendees will learn how to screen for the presence of these issues and how they may manifest in their group work. Time will be spent discussing how to effectively manage these issues in group participants.