

Ethical Dilemmas

Scenario #1

Emily just started her job as an SLPA in the public schools. Mrs. Jones, a parent of one of her students, came to see her to discuss her son's progress. Her supervising SLP was not at her school that day. Emily talked with this mother about what they had been working on in therapy.

- Is this a violation of the Code of Ethics? State licensure law?
- What should the SLPA do in this situation?
- What should the SLP do when she discovers that this has occurred?
- What can the SLP do to insure that this does not occur?

Scenario #2

The SLP calls in sick and there is a very important IEP conference scheduled. The assistant has been working with the student. The Principal asks the SLPA to sit in on the conference.

- Can the SLPA attend this conference? Why or why not?
- How should this situation be handled in the future?

Scenario #3

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled on a day that the supervising SLP is not scheduled to be at the school. The SLPA is an employee of the school district and must be at the school during the conferences.

- Could this situation lead to an ethical dilemma for the SLPA?
- What should the SLPA do to prevent a violation of the Code of Ethics or state licensure law?

Scenario #4

The SLP and SLPA are providing services for a 3-5 program in a daycare. On Tuesdays the SLPA provides services at the daycare and on Thursday both the SLPA and the SLP are there. The Early Childhood Coordinator requires that those providing services in the daycare provide written notes for the parents each time a session is conducted.

- Can the SLPA write a note home to the parent about the session? Why or why not?
- How can you be sure that you implement the EC Coordinator's policy in an ethical manner?