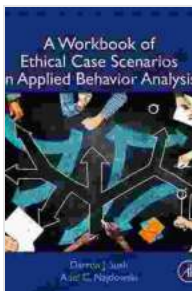


# Workbook of Ethical Case Scenarios in Applied Behavior Analysis: A Comprehensive Guide for Ethical Decision-Making

Applied behavior analysis (ABA) is a scientific discipline that uses the principles of learning to improve socially significant behaviors. ABA is used in a variety of settings, including schools, homes, and clinics, to help people with a variety of disabilities, such as autism spectrum disorder, developmental delay, and intellectual disability.



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As ABA professionals, we are often faced with ethical dilemmas. These dilemmas can arise in any area of our work, from assessment and intervention to data collection and reporting. It is important for us to be able to identify and resolve these dilemmas in a way that is consistent with our ethical principles.

This workbook has been designed to help you develop your ethical decision-making skills. The workbook contains a series of case scenarios that are based on real-life ethical dilemmas that ABA professionals have faced. Each case scenario is followed by a series of questions that will help you to identify the ethical issues involved and to develop a plan for resolving the dilemma.

## **Ethical Principles**

Before we begin exploring the case scenarios, it is important to review the ethical principles that guide our work as ABA professionals.

The following are the six core ethical principles of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB):

1. **Beneficence and Nonmaleficence:** We strive to do good and avoid harm.
2. **Fidelity and Responsibility:** We are faithful to our commitments and responsible for our actions.
3. **Integrity:** We are honest and ethical in our professional conduct.
4. **Justice:** We are fair and impartial in our treatment of others.
5. **Respect for People's Rights and Dignity:** We respect the rights and dignity of all people.

These principles provide a framework for our ethical decision-making. Whenever we are faced with an ethical dilemma, we should ask ourselves how our actions will impact the people involved and whether our actions are consistent with these principles.

## **Case Scenarios**

The following case scenarios are designed to help you develop your ethical decision-making skills. Each case scenario is followed by a series of questions that will help you to identify the ethical issues involved and to develop a plan for resolving the dilemma.

### **Case Scenario 1**

You are working with a child with autism spectrum disorder. The child's parents have asked you to use physical punishment to reduce the child's tantrums. You know that physical punishment is not an effective or ethical way to reduce tantrums.

#### **Questions:**

\* What are the ethical issues involved in this case? \* What are your obligations to the child and the parents? \* What is the best course of action?

### **Case Scenario 2**

You are working with a student with a developmental disability. The student's teacher has asked you to help the student to cheat on a test. The teacher believes that the student will not be able to pass the test without cheating.

#### **Questions:**

\* What are the ethical issues involved in this case? \* What are your obligations to the student and the teacher? \* What is the best course of action?

### Case Scenario 3

You are working with a client who has a history of self-injurious behavior. The client's behavior is becoming increasingly dangerous, and you are concerned that the client may need to be hospitalized.

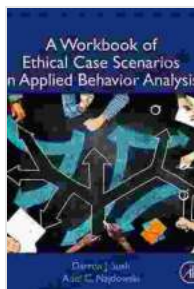
#### Questions:

\* What are the ethical issues involved in this case? \* What are your obligations to the client? \* What is the best course of action?

These are just a few of the many ethical dilemmas that ABA professionals face on a daily basis. It is important for us to be prepared to identify and resolve these dilemmas in a way that is consistent with our ethical principles.

This workbook has provided you with a framework for ethical decision-making. By working through the case scenarios in this workbook, you have developed your skills in identifying ethical issues, analyzing ethical dilemmas, and developing plans for resolving ethical dilemmas.

We hope that this workbook has been helpful to you in your professional development. We encourage you to continue to learn about ethics and to apply ethical principles to your work as an ABA professional.



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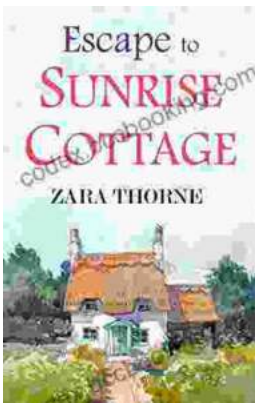
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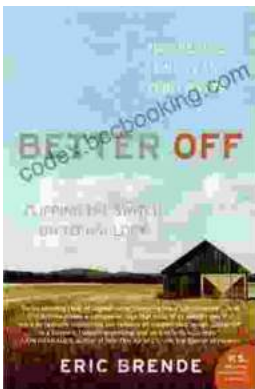
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