



Colorado Association of Psychotherapists

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Membership Application

Colorado Association of Psychotherapists (CAP) Annual Membership Dues are listed below. Please select your desired membership level. If you are a practicing mental health professional you must adhere to the specific requirements of the Colorado Mental Health Statute. For complete information contact the State of Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies (DoRA) at 303-894-7766 or go online: <http://www.dora.state.co.us/mental-health>

Are you new to CAP? Yes No

Date: _____

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (work): _____ Phone (home): _____

Email: _____ Occupation: _____

All members are sent a certificate, unless indicated otherwise, and are listed in the searchable member directory on our website. New members will receive an email with instructions to personalize your public profile where you can list your credentials, training and provide information about your practice.

Print below exactly how your name and credentials should appear on your certificate.
Leave blank if you prefer **not** to receive a certificate.

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- Business Member: \$250** – 3 individual memberships from same business.
 - Non-Profit Member: \$150** – 3 individual memberships from same non-profit organization.
 - Sponsoring Member: \$150** - Individuals who wish to provide generous support to the organization.
 - Professional Member: \$95** - All currently practicing psychotherapists.
 - Associate Member: \$75** - Individuals who wish to provide support through donation of goods/services.
 - Student Member: \$40** - Student Membership.
 - Friends of CAP: \$50** - Supportive members of the general public.
 - Upgrade to Professional Member from Student Member: \$55**

Additional donations are welcome: \$100 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$ _____ **Total : \$** _____

Check enclosed

We encourage you to use PayPal when renewing your membership. It's secure, easy, and you can have PayPal deduct funds from your bank account or credit cards. New members, please visit:

<http://www.coloradopsychotherapists.com/members/register.html>. Renewing members, please visit:

<http://www.coloradopsychotherapists.com/cgi-bin/members/cgi/login.cgi>, log in and then click Update Info.

I have read and agree to abide by the CAP Code of Ethics
(see back of this application or CAP website):

Return completed form with payment to:

Colorado Association of Psychotherapists
PO Box 101926 • Denver, CO 80250-1926

303-480-5733

info@coloradopsychotherapists.com

Signature

As a provider of psychotherapy services, your membership or donation may be tax deductible as a professional expense to the extent provided by the law. Consult your tax professional.

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Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics is designed to provide guidelines and ethical standards of practice for the members of CAP.

1. RESPONSIBILITY TO CLIENTS

- Members shall not discriminate against or refuse professional services solely on the basis of race, gender, age, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation.
- Members shall not engage in sexual activities with clients during counseling or for a period of two years after the termination of counseling.
- Members shall not sexually harass any client or former client. Harassment shall be defined by an objective, reasonable person standard and shall include sexual solicitation, physical advances, verbal or nonverbal conduct that is sexual in nature, or is offensive or unwelcome.

2. TERMINATING THE PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP

- Members shall not abandon clients.
- Members shall terminate the client/therapist relationship when it becomes clear to the member that:
 - a. The client no longer needs counseling, or
 - b. The client is not benefiting from therapy, or
 - c. Continued counseling would harm the client.
- Members may terminate the therapeutic relationship for the following reasons:
 - a. Because of non-payment by the client, or
 - b. In the member's best judgment, the relationship should be terminated because the member believes he or she cannot provide services according to this ethical code.
- Prior to termination, the member shall suggest alternative mental health providers and take appropriate steps for the professional termination in the client's best interest.
- Referrals shall be made:
 - a. In the client's best interest,
 - b. To practitioners who the member has good reason to believe are competent professionals or paraprofessionals.
- If the client refuses to accept the referral, the member is not obligated to continue the counseling relationship.

3. UNDUE INFLUENCE (conflictual dual relationships)

- Members shall not enter into a therapeutic relationship with a client where there is undue influence to the detriment of the client or where there is a risk of exploitation or impaired judgment by the member.
- Members shall be especially sensitive to conflicts of interest that may arise from dual relationships during or immediately before or after a therapeutic relationship.
- Factors to be considered are:
 - a. Personal or family relationships.
 - b. Size of community.
 - c. Length of time between the therapeutic relationship and any other relationship.
 - d. The level of intimacy of the non-therapeutic relationship.
 - e. Exchange of goods and services that may be contraindicated or exploitative.

4. QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCE

- Members shall provide only those services that they are competent to provide by education, training or experience.
- Members shall make a reasonable effort to accurately and clearly explain their qualifications to clients, including giving the client the State-mandated Disclosure Statement.
- Members shall make a reasonable effort to continue their professional growth by further education, training, or experience.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- Members shall be aware that to the client, confidentiality is an essential part of the trust relationship between the psychotherapist and the client. It is the client's right to expect that the confidences divulged in the course of therapy, shall be protected by the therapist to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- Members may disclose confidential information in certain circumstances:
 - a. If expressly waived by the client in writing, such as for disclosure to a supervisor or for the purpose of conferences with colleagues.
 - b. If implicitly waived by the client, such as in a legal dispute brought by the client in which the client puts confidential information at issue.
 - c. Where the law places an obligation on the psychotherapist to divulge certain information to protect others threatened specifically or generally by the client, or the law requires certain types of abuse to be reported to certain authorities.
 - d. Where the psychotherapist must use legal processes to collect fees owed, the therapist may divulge information regarding said fees.
 - e. When ordered by a court or an administrative agency acting in a quasi-judicial manner.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PROFESSION

- Respect the rights and responsibilities of professional colleagues and participate in activities that advance the goals of the profession. Refrain from demeaning or denigrating in any legal mode or model of practice.
- Members shall be knowledgeable and adhere to all laws and regulations applicable to psychotherapy.
- Members shall make reasonable efforts to avoid interfering with the therapy provided by another psychotherapist.

7. INTEGRITY

- In all actions and public representations, the member shall operate with integrity, honesty, and in the best interests of the client, the profession, and the community.

8. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY

- Members shall promote the general welfare of society and act to expand choice and opportunity for all persons.
- Members shall promote the best interest of clients and the public.
- Members shall advocate changes in policy and legislation to ensure their right to practice.