Keeping Up With the Counseling Profession: Current Issues on the National Level

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LISTEN, YOU CAN'T BE A GROUP THERAPY DOG IF YOU KEEP CHEWING THE TALKING STICK.
He's a community-service dog.
Two Game-Changing Issues

• External to the profession

• Internal to the profession
External to the Profession

CODIFIED
LGBT
DISCRIMINATION
LGBT Societal Advances

• Sex
• Adoption
• Same-sex marriage
• A start to transgender acceptance
And in our world....

Condemnation of conversion therapy
180 Backlashes

- 2011 Arizona law
- Anti-transgender legislation
- Pro conversion therapy legislation
- Religious refusal legislation
• Legislation offered that allowed LPCs to deny services to clients based on “sincerely held principles” of the LPC, in violation of the ACA Code of Ethics.

• Stripped the power of the State board to sanction LPCs.

• Passed as part of an effort to attack the ACA and counseling profession.
No counselor...providing counseling or therapy services shall be required to counsel or serve a client as to goals, outcomes, or behaviors that conflict with the sincerely held principles of the counselor.
PATHWAYS TO PROFESSIONALISM
Pathways to Professionalism

LICENSURE
CORE/CACREP merger

- Development of the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling specialty.
- Traditional rehabilitation counseling specialty remains
A movement toward CACREP

- Beginning in 2018, a degree from a CACREP accredited school is required to obtain a license in Ohio.

- Kentucky, New Hampshire, and North Carolina have also introduced CACREP requirements.
• Delaware now requires the NCC for both initial and reciprocal licensure – a de facto CACREP requirement.

• The Virginia Board recently voted to approve a CACREP degree for licensure.
On the other hand.....

- **New Jersey** removed the licensure requirement that a degree contains the word “counselor” or “counseling”.
ACA’s answer is to move forward together.
To unify the profession, ACA endorses graduation from a CACREP accredited program as the pathway to licensure.
Together.....

ACA advocates that all counselors licensed by July, 2020 are qualified to have the same options and privileges as graduates from CACREP programs.
Pathways to Professionalism

LICENSURE
RECIROCITY
Three Approaches to Licensure Portability

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