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Vignette #1

While you are working at your practicum site, a child or college student begins talking to you about some issues with which they are struggling. Her parents have recently divorced, and she is feeling very sad, lonely, and is thinking a great deal about death and suicide. This person explains that she is hoping that she can talk to you because you seem like such a caring, understanding person. What should you do?

Please start by discussing possible interventions with this individual, reasons why someone in your position might be tempted to use them, and outline the ethical ramifications of each (e.g. agree to talk with her, etc.). Also discuss what you think the APA Ethics code (www.apa.org/ethics/code.html) would say about this issue.

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Vignette #2

You just had a really rough day at your practicum site. One individual in particular was extremely difficult and draining. When you get home, your friend or spouse notices how exhausted you look, and asks you about what's bothering you. How should you respond?

Please start by discussing possible ways in which you could respond, reasons why someone in your position might be tempted to use them, and outline the ethical ramifications of each (e.g. saying nothing, full disclosure to your spouse/friend, etc.). Also discuss what you think the APA Ethics code (www.apa.org/ethics/code.html) would say about this issue.

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Vignette #3

You are working at your practicum site. One of the individuals with whom you are working starts talking about how his father physically abuses him. He also shows you some bruises, saying that his father's conduct caused them. He then begs you not to tell anyone, because his father would be very upset.

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Vignette #4

You are working with a psychologist who is conducting research on kids. First, you are a bit surprised that the psychologist is not getting consent from the parents. The psychologist assures you that due to the benign nature of the work she is doing, parental consent is not necessary. A few weeks later, a child comes to you and is obviously upset by the research procedures. He wants to quit the study, but the psychologist has said, "no." Furthermore, you have become concerned that children may be suffering psychological harm as a result of this study.

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Vignette #5

You are working with an older adolescent or young college student. You think very highly of this person. You are also desperately seeking good babysitters so you and your spouse could have an occasional evening out. You are confident this person would be wonderful with your child.

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