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Abstract

Because religion or spirituality is important to many people, mental health workers need to be aware of the issues surrounding each so that they can better help their clients. However, many mental health workers do not have a large part in the lives of many people. Instead, they are only a part of their therapy. Instead, mental health workers need to be aware of the ethical guidelines surrounding these issues. Also, they should be educated in when and how to incorporate spiritual treatment methods into therapy and then strive to remain updated on these topics.

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Everyday, prayer is used in homes, workplaces, and schools across the world, but is it appropriate to use prayer in counseling... who simply claim to be spiritual... people use prayer as a means to find... with their anger (Gabb, 2001, p. 15)... dealing with emotional problems, 42% first turn to clergy rather than counselors or psychologists (p. 49). Furthermore, two-thirds of Americans view religion as important in their lives; two-thirds also said that when dealing with a serious issue, they prefer to see a therapist who holds... seeking counseling feel that... need to understand the role of... used for Christian integration in... counseling, what ethical concerns there are regarding prayer, and how spiritual issues such as prayer can be incorporated into the professional development of counselors.

Christian Integration

...important part of... is much lower... biologists said... that religion was not very important to them compared to only 11% of the general population (Russell & Yarbough, 2006, p. 92). The population better, mental health profits... spirituality and religion. For... of medication for the treatment of...

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...integrated into counseling. (Gabb, 2001) for doctoral degrees on the topic of prayer, and counseling (p. 431). Some of the participants viewed prayer as a way... it's that feeling... rather than desp... there will be some influence upon that outside of the relationship (Gabb, p. 428). Although research has found that prayer is important for some counselors, the use of overt prayer with clients is treated with caution and is not a practice that is commonly engaged in (Gabb, 2004, p. 464).

Ethical Use of Prayer

Abernethy et al. (2006) discussed... during therapy (pp. 103-106). The clients that were involved in the session were Jamal, a 14-year-old African American male and his 16-year-old aunt and legal guardian, Martha Williams. Because of his mother's death... abandonment. Both clients... reason that prayer was used... an ethically correct prayer for several reasons:

1. The prayer was consistent with the clients' faith traditions.
2. The terminology was adapted to fit the clients (i.e. referring to God as Jehovah).
3. The prayer focused on positive aspects of the clients' relationship, such as unconditional love.
4. The prayer... that closer together.

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