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Joy Natwick is the Ethics Specialist for the American Counseling Association (ACA). Joy is responsible for providing access to, and interpretation of, the American Counseling Association *Code of Ethics*. She provides the necessary tools to ensure compliance with the ethical standards of the counseling profession. Joy specializes in empowering counselors to navigate some of the most challenging ethical dilemmas facing the profession today.

Mental Health Experience

Joy is an accomplished Mental Health Professional with 10 years of experience empowering individuals to reach their fullest potential. Joy is passionate about providing ethics consultation and training on difficult ethical dilemmas to ACA members and serves as the liaison to the ACA Ethics Committee, administering ethics complaints, and aiding in the ACA's graduate student ethics award selection. Joy is a self-professed counseling ethics nerd with a diverse professional background. She loves sharing her knowledge and experience with counselors to assist them in practicing ethically. She is passionate about mental health, ethics, advocacy, supporting counselors, and ultimately building a brighter future for counselors and those they serve.

Prior to joining ACA, Joy provided individual and group therapy with diverse populations including children, adolescents, families, mental health, drug and alcohol use, forensic mental health, Autism spectrum disorders, current and former foster youth, and victims of sexual assault.

Areas of Strength & Competencies

Counseling • Ethics • Training • Psychotherapy • Psychology • Mental Health • Project Management • CBT • Program Development • Assessment • Mentoring • Career Counseling • Substance Use Disorders • Presentations • Writing, Soliciting & Editing

Education and Training

Joy has an M.S. in Clinical Counseling Health Psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and a B.A. in Psychology & Communications from La Salle University. Joy is a National Certified Counselor (NCC) and Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor (LGPC) in the District of Columbia. She is currently working towards her Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) credentials.