



# Sex Worker-Affirming Mental Health Practice



## DESCRIPTION OF TRAINING

Sex work is the exchange of sex for money, goods, or services. As expressions of sexuality change within evolving contexts and environments, the landscape of sex work has changed due to factors of technology, legal structures, and safety. Counseling professionals are often not trained to work with sex workers of all genders and sexual orientations in the context of their research, practice, educating, supervision, and advocacy. In this training, attendees will learn about evolving definitions of sex work, as well as how current laws and legal structures impact the safety and functioning of sex workers and the subsequent impact on their participation in research and counseling practice. The presenter will share relevant assessment, intervention, and research design strategies to make one's practice sex-worker affirming.

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Thursday

November 2nd

1:00pm - 4:15pm  
via zoom

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## 3 CEs Offered

Audience: County of Santa Clara's Behavioral Health Services and Contract Provider staff

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. By the end of the training, attendees should be able to identify two new legal structures that will aid in their work with clients who work in the sex industry.
2. By the end of the training, attendees should be able to identify and implement one intervention that they can use in their work with a client who works in the sex industry.
3. By the end of the training, attendees should be able to identify three concrete learning goals that they have for themselves in their continuing development as clinicians who work with sex workers.

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