**SOCIAL LITERACY : EXERCISES**

1. ***PROFESSIONAL ETHICS : EXERCISE N° 3***
2. Exercise name: **WHAT ABOUT UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR ?**
3. Purpose:

Explain the consequences of unethical behavior. As the old saying goes, "What's ethical is not always legal and what's legal is not always ethical." In every profession, certain acts produce consequences.

1. Duration/Time frame:

60 mn

1. Participants:

Staff in charge of attending people generally speaking (services to individuals)

1. Group size:

4/6 people

1. Material:

Paper and paper-board

1. Methods:

- Training-action

- Participative

1. Description:

Ask the participants to examine the negative aspects of professional ethics, that is to say when someone may have en unethical behavior and discuss the consequences.

Give them examples in other professions in order they could be able to transfer or transpose in their own situation.

Examples : “A lawyer's cozy relationship with a judge who then hands down a decision in the lawyer's favor can lead to that very lawyer being disciplined -- even losing his or her law licence. A nurse leaving a patient unattended may lead to that patient becoming even more sick or remaining in hospital even longer.”

1. - Advice for Trainer :

. It is necessary to insist upon the negative aspects (unethical aspects) in order to launch a discussion, to take into account the consequences and be aware of them.

This awareness will permit to deal with positive aspects, looking in contrast.

1. - Source/Literature:

 Definition and More from the Free Merriam -Webster Dictionary : Merriam-webster.com (2010-08-13). Retrieved on 2011-01-29.

 [**Jump up ^**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Professional#cite_ref-dictionary.reference.com_9-0) [Professional | Define Professional at Dictionary.com](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/professional). Dictionary.reference.com. Retrieved on 2011-01-29.

1. Handouts :

A list of negative aspects to have in mind every time a staff member is tempted to forget professional ethics

1. Contributor (partner):

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