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Staff Spotlight

My name is Theresa Mendoza and I am an Investigative Assistant. I have been a state employee for nineteen years and 3 ½ years have been with the Board. I began working at the Board in November 2019, right before the beginning of COVID-19. There have been so many changes that have occurred in the office and with the licensees and applicants since COVID-19. It is during this time that the need for behavioral health became more urgent and many more of the public wanting to become licensed and help. The Board evolved with the need of telepractice and there was an increase in applications from other states as well as Arizona that have been submitted to the Board. The Board took all this in stride and continued to work together as a team to help with the growth. The Board continues its mission to protect the public and licensees.

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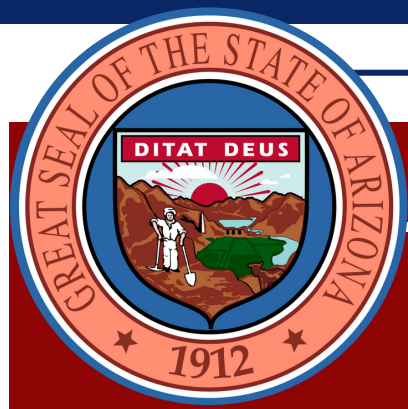
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HELPFUL TIP

An Arizona license only allows you to provide behavioral health services in Arizona. If a client is outside of Arizona you need to check with that state or country.

If you work for an individual or an agency, be sure their informed consent, treatment, plan, and progress notes meet Board rules. As a licensee, you are responsible to ensure the documentation you are using meets board rules.

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A WORD FROM OUR BOARD

Leanette Henagan
Board Member



I have been a Board member for the past three years. I've always heard of the Board as being this very scary entity that is out to get every licensee in the state of Arizona. I wanted to be a part of the Board because I wanted to know the real inner workings of the agency so I could have a better understanding and knowledge of the regulatory obligations that pertain to my profession. A good Board member needs to be passionate and compassionate. Our Board work is not for the weak of heart. We deal with heavy issues and situations and make decisions that can at times impact a person's livelihood. A good Board member needs to be tenacious because as members we must stay committed in operating in our regulatory role, which can be uncomfortable at times. I believe that all of us on the Board have a desire to do the best to provide patient care and to make sure the public is protected. I have observed us evolve to meet the rising concerns of the times, such as the impact social media has on practice and to see that Mental Health is finally in the national spotlight. The importance of the Board is to make sure we continue to establish and maintain high regulatory standards to ensure we have qualified licensed behavioral health professionals here in the state of Arizona. It is important to me that we continue to have vast ways we can educate the public as well as provide much needed support and resources to clinicians, and ultimately protect the public.



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MULTIPLE LICENSES

If you have an additional license(s) in another state, be sure you are following Arizona rules and laws when providing services to clients and/or clinical supervision in Arizona.