

Counselling Program Values

POLICY

Family Service Kent shall, without discrimination, assist individuals, couples, and families in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent who are experiencing personal, interpersonal and social adjustment difficulty and problems of psychosocial origin by providing quality professional counselling, support, and advocacy.

PROCEDURES

1. The Counselling Program believes in the intrinsic worth, dignity, and creative individuality of every human being as a primary value, that all people possess the potential and resourcefulness required to independently manage their own lives, and that all clients are capable of change.
2. This philosophy includes the right to privacy of all clients at all times.
3. The profession of counselling affirms that society has an obligation to ensure that all people have access to resources, services, and opportunities they require to promote all aspects of their wellbeing, with particular regard to their psychological or socioeconomic standing.
4. Fundamental to all intervention with clients is a strict adherence to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Human Rights Code, Section 1 which states in the Definition of Discrimination that "Every person has a right to equal treatment with respect to services, goods and facilities, without discrimination because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status or handicap."
5. The agency's Harassment and Discrimination Policy states that the purpose and intent of this policy is "To prevent discrimination and harassment within Family Service Kent on the grounds of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, family status, handicap, or political or religious affiliations".