



# Academy for Competent Youth Work

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Dear Ms. Gray;

Thank you for forwarding the Values and Principles for the System of Care to me for inclusion in our *Child and Youth Care: Basic Course*. The three Core Values and ten Guiding Principles fit into the philosophy and assumptions that the course is built on. I suspect that this is no surprise to you given that your principles are in line with best thinking in the field, as is our child and youth care professional practitioner course. This is to affirm that we will be including the principles and values in our course when it is next offered. We will do the following:

- 1) Include the Values and Principles for the System of Care in the first course manual in the section where we describe the underlying values, principles and assumptions that the course is based on. We will go over them in class with the other assumptions. These will be revised in August 2008.
- 2) Retrain our current trainers to up-date them on the change and to be sure they mention it when the course is taught. We believe that the principles and values are already heavily included in the course. They are well described in the Standards of Practice for North American CYC Professionals, the ethics code we use in the course.
- 3) Modify our website and brochures to include statements relating to the inclusion of the values and principles in our training.
- 4) Include the values and principles in our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> level CYC courses as they are implemented.

The Academy is pleased to adopt your values and principles. We support your activities to elevate the care children, youth and families receive from the professional community.

Sincerely,

Frank Eckles  
CYC Basic Course Author