



CLINICAL SUPERVISION for CDCAs Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who can clinically supervise a CDCA?**

A CDCA may be clinically supervised by an LCDC III & LICDC (if they are under clinical supervision); LICDC-CS; Physician; Psychologist; RN, CNP or CNS (if consistent with scope); LPCC, LPCC-S, LISW, LISW-S (if consistent with scope).

- **How often does a CDCA need to be clinically supervised?**

CDCAs must receive regular and consistent clinical supervision. The Board recommends a minimum of one (1) hour of Clinical Supervision for every 40 hours of work. The frequency of clinical supervision should be determined by the skill level and experience of the supervisee and the context of the services provided.

- **Does a CDCA need supervisory sign off on clinical documentation?**

Supervisory sign off is not required, however it is a great tool for a clinical supervisor to demonstrate review of a CDCAs paperwork. Review of a CDCAs paperwork is an important component of clinical supervision.

- **Does a CDCAs clinical supervisor need to be on-site?**

A CDCA cannot practice as an independent practitioner nor can they practice without clinical supervision. Clinical supervision requires face-to-face sessions with the CDCA and review of a CDCAs clinical documentation. If the clinical supervisor is not on-site on a daily basis, they must be on-site at regular and consistent intervals to provide necessary clinical supervision. Additionally, they must be readily available during the CDCAs operating hours for immediate consultation.

- **Do CDCAs in non-clinical roles require clinical supervision?**

The CDCA is a clinical certification and therefore requires clinical supervision regardless of work role. If a CDCA is working in a clinical environment they are bound by their clinical code of ethics and need regular clinical supervision surrounding clinical boundaries, confidentiality, client's rights, consultation protocols, etc.

- **Can a CDCA diagnose and/or complete the diagnostic portion of an assessment?**

A CDCA cannot diagnose nor can they complete the diagnostic portion of an assessment.

- **Can a CDCA supervise?**

A CDCA cannot clinically supervise. Employers must make their own policy decisions in regards to administrative supervision.

- **What should I do if I am not receiving the clinical supervision my credential requires?**

You should not provide services if you are not receiving proper supervision. Discuss the matter with your clinical supervisor and/or your employer immediately. If that does not produce results you should contact the Board to discuss filing an ethics complaint.

- **If I hold a CDCA and another professional license (such as an LSW/LISW, LPC/LPCC) do I need clinical supervision?**

You would practice under the highest license that you hold and that license's scope would trump the CDCA scope. If that higher scope does not require clinical supervision, then you would not need clinical supervision.