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NEWSLETTER

Staff Spotlight



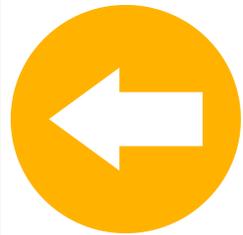
My name is Elma Brambila and I am the Board's Assistant Director. I have been with the Board since 2006. Thank you to all of my past coworkers, Committee and Board members, and most of all, to the licensees that call the Board each day and teach me something new. During my time with the Board, I have seen many positive changes take place such as taking steps in attempts to catch up with current technologies available to us and improving our customer service. It is very motivating to see when a licensee or potential applicant calls in for assistance and I am able to help them find a swift solution to the issue they may be facing. It is with great pleasure to say that the Board staff strives to provide an amazing customer service experience to everyone that reaches out to us. One of the biggest changes has been that our Executive Director, Tobi Zavala always makes herself readily available for presentations that may be beneficial to any agency, school, or organization that reaches out to us. It has been joyful and rewarding to have been afforded the opportunity to interact with many of you throughout my 16 years of service with the Board and I look forward to continuing to assist the Board with maintaining the safety of the public and licensees. I highly encourage everyone to attend a Board meeting if they ever get an opportunity to.

-Elma Brambila, AZBBHE Assistant Director



FUN FACTS:

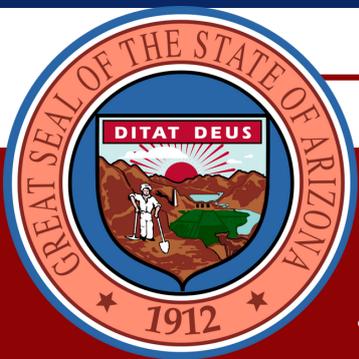
- 80% of disciplinary cases are boundary-related.
- Licensees and applicants will no longer have a \$4.50 credit card service fee when making a payment online.



Reminder



Substance abuse counselors must practice within their scope, which is defined in A.R.S. § 32-3251 (12): the professional application of general counseling theories, principles and techniques as specifically adapted, based on research and clinical experience, to the specialized needs and characteristics of persons who are experiencing substance abuse, chemical dependency and related problems and to the families of those persons.



A WORD FROM A BOARD MEMBER

This is my 6th year as a board member and it continues to be an experience that I am grateful for on many levels. Back in the day when I first came to Arizona and needed to figure out how to apply my out of state training to Arizona's licensure rules, my co-workers advised me to stay clear of the board and just "fly under the radar". It was in the next few years of getting licensure underway, that I thought some day I would like to figure out why our board had this identity with its licensees. As soon as the board's leadership shifted and my career gave me more time and professional experience to dedicate to the board, I decided it was time to figure it out. My goal primarily was to figure out how the board works, help participate in some change if needed and mostly help others understand the boards' role. I was truly hoping it was going to actually be a resource rather than a confirmed feared entity. I can say for the past 6 years, I have been letting as many as I come in contact with, know how helpful the board can be and that the focus is not just in enforcing our rules, but in training and collaboration in helping clinicians be clinicians. I have seen endless hours go into the continued growth of this board including collaborating with licensee's needs as our culture changes. I am proud to represent the MFT community and collaborate monthly with my fellow disciplines, with a passion in providing support for the role of supervision and peer collaboration that is so important to us being our most effective and ethical selves. My office laughs when I come back from our board meetings with the small list of "to-do's" for our practice as each month, I too, grow as a clinician.

-Kimberly Bailey, LMFT & AZBBHE Board Secretary/Treasurer



LICENSEE PORTAL



Stay tuned... A new web-based portal is being developed that will allow you to apply for a new license or renew your existing license online. You will also have the ability to maintain your contact information in the portal with a secure login. An email will be sent out with more details prior to the launch.

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The 90 days after expiration is a reinstatement period and you may not practice with your license during this time.