**SECTION II. MICRO SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE**

**SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES – INTEGRITY**

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| NASW Competency  |
| Integrity  | To facilitate these relationships and empower others to improve their lives, social workers must act in a way that engenders trust. Each social worker must be continually aware of the profession’s mission, values, and ethical principles and standards, and set a good example of these components for their clients. By behaving honestly and demonstrating personal integrity, social workers can promote the organizations with which they are affiliated while also creating the most value for the populations they serve. (Tulane University School of Social Work, 2023).  This means that the school social worker should always conduct oneself ethically and responsibly. Students and their families should reliably have confidence in the social worker’s practice skills and believe social workers are working in their best interest. This means that the school social worker must engage students and their families in a respectful and considerate manner.    |

**SOCIAL WORK COMPETENCIES – INTEGRITY - MICRO PRACTICE ACTIVITY**

NASW Core Principle: **Social Workers Behave in a Trustworthy Manner**

Social workers are continually aware of the profession’s mission, values, ethical principles, and ethical standards and practice in a manner consistent with them. Social workers should take measures to care for themselves professionally and personally. Social workers act honestly and responsibly and promote ethical practices on the part of the organizations with which they are affiliated.

Foundation activity: Consider the NASW Core Principle. Explain your role as a mandated reporter to Achara and her family.

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IFSW Core Principle: **Professional Integrity**

Social workers must hold the required qualifications and develop and maintain the required skills and competencies to do their job. This includes not abusing their positions of power and relationships of trust with people that they engage with; they recognize the boundaries between personal and professional life and do not abuse their positions for personal material benefit or gain.

Advanced Activity: IFSW Core Principle above. Achara asks you to speak with her boyfriend about removing her solicitation page from the Internet. Further, she would like you to explain to him the long-term ramifications of commercial sexual exploitation of youth. In three or four sentences, what would you say that displays respect and a non-judgmental demeanor to the boyfriend.

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