

Could I work with this person?

Mark each type of person with one of the following:

A = I *could* work with this person.

B = I *would have difficulty* working with this person.

C = I *could not* work with this person.

1. A person with fundamentalist religious beliefs
2. A woman who says that if she could turn her life over to Christ she would find peace
3. A person who shows little conscience development, who is strictly interested in his or her own advancement, and who uses others to achieve personal aims
4. A gay or lesbian couple wanting to work on conflicts in their relationship
5. A man who wants to leave his wife and children for the sake of sexual adventures with other women
6. A woman who has decided to leave her husband and children to gain her independence but who wants to explore her fears of doing so
7. A woman who is considering an abortion but wants help in making her decision
8. A teenager who is have unsafe sex and sees no problem with this behavior
9. A high school student who is sent to you by his parents because they suspect his is abusing drugs
10. A person who is very cerebral and is convinced that feelings are a private matter
11. A man who believes the best way to discipline his children is through corporal Punishment
12. An interracial couple coming for premarital counseling
13. A high school student who seeks counseling to discuss conflicts she is having with her adopted parent who is from a different culture
14. A high school student who thinks she may be lesbian and wants to explore this gender identification concern
15. A gay or lesbian couple wanting to adopt a child
16. A man who has found a way of cheating the system and getting more than his legal share of public assistance
17. A woman who comes with her husband for couples counseling while maintaining an extramarital affair
18. An interracial couple wanting to adopt a child and being faced with their respective parents' opposition to the adoption
19. A client from another culture who has values very different from yours
20. A mother who is intent on blaming the school for her son's behavior problems and constantly makes excuses for the child

Look at items marked C.

What is the difficulty you have with these people?

What are the potential risks/benefits of making a referral?

If you decide to work with one of these people, what are the possible risks/benefits to the client?