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Fall 2008 Workshops

Loss and Traumatic Stress
 & Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Series



**Lions and Tigers and Bears:
 The Multi-Systems Complexity of
 Child Sexual Abuse**

**Anthony Goldsmith, MA,
 Mary Hove, MS, and Panel**

Friday, November 21st, 2008 9:00am-4:00pm
 University Center | Webb Room | LT | CSA | ACT 48



Workshop Description

Techniques to use with a child who discloses abuse will be reviewed, with an emphasis on encouraging expression while not leading the child, and ways to avoid questions that may contaminate an investigation. Child protective service (CPS) reporting scenarios will be used for illustration. The roles of various entities in child sexual abuse will be delineated, including those of family members who face crises of their own. Parents who have experienced this trauma are included to help enhance the framework for healing. The unique intersystem coordination in Delaware County, PA allows us to bring together a panel from child welfare and the legal system for a lively and spirited discussion of the issues around investigation and prosecution. Afternoon panelists include:

Marie Boulden, MA CPS Investigations

Program Director Sexual Abuse Center, Children and Youth Services of Delaware County

Adam Sendek Criminal Investigations

Delaware County Criminal Investigative Unit, Office of the District Attorney

Michael Galantino, Esq. Criminal Proceedings

Deputy District Attorney Delaware County, Special Victims and Domestic Violence Division

Chris Pawlowski Probation/Parole

Supervisor, Delaware County Probation/Parole Sexual Offender Unit

Mary Hove, MA

Family Support Line, Co-Leader Parent Support Group, Family perspective and needs.

Tony Goldsmith, MA

Family Support Line, Clinical Director, Therapist perspective and interaction with the systems

Pat Kosinski, MSS

Moderator Executive Director, Family Support Line

This is the Core Knowledge Part 4 for the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate and applies to the Loss and Traumatic Stress Certificate. Mandatory/Core Knowledge workshops cannot be applied to both certificate programs. Electives can be credited towards both certificates, provided they are designated as applying to both.



Objectives

- Explore the role of therapist bias in sexual abuse disclosure.
- Differentiate therapist and CPS investigator roles.
- Incorporate techniques that enhance a child's comfort level and promote the child's ability to give a report.
- Describe the prevalence and effects of denial on nuclear and extended family relationships.
- Identify the roles of child protective services, criminal investigation, prosecution, and probation.
- Recognize the importance of collaboration and relationships with the various systems involved in CSA.

LT = Applies to Loss and Traumatic Stress Certificate Program

CSA = Applies to Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Program

ACT 48 = Workshop approved for ACT 48 credits

Individuals do not need to be enrolled in a certificate program to attend this workshop