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**Spring 2010 Workshops**  
 Loss and Traumatic Stress, Child Sexual Abuse Treatment,  
 and Early Childhood Mental Health Treatment Series



**Early Childhood Assessment**  
**Judith Silver, PhD**

Friday, March 12th, 2010 9:00am-4:00pm  
 University Center | Webb Room  
 ECMH Core 3 | 6 CE Credits



**Workshop Description**

The assessment of infants, toddlers and preschool age children is distinctive from that of older children in a number of ways. It requires a developmental perspective, multidisciplinary input, a multigenerational perspective, and is prevention-oriented. Practitioners need to be mindful of cultural issues that influence child and family functioning. Discussion will focus on observation of play and interpersonal interactions in conjunction with evidence-supported measures. Engaging parents and staff and providing meaningful feedback will be also be addressed.

This is the Core Knowledge 3 for the Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate and **does not** apply as an elective for the Loss and Traumatic Stress or Childhood Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificates.



**Objectives**

Participation in this program will allow you to:

- Use the definition of early childhood mental health as a conceptual foundation for conducting assessments
- Understand the interface of biological and contextual factors in young children's social-emotional functioning and the need for multidisciplinary collaboration
- Identify key factors in conducting culturally effective assessments
- Discuss how to support social-emotional development through ongoing screening and observation
- Identify a sample of appropriate published resources for early childhood assessments.

6 CE credits will be offered to participants completing post-workshop forms. Widener University, The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Widener University Maintains responsibility for the program. Widener University, The Center for Social Work Education, is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Work Examiners to offer continuing education for social workers.

LT = Applies to the Loss and Traumatic Stress Certificate Program  
 CSA = Applies to the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Program  
 ECMH = Applies to the Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate Program

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

\*Note: Mandatory/Core Knowledge workshops for one certificate program cannot be applied to another certificate program. Electives can be credited towards the LT and CSA certificates, provided they are designated as applying to both.

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