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Fall 2009 Workshops

Loss and Traumatic Stress, Child Sexual Abuse Treatment & Early
 Childhood Mental Health Treatment Series



Addressing Boundary Issues: Ethical and Clinical Considerations

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Friday, October 2nd, 2009 9:00am-12:00pm

University Center | Webb Room

LT Foundation | CSA Elective | ACT 48 | 3 CE Credits



Workshop Description

Therapeutic boundaries are the rules of the professional relationship. The purpose of these rules is to provide structure and safety in order to prevent harm to clients. However, not every boundary crossing is a problem, and some boundary crossings may even be helpful. This workshop will provide the opportunity to discuss ethical dilemmas related to accepting gifts, therapeutic touch, non-traditional settings for therapy, and non-sexual relationships after termination. The importance of consultation will also be emphasized. Participants are invited to discuss ethical dilemmas from their own practices.



Objectives

Participation in this program will enable you to:

- Distinguish between boundary crossings and boundary violations
- Describe ethical and risk management issues with subtle boundary crossings
- Identify appropriate responses when clients make serious challenges to therapeutic boundaries

3 CE credits will be offered to participants completing post-workshop forms. This workshop satisfies Pennsylvania ethics requirement for psychologists. 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

ACT 48 = Workshop approved for ACT 48 credits
 Individuals do not need to be enrolled in a certificate program to participate in this workshop.

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

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