

Thursday  
June 11, 2009  
Widener University  
Chester, PA

Child Sexual Abuse Treatment  
**Opening Pandora's Box**  
  
6th Annual

## Child Centered Decision Making: Child Abuse and Neglect in Context

It is important to view child sexual abuse in the larger context of the child welfare system and public policy around abuse and neglect. The seminar will consider issues regarding the very young child, caregiver capacity, impact of exposure to violence and the challenges of making meaningful change for a child in family court. Dr. Steinberg will be introducing a model for child-centered decision making. Systemic desensitization to the child's experience and the lifelong impact of child abuse and neglect will be examined. Dr. Steinberg will discuss how to work with forensic evaluators to ensure a better outcome for the child. Cases will be presented in support of cross disciplinary collaboration to enhance child centered decision making.



### Featuring **Annie G. Steinberg, M.D.**

Annie Steinberg, M.D. is a pediatrician and child and adolescent psychiatrist with specialization in forensic psychiatry; her work focuses on post traumatic disorders; abuse, neglect, sexually reactive youth; attachment disorders; and family, education, mental health, and disability law. Dr. Steinberg's research has examined the experiences of marginalization and disability in our culture and the impact of attitudes, beliefs, and values on decisions made on behalf of children. Dr. Steinberg's clinical work has included the establishment of school-based health and mental health programs and the use of the school as a family center; more recently, she has specialized in the diagnostically challenging patient. She has advocated for the rights of children to be heard in court since 1982 as both a pediatrician and child and adolescent psychiatrist.

<b>8:30 am</b>	Registration, University Center, Widener University
<b>9:00 am</b>	Child Centered Decision Making: Child Abuse and Neglect in Context
<b>10:30 am</b>	Break
<b>Noon - 1:00 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:30 pm</b>	Conference continues
<b>3:00 pm</b>	Break
<b>4:00 pm</b>	Close

**Join us for a complementary box lunch.**  
 Don't forget our Annual Silent Auction to benefit Family Support Line's work to heal the hurt of child sexual abuse and the James Wolf Scholarship Fund, which supports Widener's PsyD students who have encountered special challenges during their graduate education.

**Participants will....**

1. Gain an understanding of the impact that abuse, neglect, and exposure to violence has on the developing child and adolescent.
2. Begin to develop an approach to the forensic assessment of the child, adolescent, and family in matters pertaining to the child's safety and well being in the context of the community and relevant to the court.
3. Develop strategies for enhancing cross disciplinary and cross agency collaboration to ensure Child Centered Decision-Making.

**6 Continuing Education Credits**

This special in-depth workshop counts as 6 elective credits toward our Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Program. Please indicate on the registration form if you are or would like to be enrolled in the certificate program.

See our web sites for more information on this certificate series.

**Continuing Education and Act 48 Credits**

6 CE credits will be offered to participants completing post-workshop forms.

- **Psychologists:** The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, Widener University, is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Widener University maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

- **Social Workers:** The Center for Social Work Education of Widener University is a pre-approved provider by the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors to offer continuing education credits for licensed social workers.

- Act 48 Credits are also available.

**Special Needs Policy**

If you have any special needs related to your participation in our conference offerings, please contact Dennis Debiak, PsyD, at 610-499-1219 or at dmdebiak@mail.widener.edu.

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**Cancellation policy:** Prior to May 28, 2009 registration fees will be refunded upon request, minus \$20.00 Administrative Costs. No refunds will be made after May 28, 2009.

- Please reserve a box lunch for me
- I require a vegetarian lunch or have other dietary restrictions
- I wish to enroll in the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Program
- I will require Continuing Education Credits (check one)**
  - American Psychological Association
  - Pennsylvania Social Work
  - Act 48

<b>Fees</b>	<b>Regular Fee</b>	<b>Group Rate**</b>
Conference	\$150	\$100
Current Widener Student rate	\$60	
<b>Subtotal Conference Fees</b>	_____	
Widener Alumni 10% Discount	\$135	\$90
Year of Graduation	_____	Degree _____
Fundraising Lunch	\$25	
<b>Total Conference Fees</b>	_____	

\*\*Group rate will be given to any employer or organization sending 3 or more staff. All registrations must be submitted together.

**Form of payment:**  Check or money order (make check out to Widener University)  
 Visa  MasterCard

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (necessary for processing) \_\_\_\_\_

- Register by:**  Mail this form with payment to Office of Continuous Education University College, Widener University, 1 University Place, Chester, PA 19013  
 Fax this form with credit card information to 610-499-4369  
 Online at [www.postgraduatecenter.org](http://www.postgraduatecenter.org)

**Directions:** Check [www.widener.edu](http://www.widener.edu) for more information about driving directions and parking.

**Hotel Recommendation:** Best Western Widener Hotel & Suites, 1450 Providence Avenue (Route 320), Chester, PA 19013, (610)872-8100, [www.BWWidenerHotel.com](http://www.BWWidenerHotel.com) Stay@BWWidenerHotel.com - Ask for special conference rate.