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## Spring 2009 Workshops

Loss and Traumatic Stress  
 & Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Series



**Transitional Support for Young  
 Adults with Autism and New  
 Pennsylvania Legislative Mandates**  
 Stephen Luce, PhD

Friday, May 1, 2009 9:00am-12:30pm  
 University Center | Webb Room  
 LT Elective | CSA Elective | ACT 48 | 3 CE Credits



### Workshop Description

Many families of individuals with autism experience considerable amounts of loss and traumatic stress during the years when educational entitlements end. Changes in diagnostic criteria have had a dramatic impact on the size and characteristics of the population in question. Individuals in the spectrum with challenging behaviors can pose extraordinary difficulties in systems that are already over extended. This workshop will acquaint the audience with these stressors and provide examples of support that can be helpful to families. Of particular concern is the fact that lifestyle choices for individuals with autism, in need of extensive support, can be limited by financial and political preferences. Recent legislative mandates have been introduced in Pennsylvania to address some of these needs.

This workshop applies as an elective to both the Loss and Traumatic Stress and the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Programs.\*



### Objectives

Participation in this workshop will enable you to:

- Participants will understand and be able to describe the changing sources of support for individuals with autism over 21 years of age .
- Participants will be fluent in the changing diagnostic criteria for autism spectrum disorders and the impact those changes have had on the population.
- Participants will become familiar with the Pennsylvania Autism Waiver and Pennsylvania Act 62.

LT = Applies to the Loss and Traumatic Stress Certificate Program

CSA = Applies to the 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 participate in this workshop.

\*Note: 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.

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