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CASA of the Southern Tier, Inc.
Presents

Healthy Beginnings

“Creating Positive Attachments in Children”

Guest Speakers:

Dr. Steven Blatt

Dr. Arthur Becker—Weidman

April 3rd and 4th 2008

Holiday Inn Painted Post

“Healthy Beginnings: Creating Positive Attachments in Children”

Thursday, April 3rd, 2008

5:00pm - 6:00pm Registration
6:00pm - 6:45pm Dinner
6:45pm - 8:45pm Keynote speaker - Dr. Steven Blatt.

Topic: Enhancing services—Legal aspects of infant attachment.

Child health care is the backbone to quality child development. In this presentation, we will learn the health status of children—especially those in foster care and in the court system. We will learn the deleterious effects of poor health status and poor health for children and learn to recognize the legal issues that surround these issues. We will learn how to identify barriers to obtaining health care and what expectations are for health care in the future. We will also learn how to identify allies in obtaining health care for children in foster care and in the legal system.

Friday, April 4th, 2008

7:45am - 8:00am Registration
8:00am - 10:00am Breakout sessions 1—2—3(see next page)
10:00am - 10:15am Break
10:15am - 12:15pm Breakout sessions 4—5—6 (see next page)
12:15pm - 12:30pm Break
12:30pm - 1:45pm Lunch - Keynote Speaker - Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman - The importance of childhood attachment and implications for child welfare.
1:45pm - 2:00pm Break
2:00pm - 4:00pm Breakout sessions 7—8—9 (see next page)
4:00pm Conclusion of program

Lunch Topic: The importance of childhood attachment and implications for child welfare.

We will learn about what attachment is, the effects of chronic early child maltreatment within the care-giving relationship, what child welfare professionals need to know in order to help support parents before, during, and after maltreatment has occurred, and what services and assistance parents need to help the child achieve health and happiness.

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

NASW-NYS/ PA - continuing education credit approval pending and expected for the entire program

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LOCATION

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This workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn at 304 South Hamilton St. in Painted Post, NY, 14870.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

The Holiday Inn offers overnight accommodations. Their phone number is 607-962-5021. Need more information about other area hotels and lodging? Call Kristie Kinney at CASA at 607-936-2272.

QUESTIONS?

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Break-out sessions:

- 1 **The Culture of Childhood -- Jodi Mullen, PhD, LMHC, NCC, RPT-S** How would our interactions with children be helped or hindered if childhood were conceptualized as a culture and interacting with children as a cross-cultural experience? In this presentation participants will engage in activities and discussions that will illuminate how adult-child relationships can be impacted by viewing childhood through a cultural lens. (8:00am)
- 2 **Evaluating Parent Capacity - Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman** - Evaluating Parent Capacity. Children who have experienced chronic early maltreatment (trauma) require special parenting. This workshop will help professionals understand how to assess prospective or existing parents for such specialized capacity. (8:00am)
- 3 **Child Health and Development with a focus on RAD (Reactive Attachment Disorder) -Dr. Steven Blatt** (8:00am)
- 4 **The Culture of Childhood -- Jodi Mullen, PhD, LMHC, NCC, RPT-S** (10:15am) (see above description for #1)
- 5 **Ensuring the Healthy Development of Infants in Foster Care: Tools for Judges, Advocates and Child Welfare Professionals—** This workshop is designed to provide Judges, Lawyers, Child Welfare Professionals, CASA and other Child Welfare decision makers with tools that can be used in their daily practice to support them in their ability to apply the science of early childhood development to their decision making. (10:15am)
- 6 **Assessment & psychological evaluation of children who have experienced chronic maltreatment - Dr. Laura DeMarco** Comprehensive assessment and evaluation of children in families in which domestic violence is suspected. Identification of psychosocial variables suggestive of DV/abuse, including behavioral and psychological dynamics of DV in the family from the perspective of the victim and perpetrator (s). (10:15am)
- 7 **Therapy and treatment process for both victims and perpetrators of domestic violence - Dr. Laura DeMarco** Origins and treatment for attachment disorders. The treatment process for victims and perpetrators of domestic violence, including treatment regimens, process, and successful treatment completion. Examination of the reunification process and safeguarding against domestic violence relapse -- including warning signs of escalating violence.(2:00pm)
- 8 **Parents as teachers – Lori Borden and Jennifer Bigelow**, Senior Caseworkers, Allegany County Department of Social Services – What role can parents play in helping maltreated children regain a sense of belonging and attachment with their primary caregivers? (2:00pm)
- 9 **Policy implications for Child Welfare of current research on brain development, Complex Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Attachment - Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman** – This workshop is targeted at child welfare supervisors, attorneys, and judges, and will discuss the state of the art regarding public policy as it relates to children typically involved in maltreatment cases. (2:00pm)

Speaker Bios

Dr. Steven Blatt – Dr. Blatt received his undergraduate degree from Colgate University in 1979 and a doctorate in medicine from the State University of New York Upstate Medical University in 1983. He has been the director of ENHANCE Services for Children in Foster Care and Adoptive Health Care Services. Along with faculty from Syracuse University of Law, Dr. Blatt co-directs the Syracuse Family Advocacy Program, a service that increases access to legal services for patients and their families. For seven years he was the director of , a consultative program for internationally adopted children. Dr. Blatt has collaborated with the Department of Health, the Department of Social Services and other community agencies in improving the health care of medically underserved and at-risk children in Central New York. He has also participated on local, state and national advisory committees to governmental agencies, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Center on Human Policy, the Child Welfare League of America, and the New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children. Dr. Blatt is the co-founder and past chair of the Ambulatory Pediatric Association Special Interest Group.

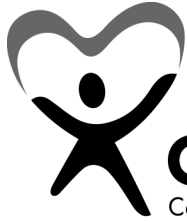
Dr. Arthur A. Becker-Weidman, Ph.D. - University of Maryland at College Park, Institute for Child Study. Certifications include: Diplomate, The American College of Forensic Examiners, Diplomate, Forensic Psychology and Child Psychology, American Board of Psychological Specialties, Registered Clinical member, Association for the Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children. Licenses: New York State Social Work R-054696. Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman is the author of fifteen publications in refereed journals as well over 100 papers and presentations to local, regional, and national associations.

Jodi Mullen, PhD, LMHC, NCC, RPT-S - Jodi Ann Mullen, Ph.D. is the director of Integrative Counseling Services, Inc. and an Assistant Professor at the State University of New York College at Oswego, School of Education, Counseling and Psychological Services Department. Dr. Mullen teaches courses in play therapy, counseling theory, psychopathology, professional issues and ethics, and a variety of clinical training courses. She is credentialed as a Nationally Certified Counselor through the National Board of Certified Counselors. She is also a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in New York State. In her clinical practice, Dr. Mullen specializes in working with children and adolescents. Additionally she works with adults who have experienced loss. She is the co-author of *Counseling Children & Adolescents through Grief & Loss* [Research Press, 2006] as well as the author of several book chapters and other publications related to helping counselors work more effectively with children, those who have experienced grief and loss, play therapy, and supervision.

Dr. Laura DeMarco is a Licensed Psychologist in private practice in Hornell, NY. Dr. DeMarco, in private practice for over 20 years, treats children, adolescents, and adults, in addition to consulting to local health care institutions and governmental agencies. Dr. DeMarco is also an adjunct faculty member at Alfred University in Alfred, New York.

Jennifer Bigelow & Lori Borden - Jennifer and Lori are Senior Caseworkers for the Allegany County Department of Social Services in Belmont, NY. Jennifer and Lori are Certified Instructors for the Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting program, where they screen, train, and certify prospective foster parents. Both Jennifer and Lori have extensive experience working with at-risk youth and their families, and both have extensive experience helping children with childhood attachment issues and their families learn and heal in order to lead happy, constructive lives.

Christine Sabino Kiesel, J.D, Esq. -Christine is currently the Statewide Project manager for the Child Welfare Court Improvement Project (CIP). Prior to taking on this role, Christine was a Court Attorney Referee in Oneida County Family Court, where she presided over abuse and neglect cases. It was in Oneida County Family Court as a Court Attorney, prior to becoming a referee, where Christine developed a successful best practices protocol for abuse and neglect cases. She continued to utilize the best practices protocol as a referee. As the Statewide Child Welfare Court Improvement Project Manager Christine provides training and technical assistance to counties around the state on how to implement recommended best practices in abuse and neglect cases.



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Thursday, April 3, 2008 (\$39)

___ Dinner

Friday, April 4, 2008 (\$79)

Please indicate which Breakout Session by breakout number

___ 8:00am—10:00am

___ 10:15am—12:15pm

___ 2:00pm—4:00pm

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