

Attachment Difficulties, Childhood Trauma, and Reactive Attachment Disorder: Clinical Guidelines for Assessment, Diagnosis and Treatment

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TAMPA
1/25-1/26/11

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2/9-2/10/11

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11/16-11/17/11

PENSACOLA
1/10-1/11/12

PANAMA CITY
2/7-2/8/11

Workshop Description:

To a great extent children derive their personal sense of security and worth from their relationship with their caregivers. This process is more commonly referred to as attachment. Childhood traumatic stress occurs when exposure to traumatic events overwhelms a child's ability to cope. Even though many children are resilient, trauma symptoms are more likely to occur in instances of child abuse and neglect and interpersonal violence than in other less personal forms of trauma. Participants will learn about the child-caregiver attachment process, the effects of traumatic stress, caregiver deprivation, and the reciprocal influences of attachment and childhood trauma. These complex issues have lead to diagnostic confusion, including the over diagnosis of Reactive Attachment Disorder. Also examined will be appropriate diagnoses for children with behavior problems who have experienced trauma. Evidence-based treatment interventions for children with these presenting problems will also be discussed.

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Trainers:

Donna Potter, MSW, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Instructor and Kelly Sullivan, Ph.D., is a Licensed Psychologist and an Assistant Professor. Both work for Duke University Medical Center in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the Center for Child and Family Health (CCFH). They conduct assessments, provide training, and consult with the NC State Division of Mental Health/DD/SA on diagnosis and treatment of Reactive Attachment Disorder. In their positions at CCFH, which is a community treatment services center site within the National Child Traumatic Stress Network, both have experience in providing evidence-based treatments and disseminating them locally and across the country.