



13th Annual

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Right From the Start:

Understanding, Investigating, and Intervening in
Violence Against Women and Children

Valliere & Counseling Associates, Inc.

April 20 & 21, 2022

Bear Creek Ski Resort, Macungie, PA

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Registration 7:30 a.m. each day

Continental Breakfast Daily; Lunch provided Wednesday & Thursday

Welcome back to an in person training! Changes and COVID updates

April is sexual assault month and hopefully distance enough from the pandemic to allow gatherings of vaccinated people so we can have our conference again in person. We have missed you and the healing, motivating impact of sharing our mission with our like-minded warriors. This year, we needed to move the conference to April. This might be a permanent change – give us your feedback! The theme this year is **HOW DOES THIS HAPPEN?** We will explore what we outlined in the Fall and, in general, the factors that allow and have allowed violence to flourish and offenders to succeed!

Course Descriptions

(Schedule Subject to Change)

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00 p.m. - **How to get away with a sexual offense – V. Valliere, PsyD** - *Despite education, despite #MeToo, offenders get away with sexual offense and private crimes at an alarming rate. This training will provide education about the tools and techniques of sexual offenders, how they groom the victim and the community, and how society facilitates the success of offenders. Video and case studies will be used. (3 hours) ***

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. - LUNCH (provided)

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. – **Choose one**

Counterintuitive? Victim response to interpersonal violence - V. Valliere, PsyD (part 1) – *Character pathology is a factor highly correlated with persistent violence. Dr. Valliere will discuss the personalities most often associated with violent behaviors, as well as expose the illusion of “normal” that personality disorders initially create. (3 hours) ***

Powerful family secrets: Identifying the clues – B. Beckwith, Psy.D. & T. Dashner, LCSW – *One of the most challenging tasks of an investigator, caseworker, or clinician is exposing family secrets. And nothing is more powerful than the secret that protects offenders. This training will offer case examples and information on catching the clues of these secrets as well as unraveling the secrets through understanding the dynamics of family violence and offenders. (90 minutes)**

2:30 – 3:00 – Snack break (provided)

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – **Choose one**

Counterintuitive? Victim response to interpersonal violence - V. Valliere, PsyD (part 2) – *Continued. (3 hours) ***

A day in the life of a sex offender therapist – T. Dashner, LCSW & A. Myers, Psy.D. – *Providing therapy to violent offenders is incredibly challenging. Therapists are not typically trained to deal with deception, grooming, manipulation, misogyny, and a lack of distress in clients. This training will provide a candid exploration of the challenges and remedies to these challenges that treating violent offenders presents for helpers. (90 minutes)**

Thursday, April 21, 2022

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. – Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:45 am – 10:15 a.m. - **Choose one**

Evidence Based Prosecution of Interpersonal Violence – B. Ryan, JD (part 1 for all audiences) – Prosecutors are sometimes handcuffed in prosecuting interpersonal violence because of their reliance on often uncooperative victims. This is a 6 hour training that will first offer practical information for caseworkers, investigators, clinicians, advocates, and prosecutors (3 hours), then provide concrete strategies that investigators and prosecutors can use, including the introduction of 404(b) evidence that focuses on prosecuting offenders without victim participation. Attendees will be offered a paradigm shift in the investigation and prosecution of very difficult cases and receive tools for effective prosecution. Useful for advocates and helpers as well as litigators (am 3 hours; 6 hours total) **

Ethics and technology for mental health professionals - V. Valliere, Psy.D. & B. Beckwith, Psy.D. (part 1) – Mental health professionals, like everyone else, can benefit from the use of technology to provide service, manage their practice, and build their professional reputations. However, these same professionals face significant ethical dilemmas in the use of technology with clients. The issues of confidentiality, HIPAA, privacy, self-promotion, advertising, and dealing with reviews are all challenges to navigate. Is texting a violation of confidentiality? How do you maintain ethical and professional boundaries using technology? What are some of the potential pitfalls with social media? How do you handle your online profile? Is telehealth for therapy effective and professionally responsible? All these topics must be negotiated for the professional that hopes to utilize technology to facilitate mental health care. (3 hours) **

10:30 – Noon - **Choose one**

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Shades of gray: How bias impacts our perception and decision making – V. Valliere, Psy.D. – Bias is a normal cognitive process that can help or hinder our perceptions and judgements. Bias is particularly powerful and important to understand when dealing with issues of interpersonal violence. The utility, types, and danger of bias will be explored in this training, as well as strategies to minimize the negative impact of bias in our decision-making. (90 minutes)*

Are you f*ckin' kidding me? How reasonable people believe unreasonable things – B. Beckwith, Psy.D. (part 1) – The pandemic has provided a ripe opportunity to explore and understand how people can adhere to beliefs seem completely counter to knowledge and evidence. This includes conspiracy theories as well as believing the obvious denial of offenders in spite of evidence. An exploration of the factors that facilitate these beliefs as well as strategies to counter those beliefs in clients will be presented. (3 hours) **

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The cost of fear: How living in fear affects our reasoning – V. Valliere, Psy.D. – *Living in a state of chronic fear and anxiety has a profound and complex impact on our psychological and physiological functioning. Some of the impact of the pandemic crisis can be explained by the pervasive level of fear that our society has had to cope with in the past two years. Fear as a physiological state will be explained. Strategies to decrease its impact for the self and clients will be offered. (90 minutes)**

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In order to assure the safety and comfort of all involved, proof of vaccination will be requested to attend in person.



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CE's credits are available for Psychologists, Social Workers, NBCC, PCACB, Law Enforcement, and PA/NJ CLE's. Other CE's must be submitted by the participant. Anticipated CE's for the entire conference will be 12 credits for all, 6 per full day.

DEADLINE: April 10, 2022