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"Complex Trauma: A Community Approach"- Implications for Treatment, Parenting, Child Welfare, Family Court and Education."

With Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman

October 20, 2011

8:30- 5 pm.

8:00am Registration

Knights of Columbus Hall
50 Pine Road
Saratoga Springs, New York

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Conference Overview

Children in the Child Welfare system have often experienced complex trauma and require specialized treatment, parenting and educational approaches. Dr. Becker-Weidman has specialized in the treatment of families with children who have complex trauma and disorders of attachment. In training therapists, parents, child welfare workers, educators and courts, Dr. Becker-Weidman will describe Complex Trauma and Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy (DDP). This evidence-based, effective, and empirically validated treatment can integrate the community response system. Dr. Becker-Weidman will explain the effects of complex trauma on child development as well as factors affecting placement stability. The responses of teachers, child welfare professionals, parents, and therapists are often the key to lessening the ill effects of trauma. The community system of care must embody the principles of safety, security, support, acceptance, and curiosity so that the child and family can heal. Through the use of presentations and tapes of actual sessions, Dr. Becker-Weidman will explain his approach.

Program Schedule

8:30-8:45 Introduction/Overview of Day

8:45-11:00 Complex Trauma

- 1) What is Complex Trauma?
- 2) 7 Domains of Impairment
- 3) Effects on Child Development and Behavior
- 4) DVD: A child's View

10:30-10:45 BREAK

11:00-11:30 Factors affecting placement stability & breakdown

11:30-12:00 Principles of effective interventions

12:00-1:00 LUNCH

1:00-5:00 Implications for Parents, Teachers, Clinicians, Child Welfare and Family Court

1:00-2:00 Teachers

Class and School Practices

2:00-3:00 Child Welfare and Family Court Placement Policies/Court Issues

Foster Parent Selection & Training

3:00-3:15 BREAK

3:15-4:00 Clinical Treatment

Elements of treatment

4:00-5:00 Parenting

Attachment Facilitating Parenting

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1.5 m turn left onto Pine Rd
Left into Parking Lot.
50 Pine Rd.
Knights of Columbus Hall

About the Presenter

Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman has been training professionals, evaluating and treating families and children with trauma-attachment disorders for over thirty years. He has a PhD from the University of Maryland's Institute for Child Study and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Psychological Specialties in Child Psychology and Forensic Psychology. He is recognized as an expert witness and frequently provides testimony in court proceedings.

Art lives in Williamsville, NY with his family. He is the Director of The Center for Family Development, an internationally recognized training and treatment center. He is the author of four books: *Creating Capacity for Attachment (2005/2008)*, *Attachment Facilitating Parenting (2010)*, *Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy Casebook (2011)*. He is the author of many articles in professional peer-reviewed journals and empirical studies. He has published research demonstrating the efficacy and evidence-base of DDP. Dr. Becker-Weidman provides training and consultation to therapists, psychologists, social workers, and parents throughout the US, Australia, Canada, Finland, Singapore, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

Who Should Attend?

This program is designed for anyone who would like to know how to work together across disciplines with children and families who have suffered from the effects of Complex Trauma. The conference is directed toward child-centered professionals and community systems that work to help to lessen those effects. This training will provide a perceptual framework to understand what these children and families need as well as readily implementable ideas that can be used at home, school, and community, as well as in therapy, child welfare, and family court offices.

- Psychologists and Psychiatrists
- Social Workers/Therapists
- Family Therapists
- Play Therapists
- Parents and Caretakers
- Residential Counselors
- Teachers/School Professionals
- Adoption/Post-adoption Caseworkers
- Child Welfare Workers
- Family Court Judges and Attorneys
- Early Childhood Development Specialists

