



11th Annual

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Right From the Start:

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

Valliere & Counseling Associates, Inc.

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COVID UPDATE

COVID has changed things for now. The isolation, stress, and limitation of resources (emotional, social, financial) has contributed to a rise in interpersonal violence, especially in the home, the place where it is supposed to be the safest. It has been challenging for all of us. Because of the rise in COVID cases and the risk of gathering, we have to forego one of our most anticipated events of the year. We are grieving the loss of the camaraderie, passion, sharing of ideas, and fun we look forward all year long.

But we are resilient! The silver lining of this change is the development of our webinar-based video conference. Over the course of 3 weeks, we will offer the bulk of the trainings. For the cost of the conference, you will be able to attend all the lectures, nearly doubling the number of continuing education credits for psychologists, counselors, social workers, and certified addiction counselors. This training has been approved in the webinar format by the American Psychological Association, the National Board of Certified Counselors, and the PCACB. We cannot get approved for CLE's yet, but will provide any information necessary for those attorneys that submit the trainings to their Boards. We are awaiting law enforcement approval.

Each webinar will be presented live according to the schedule below. Each webinar you view live will count as "live" continuing education credits. **Even if you cannot attend the webinars live**, you will have access to ALL the conference webinar recordings until **December 31, 2020**. You can receive continuing education credits for each webinar you watch. You can rewatch any webinar you choose as many times as you like during this time period.

In addition, each Wednesday, during the lunch hour between the live webinars, we will have a **virtual chat** with Dr. Valliere and staff. These lunch hours can be used to socialize, do case consultations, or answer questions of participants! It is our way of trying to replace at least some of the interaction and networking we are able to do during our conference. Hopefully, we will see some of you there! Maybe even more of you without the cost of travel!

ALL WEBINAR TIMES ARE SCHEDULED IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST)

Course Descriptions

Wednesday, October 14, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00 pm - "MYTH-Information: The inaccurate, erroneous, and false 'truths' about interpersonal violence" – V. Valliere, PsyD *Recent high profile cases have highlighted the persistence of misinformation and myths about interpersonal violence, including those about victims, perpetrators, injury, risk, and mental illness. This training will review the most entrenched of these and provide education to assist the audience in understanding and combating the perpetuation of faulty information. (3 hours) ***

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Virtual Lunchtime Chat/Consultation

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm - "The King, the Crook, and the Con – Narcissistic, Antisocial, and Psychopathic Personalities" - 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) ***

Friday, October 16, 2020

9:00 – 10:30 am - “Personality Pathology in Female Child Abusers” – B. Beckwith, PsyD – *Several case studies in child abuse, including medical abuse, will be used to explore the personality characteristics and pathways to abuse in female child abusers. Treatment goals and interventions will be explored. (90 minutes) **

11:00 am – 12:30 pm - “Serious Mental Injury – What is it and How Do You Address it?” – B. Beckwith, PsyD – *Serious mental injury is Pennsylvania’s attempt to capture the trauma and psychological injury produced in victims of child abuse, regardless of the source. This training will define serious mental injury, discuss possible diagnoses related to the finding, and identify possible sources of mental injury that are atypically identified as child abuse, like exposure to domestic violence. (90 minutes) **

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00 pm - “Stalking: Identifying and Combating the Relentless Terror” – V. Valliere, PsyD *Stalking is a profoundly terrorizing behavior. This training will explore who does it, how to understand and identify it, and what to do about it. This training will provide a focus on understanding the behavior and the stalker in the proper context – the one meaningful to the victim. (3 hours)***

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Virtual Lunchtime Chat/Consultation

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm - “The Therapeutic Reunification Process: How it’s Done, When to do it, and Who to do it With” – T. Dashner, LCSW. *Therapeutic reunification between children and an abuser is a complex and strategic process. Reunifying prematurely or in a misguided way can place the perpetrator, child, and family at risk. This training will explain the principles of and offer guidelines for reunification. (90 minutes)**

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm “Cultural Issues and Help-Seeking” – T. Dashner, LCSW – *Culture impacts victims in a variety of complex ways that are often unaddressed or misunderstood in the system. From the identification of abuse and maltreatment in the home to help-seeking behavior (whether formal or informal), cultural norms can dictate a victim’s response. Issues of sexual identity, hidden systemic racism, and cultural “excuse making” will be addressed as well. (90 minutes) **

Friday, October 23, 2020

9:00 – 10:30 am - “Narcissism: The Overlooked Factor in Interpersonal Violence” – A. Myers, PsyD – *Narcissism is character trait significantly related to risk of violence and offender, yet it does not appear on actuarial instruments and is hard to capture through records. This training will examine narcissism along a continuum from too little to too much and explain its relationship to violence.*

11:00 am – 12:30 pm - “Accountability and Agency in Treatment of Difficult Clients” – A. Myers, PsyD *Offenders, personality disordered individuals, and resistant clients often deny responsibility for their problematic behaviors and abusive acts, either outright or by blaming other factors, including victims. Accountability is necessary in creating change in clients, for their choices and to address their personality factors. Dr. Myers will discuss this issue in terms of fostering a sense of agency and improving accountability in difficult clients. (90 minutes) **

Wednesday, October 28, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00 pm - “Unmasking the Sexual Offender” - V. Valliere, PsyD - *Sexual offenders are highly duplicit, manipulative, and effective at exploiting our lack of understanding of deviance and character pathology. They rely on victim response and rape myths. This training will offer practical information to challenge beliefs and explain deviance in offenders. Paraphilic and personality disorders will be examined as pathways to sexual offending. (3 hours)***

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm – Virtual Lunchtime Chat/Consultation

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm - “That’s How They Getcha! How offenders use social rules against us” – B. Becker, MA & V. Valliere, PsyD – *Offenders are highly skilled at manipulation, but how? This training will explain how social norms are utilized by offenders to succeed. Participants will learn various concepts, like pattern interruption, to understand and identify offender manipulation. (90 minutes) **

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm “Myth of Supervised Visitation” –V. Valliere, PsyD – *Often, supervised visits are ordered to ensure that a child is not abused while in contact with a parent. While visiting with a parent while in placement can foster a stronger bond and more positive interactions, it can also provide opportunity for abusive acts that are not understood or observed by the supervisor. This training provides information about the way abusers and their victims interact to improve the supervision of visits, if not challenge the idea that any visit can be supervised. (90 minutes) **

Friday, October 30, 2020

9:00 am – 12:00 pm - “Ethical Issues in Working with Personality Disorders” V. Valliere, PsyD & B. Beckwith, PsyD – *Most professionals are not trained in understanding personality disorders. These disorders are unique in their persistence, pervasiveness, and risk to others. All professions dealing with interpersonal violence should understand the particular ethical issues presented in working with these individuals, especially those with a history of violence or maltreatment, including assessment of risk, potential for effective treatment and rehabilitation, and type of treatment needed. Qualifies for ethics credits for attorneys, psychologists, counselors, PCACB, and social workers. (3 hours) ***



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DEADLINE: October 10, 2020