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Advanced Contextual Family Therapy Training

February–June 2008
4 Fridays

Instructors:

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 Haim Horowitz, LMFT
 Barbara Krasner, PhD

Dates: February 29, April 25,
 May 23, June 6, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
Fee: See payment details below.

**Approval Pending & Expected
 for LSW, LMFT, & LPC
 Continuing Education Credits (12 hr.)**

Certificate of Training Included

**Counts Toward the Family & Play
 Therapy Center's 150-Hour Contextual
 Family Therapy Training Certificate**

OVERVIEW OF THE TRAINING

The seminars that make up the Advanced Contextual Family Therapy Training are based on the work of well-known family therapist Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy, who spent the major part of his life developing Contextual Family Therapy. We have gathered four long-term practitioners of Contextual Family Therapy to present these advanced seminars, which are geared toward therapists that have studied this work, although others are welcome to attend. Contextual Family Therapy offers a highly ethical way of relating and offers multiple options of working with the most challenging of human interactions, whether with one client or with multiple family members of any age.

Seminar Format:

- One-hour theory presentation on the subject of the day
- One-and-a-half-hour demonstration of Contextual Family Therapy, including observation of Multi-Directed Partiality. (The demonstration will include a role-play based on a real family or it will include two or more members of a family who will receive a consultation.)
- Half-hour group discussion and processing of demonstration

SEE SEMINAR DESCRIPTIONS ON REVERSE

Please call us at 215-844-4321 ext. 1 to register for any of these courses. We are able to accept Visa and MasterCard.

FEE \$200 for all four classes if registered by Friday, February 1, 2008
 \$225 for all four classes if registered by Friday, February 29, 2008
 \$65 per class for those who are unable to attend all four classes.
Preference for registration is given to those attending all four classes.
CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED

DEPOSIT \$100 due with registration now
 \$125 due with registration after Feb. 1

PAYMENTS Balance due February 29, 2008

February 29 — Constructive & Destructive Entitlement

Children come into the world with an existential right to be nurtured and to nurture. Such an expectation exists only in good-enough relationships. Discussion of entitlement will include how family members can create healthy relationships by offering care to people who have invested care in them. The reward of earned entitlement is that it gives the right and the freedom to enjoy life. Discussion will include what happens when care is exploited by the use of parentification, destructive entitlement, or refusal to care. One major consequence is what Nagy called the “revolving slate”. This is the intergenerational repetition of destructive patterns as family members demand inappropriate care or service from others. We will focus on interventions to build entitlement.

Presenter: Jacqueline Scharff, LMFT, RN

April 25 — Issues of Fairness in Contextual Family Therapy

Fairness is so elemental and so crucial that our guiding intuition about fairness is impossible to ignore, often hard to define, and at times even more challenging to agree upon. Why, if fairness is so influential in relationships, is it so elusive, so hard to describe, and sometimes so beset by different perceptions? This workshop sets out to answer these questions, offering fresh insights that will transform your way of understanding fairness in the world of relationships, while providing a hopeful map for creating a more loving and enduring relatedness because it is based on fairness. Dr. Hibbs translates the complexity of contextual theory, and its focus on family loyalty, individual deserving, and relational ethics—who owes what to whom—into an easily accessible language.

Presenter: B. Janet Hibbs, LMFT, PhD

May 23 — Parentification & Acknowledging Positive Contributions

Familiarity with the term ‘parentification’ (a child, or other, inappropriately assigned the role of a parent) may be widespread, but the subtleties and nuances of this phenomenon can be easily overlooked. This seminar aims to examine the widespread manifestations of parentification and to demonstrate how it lies at the root of numerous relational and intrapsychic problems. This seminar aims to aid the participant to better assess many baffling cases. It will also demonstrate how an understanding of parentification can serve as a means to contributing responsibly to the well being of future generations.

Presenter: Haim Horowitz, LMFT

June 6 — Loyalty Conflicts with Children Who Enter the Family through Adoption and Foster Care

This seminar will address what is at the heart of the pain of many children who enter families through adoption and foster care: loyalty conflicts. Participants will gain insight into the added complexity of building trust between the generations when young people have to integrate two or more sets of parents. It is helpful to understand that many defiant, oppositional, depressive, and self-harming behaviors in children and adolescents are due to loyalty conflicts including split loyalty. What resources and sensitivities should clinicians be aware of in the neediness and helplessness of these children who have an investment in their family solidarity? Adoptive children are automatically placed at a disadvantage concerning the reality of their natural family ties. Participants will be better able to tap into the resources of a child’s extended context in the midst of loyalty conflicts, split loyalties, and invisible loyalties.

Presenter: Barbara Krasner, PhD

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

Jacqueline Scharff, LMFT, RN is an advanced-practice psychiatric mental health nurse, board certified in child and adolescent psychiatric nursing. She is also a licensed marriage and family therapist, an AAMFT-approved supervisor, and an EMDRIA-approved consultant. She has been in private practice for 33 years and teaches at the University of Pennsylvania in the Graduate School of Nursing.

B. Janet Hibbs, LMFT, PhD is a licensed psychologist and marriage and family therapist. She has 15 years of postgraduate teaching experience. She founded Contextual Therapy Associates of Philadelphia and has been in private practice for 25 years. She has recently completed a manuscript: *Intimate Justice: Finding Fairness in Love and Marriage*, which has been submitted for publication.

Haim Horowitz, LMFT has been seeing families, couples, and individuals, including families of Holocaust survivors for over 30 years. He studied with the late Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy, and they maintained a professional friendship until Nagy’s recent passing. He has served as an adjunct instructor in the MFT program at Drexel University, and he is in private practice in Philadelphia with a special interest in intergenerational issues. He is a clinical member and approved supervisor of AAMFT.

Barbara Krasner, PhD works with families, couples, and individuals and performs research, training, and consultation in the fields of religion and psychology, psychology and social welfare, psychology and the law, and intergroup relations. She has co-authored several books, including *Between Give & Take: A Clinical Guide to Contextual Therapy* with Ivan Boszormenyi-Nagy and *Adoption: Reworking the Burden of Split Loyalties* with Ann McCabe.