

Working With Parents with Psychiatric Disabilities

Training Session for Juvenile Dependency Professionals

Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Main Session: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

(For service providers, other professionals and attorneys)

Attorney's Forum: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Allegheny College, Schultz Banquet Hall

549 Park Avenue, Meadville, PA 16335

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Look for the heading 'General Facilities' in the upper right corner. Schultz Banquet Hall is #4. The parking lot is across the street on Park Ave.

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University of Pennsylvania Collaborative on Community Integration (Katy Kaplan)
Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance (Beth Bitler)

Facilitators:

Katy Kaplan, M.S. Ed. *Coordinator at the University of Pennsylvania for the Collaborative on Community Integration of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities.*

Beth Bitler, M.S.A. *Program Director of the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance.*

Eddie Mannion, M.F.T. *Co-founder and Director of the Training and Education Center (TEC), a program of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania.*

Registration

* CEC Registration Form for Fees and Attorney CLE Information is found following this information. This form **must** be completed and submitted to register for this training session.

Options for Attorney's

Attorneys may attend **one or both sessions** and are eligible for CLE credits. *If you attend the all day program there will be **no** additional charged to attend the "Attorney's Forum."*

Main Session

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. 5 CLE credits

Recommended for all services providers, other professionals, and attorneys

This training session is designed to address the often challenging situations juvenile dependency professionals must address when working with families affected by a parental psychiatric disability. Information and skills for improving parental cooperation will be presented facilitating the service provider's ability to adequately perform essential duties.

Upon participating in this session, attendees will be able to:

- Explain the concept of community integration, which includes parenting as a domain.
- Recognize that recovery is possible and individuals with a mental illness can parent successfully with the appropriate supports.
- Understand how psychiatric disabilities are experienced by parents, their children and adult children.
- Identify the specific barriers many of these parents confront.

- Understand what constitutes reasonable efforts to reunify a family affected by a disability.
- Utilize tools for supporting families affected by a parental mental illness and identify the types of accommodations that can be useful in supporting parents with psychiatric disabilities so they can parent well.
- Develop strategies for building trust while supporting and educating parents and their children.

Attorney's Forum

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 1.5 CLE credits

Note: Attorneys need not attend the all day session to participate in the Attorney's Forum. Pre-registration is still required.

The notion that recovery is possible and community integration is right for all individuals has been firmly established in research, and more recently in legal and policy decisions. Recognizing the right of community integration for parents with psychiatric disabilities is undeniably in the best interest of the child. Research, legal and policy decisions, and personal recovery stories driving mental health systems transformation across the nation will be presented.

Upon participating in this session, attendees will be able to:

- Recognize that recover is possible, community integration is a right, and individuals with psychiatric disabilities can parent successfully with appropriate supports.
- Understand the lasting trauma children experience during removal.
- Develop strategies for building trust and cooperation with clients.
- Understand what constitutes reasonable efforts to reunify a family affected by a disability.

- Recognize that accommodations in services may be necessary to ensure that a parent is afforded equally effective participation in reunification or other family preservation services.
- Identify the types of accommodations that can be useful in supporting parents with psychiatric disabilities so they can parent well.
- Utilize the Americans with Disabilities Act or Compelling Reasons in advocating for client.

****REGISTER EARLY****



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Name _____

(Please print clearly)

Organization _____

Phone _____

OPTIONS: Please check **ONE**.

Juvenile Dependency Professionals

8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Program = \$5.00
Meals = \$13.00
Total Fee = \$18.00

Attorneys Main Session Only

8:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
5 CLE credits
@ \$1.50/ credit = \$7.50
\$5.00/program = \$5.00
\$13.00/Meals = \$13.00
Total Fee = \$25.50

Main Session and Attorney's Forum

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
6.5 CLE credits
@ \$1.50/ credit = \$9.75
\$5.00/program = \$5.00
\$13.00/Meals = \$13.00
Total Fee = \$27.75

Attorney's Forum Only

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
1.5 CLE credits
@ \$1.50/ credit = \$2.25
\$5.00/program = \$5.00
\$2.00/refreshments = \$2.00
Total Fee = \$9.25

Payment is due *in advance*. Make check payable to **Crawford County CASA, Inc.**

Send the completed registration form with your check no later than August 2, 2010

To: **Crawford County CASA, Inc.**

310 Chestnut St., Suite 334

Meadville, PA 16335

For more information call or email **814.337.4471** or **crawcasa@windstream.net**