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FOR EDUCATORS & CHILD MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
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Ann Martin Center sponsors lectures on contemporary research, theory, and technique relevant to educators and child mental health professionals. Speakers reflect diverse expertise in the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of learning, emotional, behavioral, developmental, and school-related problems. The series is offered as a free service to the professional community and all presenters have graciously donated their time.

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Treating Adolescents with Substance Abuse and Co-Occurring Disorders

Presenter: Connie Mayer, MFT Adolescent Counseling Services

When: February 3, 2012 (Friday) Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

This presentation will provide an overview of the correlation between substance abuse and co-occurring disorders in adolescence. Discussion will include common co-occurring disorders found in teen populations, the impact of these disorders in treatment, and the challenges of building a service model for substance abusing teens and their families. Assessment tools, intervention strategies, and treatment principles for substance abusing teens and co-occurring disorders will be covered.

Constance Mayer, MFT, is the Director of Outpatient Counseling Services at Adolescent Counseling Services in Palo Alto, providing management and clinical supervision for the Adolescent Substance Abuse Treatment Program and After-School Counseling Program. Connie holds a BA in Psychology, as well as a Master's Degree in Counseling from San Francisco State University. Before joining ACS, Constance was the Clinical Director at New Pathways Counseling Center at Catholic Social Services (CSS) in Vallejo, California. Prior to her position at New Pathways, Constance was the Licensed Clinician / Program Leader -- Intensive Outpatient Drug and Alcohol Program at New Connections in Concord, California and also held the position of Adjunct Faculty Member at JFK University – Graduate School of Professional Psychology in Pleasant Hill, California. Additionally, Constance has maintained a private practice in the East Bay for over 20 years.

Speech-Language Pathology & Educational Therapy: How the work of one enhances the other and the overlap of the disciplines.

Presenter: Amy E. Faltz, MS, CCC-SLP

When: February 24, 2012 (Friday) Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Many times, students with speech and language disorders are also being serviced at the same time by educational therapists. The relationship between language development, reading, writing and spelling is well documented in the literature of the two fields.

The collaboration of the professionals working with the student is crucial to the success of any one approach, particularly since there is often overlap of the services and programs being provided. This presentation will focus on the common areas of concern for language disordered and learning impaired students. What work does the speech pathologist provide? How is this different from the educational therapy program? What common ground is covered? Case studies will be provided along with time for questions and answers.

Amy E. Faltz is a pediatric speech and language pathologist in private practice in Oakland and Albany. Faltz Associates, Inc., open in the East Bay since 1979 with a staff of 5 full time SLP's, services children from ages 18 months to 18 years with a wide variety of disabilities. Amy has worked extensively with all ages focusing much of her therapy on the issues of language/learning disabled children.

Psychopharmacology: A Focus on Children and Adolescents

Presenter: Jerome Berney, MD

When: March 2, 2012 (Friday) Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

This training will highlight the differences between medication prescribing for children and adults related to age-specific metabolism, body structure, and development. Supported by clinical case examples, differential diagnostic tips will be discussed, targets for medication use in various conditions such as ADHD, depression, schizophrenia and psychoses, and bipolar mood disorders will be elucidated, and benefits and risks of approved medications will be highlighted. Generally held mechanisms for

neurotransmitter activity in various disorders will be related to drug activity. The goal of this activity is psycho-educational and should enhance integration of treatment conducted by clinicians and prescribers.

Jerome Berney is a board-certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and serves as the Lead Psychiatrist for Alameda County. Dr. Berney has been certified by the Neuroscience Education Institute as a "Master Psychopharmacologist".

Nonverbal Learning Disorder: Differential Diagnosis

Presenter: Diane Kusters, PhD and Elea Bernou, PsyD

When: March 16, 2012 (Friday) Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Is the diagnosis of a learning disability an art or a science? In 1997, recently confirmed Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor ruled in a U.S. District Court case that a learning disability cannot be solely diagnosed by metric testing. She ruled that clinical judgment must be used to identify whether a deviation in a particular case reflects the existence of a learning disability. Diagnosis varies depending upon the type of professional, their level of experience, and the diagnostic instruments used. This presentation will address the strengths and weaknesses associated with the diagnosis of NLD, which is a diagnosis rooted in the field of neuropsychology. Comorbid diagnoses and diagnosis of conditions with overlapping areas of strength and weakness will be discussed.

Diane Kusters worked for 17 years in Mental Health Services at Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek. Since 1999, she has had a private practice in Walnut Creek, CA, which focuses on the neuropsychological assessment of children, adolescents, and adults.

Elea Bernou worked as a clinical neuropsychologist in hospital settings for 6 years (McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute; St. Mary's Medical Center, S.F.). She has had a private practice for the past 12 years specializing in the neuropsychological and psychological evaluations of adults, elders, adolescents, and children (age 6 and above.)

PANDAS: Coming to a School Near You

Presenter: Jamie Candelaria-Greene, PhD, BCET

When: Friday, April 20, 2012 Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Have you noticed how different your student has become since he was home with that sore throat last week? He's making strange movements, is inattentive; you can't read his handwriting, and his once stellar math grades are now plummeting. On top of that, Mom tells you that at home he's become moody, unmanageable, and even starting to wet the bed again- at age 12! These are some of the symptoms that are commonly seen in a medical condition known as PANDAS. Dr. Candelaria-Greene provides an overview of this often unrecognized autoimmune disorder, and describes its impact on behavior, attention, and cognitive skills. Attendees are then provided with specific recommendations for accommodations, compensatory strategies, and other supportive services.

Jamie Candelaria-Greene is a Board-Certified Educational Therapist, has served students of every age and developmental level in Special Education. Her work as a teacher, researcher, and professor of Education has spanned thirty years and three continents. Her writing focuses attention on effective educational practices, literacy, and the effects of health conditions and the environment on learning ability. In her private practice, she provides educational assessments, academic support for adults re-entering education, and multi-sensory readiness skills for children at risk.

Shame, Pride and Psychotherapy with Children and Adults

Presenter: Ken Benau, PhD

When: May 18, 2012 (Friday) Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Shame and pride, while ubiquitous in psychotherapy, are rarely discussed in the literature. This presentation will discuss, when working with children and adults in psychotherapy, how to: 1) identify the verbal and non-verbal markers of shame and pride; 2) work with shame from an integrative perspective (i.e. cognitive, affective and somatic); and 3) transform shame into genuine (non-hubristic) pride and connection. Lecture, clinical vignettes, videotape of adult psychotherapy sessions, and discussion will all be used to deepen our understanding.

Ken Benau is a licensed clinical psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice (since 1990) in Kensington, CA, where he sees individuals, couples and families. He specializes in working with children, adolescents and adults with a variety of learning and developmental challenges (including LD, ADHD, and Autism Spectrum Disorders), as well as those with complex trauma histories. Dr. Benau is also a clinical consultant and supervisor of psychotherapy, and an Associate Clinical Professor at UC Berkeley's graduate program in Clinical Science. His work is primarily experiential-dynamic in nature, and is largely informed by AEDP (Accelerated Experiential-Dynamic Psychotherapy), Coherence Therapy, and somatic-based psychotherapies. He is a certified AEDP practitioner. Finally, Dr. Benau has a special interest in working with shame and pride in psychotherapy, and is writing a book from an integrative perspective on that topic.

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