Welcome Orange Training Institute
Trauma Institute of Orange County

The Troubled Triangle: The Developmental Neurobiology of Addiction, Attachment & Trauma

Event

When:
Friday, November 2nd
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lunch on your own

Where:
Emergency Services Center
22 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, NY 10924

Register:
www.bookeo.com/
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Cost:
$50

Continuing Education:
6 Hours will be awarded to Licensed Social Workers; Licensed Mental Health Counselors; Psychoanalysts; Licensed Creative Art Therapists; and Licensed Marriage & Family Therapists. NYSED regulations require full attendance to receive continuing education credit.

With Kurt White, LICSW, LADC, CGP

About the Program

Addiction work is trauma work. Recent studies show that as much as 80% of co-occurring clients have histories of trauma—often multiple episodes of trauma. Rates of PTSD and other trauma-related disorders are endemic to addicted populations. Early experiences alter gene expression and brain development: exposure to an environment of disrupted attachment, persistent fear, trauma-related experiences and exposure to addictive substances, all have significant effects on the developing brain. This new science of attachment and neurobiology can be a guide to effective treatment interventions with addicted individuals. Both theory and implications for technique will be explored. Clinicians who see themselves as addiction specialists often feel uncomfortable with the trauma related presentations in substance use disorders. Conversely, many skilled trauma therapists have had little training in addiction. This workshop aims to help both groups bridge the gap in both knowledge and skills for working with this complex population using new knowledge on the neurobiology of attachment. The instructor will examine the disruptions to healthy attachment patterns and how this predisposes individuals to develop addiction in mid- to late-teen years.

About the Presenter:

Kurt White, LICSW, LADC, CGP, is the Director of Ambulatory Services at the Brattleboro Retreat in Brattleboro, Vt., and is a social worker and drug and alcohol counselor by trade and training. He currently serves as president of the Vermont Association of Addiction Treatment Professionals (VAATP), which represents addiction treatment agencies in Vermont. Kurt is adjunct assistant professor at Smith College School for Social Work, where he teaches Group Theory and Practice. He is also adjunct faculty at Antioch New England Graduate School, where teaches in the Applied Psychology program.

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