

**43rd Annual PCA Conference
“Creativity in Counseling”
October 21 to October 23, 2011
Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
State College, PA**

Creativity in Counseling

Featuring Key Note Speaker Dr. Ed Jacobs coordinator of the masters’ program in the Counseling, Counseling Psychology, and Rehabilitation Department at West Virginia University

Guestroom Information:

Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel
215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, PA 16803-6603

Reservations: 1800-233-7505 (use PCA discount code/reservation ID: PCAJ11B)

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Check-in time: 3:00 pm

Check-out time: 12:00 pm

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Conference Quick View Agenda

Friday, October 21, 2010

- 12:00 pm Registration Opens
- 1 pm to 5 pm Learning Institutes
- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm PCA Board Meeting
- 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm Welcome Reception

Saturday, October 22, 2010

- 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Registration (Lobby)
- 8 am to 8:30 Opening Reception – President’s Welcome
- 8:45 am to 5:15 pm Exhibitor Tables Open
- 8:45 am to 11:30 am General sessions
- 11:45 am to 1:30 pm Awards luncheon and Keynote Speaker
- 1:45 to 5:15 pm General Sessions
- 5:30 pm to 7 pm Division Meetings
- 7 pm to 8 pm Chi Sigma Iota Reception
- 9 pm Drum Circle

Sunday, October 23, 2010

- 7:30 am to 9 am Breakfast with the President
- 9 am to 11:15 am General Sessions,
- 11:15 to 11:45 Conference closing, submit CEU forms

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Please note that there may be changes to this schedule!

1 – 5pm FRIDAY

4 Hour Learning Institutes

Nina Denninger, M.A., ATR-BC, LPC (Registered and Board Certified Art Therapist)
Dana Elmendorf, M.A. ATR-BC, LPC (Registered and Board Certified Art Therapist)

Creative Responses to Client Creativity in Counseling: A Master Supervision Opportunity for Practicing Professionals

Counselors often have clients who can benefit from using creative processes in counseling. This learning institute is designed for counselors who find themselves using creativity in counseling, but without having been trained in any of the creative or expressive therapies. Underlying theories and principles of ethical practice will be reviewed in the early part of the workshop. This will be followed by opportunities for participants to review case material participants bring to the workshop. Participants must come prepared to sign a waiver stating that any clients discussed have given permission for their cases to be presented while maintaining their anonymity.

Connie R. Matthews, Ph.D., NCC, LPC
Peggy Lorah, DEd., NCC, LPC

Ethical Issues in Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Clients

This program will address ethical issues that counselors need to be aware of when working with gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender clients. It will focus on the *ACA Code of Ethics*; however, the ethical codes of other mental health associations will be considered. Relevant policy statements will be addressed. Participants will have the opportunity to apply this information to case discussions. Discussion of ethical concerns in working with LGBT clients will be both didactic and interactive. Presenters will offer information based on their professional work and scholarly literature while also encouraging discussion from participants through use of PowerPoint presentation, and small and large group discussion. Participants will also have the opportunity to apply what they learn to hypothetical case material and ethical dilemmas. Presenters will introduce participants to resources to help in their ethical work with LGBT clients.

Barbara Parker-Bell, PsyD, LPC, ATR-BC

Overcoming Obstacles Creatively: An Art Therapy and Social Problem-Solving Approach to Helping People with Auto-immune Disorders

In this presentation, theory, and outcomes of PST/Art Therapy integration will be presented. In addition, workshop participants will be provided related educational material and will be guided

through several art based activities that integrate art therapy techniques and social problem-solving approaches.

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Note: Proposals must include a Masters or Doctoral level presenter in order to be eligible to award CEUs to session participants.

8:45-10:45am SATURDAY

2 Hour Education Sessions

Nicholas Hanna, Ph.D, LPC, NCC & Susan Schaming, Ed.D, LPC,NCC

My Father, My Friend, & My Foe: Managing the Transference and Counter-transference in Counseling

Relationships with fathers can be a daunting and emotionally-charged topic in counseling relationships with therapists and clients. As a seasoned presenter and leader in the field of relationships with fathers, Dr. Hanna and his former student and mentee, Dr. Schaming, will explore the challenges in an experiential, gestalt-based format.

James K. Matta, Sr. Ed.D., LPC, NCC, LeeAnn Eschbach, Ph.D, LPC,NCC, & Ami Hooper-Knox, MS., NCC, CAC, LPC

Answering Those Frequently Asked Questions Related to Obtaining Licensure as a Professional Counselor in the State of Pennsylvania

This workshop is designed for new counseling professionals who are seeking to obtain their license as Professional Counselors. The presenters of this workshop happen to be 3 board members of the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors.

Mindy Jacobson-Levy, MCAT, ATR-BC, LPC & Maureen Foy-Tornay, MA, ATR-BC, LPC

Creative Pathways in Promoting Insight and Healing Associated with Disordered Eating

Counseling eating disordered clients is complicated, as verbal barriers often impede recovery. A creative self-discovery workbook (Jacobson-Levy & Foy-Tornay, 2010) offers a protected venue for self-expression and the articulation of one's personal story. Participants will engage in an experiential task, and case material/artwork will be shared for illustrative purposes.

Jill Comins, M.A., BC-DMT, LPC

Dance/Movement Therapy and the Recovery Model: A Duet

Recovery refers to the "lived experience of rehabilitation". Dance/movement therapy provides a direct experience to engage clients in the "here and now" and consequently, in their own healing.

Be prepared to move as this workshop will utilize creative and expressive movement to explore the components of recovery.

Spencer Niles, D.Ed., LPC, NCC, Hyoyeon In, MA., & Hyung Joon Yoon, Ph.D., SPHR, CDFI

Creative Approaches to Career Development: Using the Hope-Centered Career Model and Inventory in the Rapidly Changing Work Environment

The newly constructed hope-centered approach to career development emphasizes the essential competencies of career development: hope, self-reflection, self-clarity, visioning, goal setting/planning, and implementing/adapting. The session will introduce the hope-centered career model and inventory. Participants will actively participate in discussing how to apply them to career development practice through case studies.

9:15-10:15am SATURDAY

1 Hour Education Sessions

Amy Isaac, M.A.

Using Creative Arts in Alcohol and Drug Counseling

Incorporating art, music, and theater into drug and alcohol counseling enables the client to express emotion, use both sides of the brain and soothe the body and spirit. In this session, we will explore the multitude of ways the arts can be integrated into counseling sessions.

Peggy Lorah, D.Ed., NCC, LPC

Counseling Issues with Gay and Lesbian Families

Lesbian women and gay men form families that often include biological or adoptive children. These families may face special challenges. This session will focus on issues that these families identify as problematic and will provide affirmative counseling strategies for working with these families and circumstances.

Richard Behun, M.S.Ed., M.S.L., NCC & Eric Owens, Ph. D., NCC, ACS

Adolescent Sexuality and Mandated Reporting: Legal and Ethical Implications for Professional Counselors in Pennsylvania

This program will examine sexual behaviors and sexual health of adolescents, contraceptive regulations and abortion laws concerning minors, sex crimes affecting minors as stated in the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, and the requirements and procedures of mandated reporting for professional counselors as described in the Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Act.

James Hepburn, Ph.D.

Using Music as Metaphor to Teach Counseling Techniques

This presentation will use concepts borrowed from music to illustrate the theory and practice of counseling. The parallels between these two disciplines can increase understanding as well as inspire students in counseling theory and technique courses. Inviting insight through the use of tone, timbre and timing in counseling will be discussed.

10:30-11:30am SATURDAY

1 Hour Education Sessions

Ryan Gruber, M.Ed. & Paul Datti, Ph.D., CRC

Mentorship and LGBT Counselor Competency

It can be daunting for counselors to personally and professionally integrate LGBTA identity and competence. Mentoring relationships can create spaces to assist with these issues. This presentation will describe a program that connects new and seasoned counselors for collaboration, advocacy, and professional development as an extension of training and experiences.

Joseph Peters, Ph.D. ABPP, ACS

Negative (-) to Positive (+): Simple Not Easy

Positive psychological principles have been shown to have profound, life-changing effects when employed effectively. Today's practicing counselor is confronted continually with negativity in all its various forms. This program will present several positive psychological concepts salient to professional counseling and address implementing them in one's personal and professional life.

VonZell Wade, MEd.

Different Aspects of Dual Relationships

Within the counseling profession ethical issues concerning boundaries and dual relationships are among the most complex and difficult. Many of the boundary circumstances which arise are not easy to evaluate ethically. The educational session would focus dual relationships and boundaries as they pertain to the professional counselor.

10:30-11:00am **30 minute Poster Sessions**

Shannon Brown, B.A. (Graduate Student), David Tobin, Ph.D., & Kalyn Carney, B.A. (Graduate Student)

Goal Statements for Counseling Students in the Group Experience

This poster session delineates appropriate goal statements for counseling students preparing for training in group dynamics. Our experience was that students had anticipatory anxiety and uncertainty over expectations and their role as group members. The purpose of study was to delineate student goals that facilitate greater group involvement.

Matthew Eisenhard, M.A.

Empathic Anger, Empathy, Prosocial Behavior, and Bullying: Implications for School Counselors

Empathic anger is a response of anger directed at a transgressor because an individual empathizes with a victim of bullying. 113 adolescents completed questionnaire packets measuring empathic anger, empathy, prosocial behavior, and bullying. Empathic anger predicts a greater range of prosocial behavior than empathy. School counselor interventions are presented.

Amy Isaac, M.A.

Intimate Partner Violence on College Campuses

According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 21% of college students have experienced dating violence by their current partner. With this knowledge, it is imperative to recognize the signs of intimate partner violence and identify avenues of prevention and rehabilitation.

Travis Schermer, Ph.D., LPC

Card-Sorts as Counselor Education Tools

Card-sorts are a creative way to get students talking about important concepts by honoring their unique views. These tasks require students to make meaning of stimuli provided by the instructor. This poster will provide examples of the technique being applied in classrooms and suggestions for other educators.

Nina Pero, & Shamshad Ahmed, Ph.D., LPC, NCC

Half of My Heart is Deployed

This group is designed to provide support to spouses and significant others of soldiers currently serving a deployment. It gives the participants a chance to share, connect, communicate with their loved one and prepare for reintegration.

Amanda Katchur, M.A., & David Palmiter, Ph.D., ABPP

The Effect of Parenting and Family Factors and Resilience on Subjective Well-Being in Early Adulthood: Implications for Family Counselors

The relationship between parenting and family factors, resilience, and subjective well-being was examined. A positive correlation was found between all three variables. Parenting and family factors represented the largest predictor of subjective well-being. Results suggested the importance of healthy parenting and family practices for building resilience and subjective well-being.

1:45-3:45pm SATURDAY

2 Hour Education Sessions

**Brian Wlazelek, Ph.D., Ken McCurdy, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS, & Matthew Armes,
(PACES-Graduate Student Representative)**

Counselor Preparation in Pennsylvania: Crucial Issues and Current Trends Impacting the Counselor of Tomorrow!

This PACES sponsored presentation will bring together faculty from various Pennsylvania Counselor Preparation Programs to discuss crucial issues and current trends impacting the training of students and post-degree counselors-in-training who are seeking licensure as LPCs in our state.

Ami Hooper-Knox, MS, NCC, ICADC, SAP, LPC, & Kathryn Newton, Ph.D., NCC

Substance Addictions and LGBT Issues

This program will address substance use and abuse issues as they relate to LGBT population. Areas of concern and potential treatment options will be discussed.

Joan Kaylor, MEd, LPC, NCC

Private Practice and Beyond: From Sliding Scale to Unlimited Abundance

This workshop will teach how to begin a private practice, networking, advertising, incorporating, internet connections, web sites, Skyping, income without real time counseling, guest lecturing and consulting. Handouts are available on line on my web site at: www.JoanKaylor.com/classes

Judith Merritt, Ph.D., RDT

Art and Dramatic Play in Assessment & Therapy

Presentation will explore through video and hands on experiences art and dramatic play techniques and materials useful for facilitating assessment and therapy processes which can be more therapeutically revealing and healing.

1:45-2:45pm SATURDAY

1 Hour Education Sessions

Paul West, Ed.D., LPC, NCC

The Training of Clinical Supervisors in the Substance Abuse Treatment Field

Clinical Supervisors play a critical role in the development of professional counselors. This presentation explores the rigor of the training of clinical supervisors in the substance abuse treatment field. Concerns are raised regarding the rigor and impact of these various training forums on the development of professional counselors.

Mary Frances Russo, Ph.D. & Dan LaRue

Creating an integrative Case Analysis Format in Preparation for Community Counseling Fieldwork

A structure for case analysis will be presented along with the qualitative data supporting student preparedness for fieldwork. Integration of medical model, developmental, systems, constructivist, and counseling theories will be related to case conceptualization and treatment planning. A sample case student will be analyzed as an experiential learning activity.

Christina Riga, M.S.Ed., NCC & Tawna S. Loutsenhizer, MS Ed, LPC

Ethical and Clinical Aspects of Dual Relationships

In this presentation, I will discuss the ethical and clinical aspects of dual relationships and explore the way in which boundaries can be crossed and violated in this context. I will examine the ACA Code of Ethics, its interpretation, and a review of applicable literature on these situations in the therapeutic relationship. Further, I will discuss the most well-known decision-making models for resolving ethical dilemmas.

Helena Ng, MS

Who Cares About Baby Boomers? We do!

This educational session discusses the aging of baby boomers as it is happening in the here and now. Crucial psychological aspects and meaning of aging pertaining to this population will be examined. Essentially, the forum aims at raising counselors' awareness, developing understanding, and exploring effective intervening skills in working with baby boomers.

2:00-2:30pm SATURDAY 30 minute Poster Sessions

Marissa Logue, (Graduate Student)

Creating Vocational Cohesion through Retirement: Using Narrative Therapy in a Group Setting

The transition into retirement is a challenging issue of late adulthood. Difficulties may include: isolation, changes in family dynamics, increased financial concerns, and diminished social roles. This presentation combines narrative therapy, the art of storytelling, and group counseling as an innovative way to create vocational cohesion for clients entering retirement.

Abeer Ali Rasheed, & Darsell Harris, MA, LPC, NCC

Ethical Implications of Preparing International Counselor Students

This poster presentation will provide counselor educators and counselor supervisors with a better understanding of the importance of considering the unique needs of international counseling students.

Megan Flack, M.Ed., MA

Dispositional Gratitude: Theory, Research, and Future Direction

The current review describes the theories behind the trait of gratitude, as well as empirical findings and direction for future research. Conceptualizations of gratitude were explored, as well

as theoretical perspectives. Empirical research on dispositional gratitude will be reviewed, as well as suggestions for future research and integration with counseling.

Richard Khan, M.A., Christine Haasz, M.A., & Shamshad Ahmed, Pd. D., LPC, NCC

Understanding Domestic Violence: A Literature Review

The poster presents a literature review of the prevalence of Domestic Violence at the global, national and state (Pennsylvania) level. Resources that are available within Pennsylvania are highlighted. In addition, Structural Family Therapy is discussed as it relates to families affected by domestic violence.

Kerri Tang, M.A., Matthew Eisenhard, M.A., & Janet Muse-Burke, Ph.D

How Child Abuse Relates to Aggression and Psychological Distress: The Importance of Differentiating Types of Maltreatment.

Childhood trauma, differentiated by type of maltreatment, was examined in relation to aggression and psychological distress. Results indicated emotional maltreatment is a better predictor of overall aggression, anger, hostility and indirect aggression than physical maltreatment. Physical maltreatment was shown to be a better predictor of physical aggression than emotional maltreatment.

Stacy Golman, M.A.

Promotion Focus and Neuroticism as Significant Traits for Job Satisfaction, Job Stress and Well-being: Implications for Career Counselors

Occupational stress negatively impacts an individual's health. Job stress influences job satisfaction through mechanisms such as mental and physical health. Both neuroticism and promotion focus predicted job satisfaction, job stress, and subjective well-being. Career counselors could measure personality traits and promotion focus to provide insight and guidance to individuals.

3:00-4:00pm SATURDAY

1 Hour Education Sessions

Connie Matthews, Ph.D., NCC, LPC

Making Schools and Communities Safe and Affirmative for LGBT Youth

This presentation will address the challenges and opportunities facing LGBT youth in schools and communities. It will examine the developmental tasks facing ;GBT youth and the challenges that can interfere, as well as resources for helping counselors create environments that are safe and affirmative for LGBT youth.

Hyung Yoon, Ph.D, CDFI, & Yaoshan Li, M.Ed.

Creative Career Counseling Interventions Using Albert Bandura's Human Agency Theory

The Human-Agency-Based Individual Transformation (HABIT) career development model was developed based on Albert Bandura's human agency theory. Intentionality, forethought, self-reactiveness, and self-reflectiveness are the four core features of human agency. These features provide career counselors with creative interventions that allow individuals to achieve their career goals.

Debra Hyatt-Burkhardt, Ph.D, & Eric Owens, Ph.D., NCC, ACS

Sink or Swim? The Possibilities and Potential of Vicarious Experience When Counseling Survivors of Trauma and Crisis

This program will provide a comprehensive overview of issues related to the vicarious experiences of counselors who work with survivors of trauma and crisis. Specifically, participants will have the opportunity to engage others in discussion of both the negative and positive vicarious experience of counseling clients in distress.

Stephen Kuniak, MS.Ed.

Pulling the Sword from the Stone: An Overview of Interactive Media from a Counseling Perspective

This program will explore the counseling implications for those clients involved in the socially interactive media culture. Participants will explore the history of the principal media (i.e. video games, comic books, etc), representative artifacts, and progression of this culture from being socially unacceptable to becoming a part of mainstream culture.

Deanna Najera, MPAS, PA-C

A Brief Introduction to Psychopharmacology and Primary Care Mental Health

The role of psychopharmacology is ever expanding and rapidly evolving. Counselors play a unique role in that they can help clients monitor and take a more active role in their care. This session will review medications and side effects commonly encountered and improve communication between specialties.

4:15-5:15pm SATURDAY

1 Hour Education Sessions

James Matta, Ed.D., LPC, NCC; Cynthia A. Ruglovsky M.S.Ed.; Theresa Ardiri B.A.; Sarah Barnett B.A.; Lauren Bohmer B.A.; Morgan Czartoryski M.A. ; Nathan Davis B.A.; Alexendria Jones B.A.; Lori Marken B.A.; Sarah R. Matta; Monica Monismith B.A.; Lisa Myers B.S.; Rhianne Ranelli B.A.; Blair Suppes B.S.

Dealing with the “Highs and Lows” of Life: Identifying Effective Treatment Intervention for Adolescents and Young Adults Identified with Comorbid Cannabis Use Disorder and Major Depression.

Understanding the relationship between cannabis use and major depression in comorbid adolescents and young adults is critical to this understudied population. Recent finding from the research project **Fluoxetine for Major Depressive Disorder/ Cannabis Disorder in Young People** is offered. This research study was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Mark Kenney, M.Ed., NCC, LPC, Kathryn Newton, Ph.D., NCC, Carl Black, M.A., Paul Datti, Ph. D., CRC

PA Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Counseling: “Retrospective and Future Visions”

In celebration of our 10th Anniversary, our members will discuss the salient projects that PALGBTIC has completed within PCA and within the commonwealth. Future projects will be shared along with a discussion with participants in identifying ways to meet the needs of the LGBTQI population in their own communities.

Michael Hannon, Ed.S., Jason Gines, M.Div., M.Ed., & Meritza Tamez, M.A.

Does My Program Truly F.I.T. (Facilitate Inclusive Training) for Me?: Doctoral Students of Color Reflections on their Desires in Predominantly White Training Environments

This session will help colleagues understand what doctoral students of color desire in a predominantly white training environment. The presenters discuss how programs can facilitate Inclusive Training (FIT) experiences for students of color. Combining existing literature and personal reflections, presenters will share what has helped and hindered their training experiences.

Cheryl Wilson-Smith, M.A., Board Eligible NCC

Helping Parents and Children Survive Separation or Divorce

Parents struggle with emotional upheavals when faced with separation or divorce. Often these highly-charged emotions influence how custodial and non-custodial parents interact with their

children. This presentation provides strategies counselors can utilize to protect children from unnecessary stress and anxiety that accompany negative parent-to parent interactions.

Catherine Sherman, M.F.A., M.Ed., NCC

Media Depictions of Mental Illness

The purpose of this interactive, discussion-based presentation is to reflect on media depictions of mental illness in order to understand the stigmatizing messages the media makes to society about psychological disabilities and how these messages impact our clients.

Jacqueline Walsh, Ph.D., NCC, LPC, & Joanne Kaminski, PsyD

Biofeedback for Stress Management: An Introduction

Biofeedback is recognized as a useful tool in managing various physical disorders as well as stress management. In this presentation, we will introduce biofeedback as a mind-body intervention that can be used to help clients manage stress, and a demonstration will be provided.

Dana Elmendorf, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, & Patti Ghubril

The Synergy of Hope: Combining Resiliency Theory and Creativity in Counseling

This session will review a program conducted with 19 women living in a highly stressed urban community context. Using resiliency theory as a framework while incorporating a wide variety of creative and artistic processes, participants identified personal and community assets and worked together to strengthen personal resilience.

Jaime Castillo, MS, NCC

Exploring the Bridges Between Victims of Bullying and Suicide: What Every Counselor Needs to Know

Bullying and suicide are red button issues that impact individuals worldwide. Our successes in anti-bullying programming often go unrecognized, though our tragedies make national headlines. Though bullying is not the cause of every suicide, this workshop investigates the psychosocial symptoms shared by both victims, information that every counselor needs to know.

9:00-10:00am SUNDAY

1 Hour Education Sessions

Michael Hannon, Ed.S

Papa's Not a Rolling Stone: Preliminary Findings from a Phenomenological Study Documenting the Experience and Coping Strategies of Fathers of Children with Autism who have Remained in their Marital Relationship

This session will share preliminary findings from a phenomenological study highlighting the experiences of fathers of children with autism. Attendees will respond to and discuss emergent themes from the study and its potential implications for counseling fathers and families in which there is a child with autism. The session will draw on and be informed by attendees' personal and professional experiences.

Christine Dallies-Herman, BS, Ann Cahouet, JD, & Joseph Peters, PhD, ABPP, ACS

Counseling and the Law- Counseling's Contributions to the Criminal Justice System

Counseling within the criminal justice system is a large and growing arena within which counselors work and contribute to the mental health needs of society. The present program will acquaint counselors with the counseling needs in the criminal justice system and vehicles via which these needs can be met.

Eric Rhodes, MA, LPC, NCC

Empowering Counselors: Social Justice for the Intervention and Prevention of Suicide in LGBTQ Communities

This session will focus on empowering counselors with knowledge and tools to increase their competence in the intervention and prevention of suicides in LGBTQ and other marginalized populations. By using social justice as a lens to view how oppression and discrimination contributes to hopelessness, counselors can work to reduce suicides.

Jayna Bonfini, MA & Michelle Steimer, MA

Remaining Humanistic in a Virtual World: Does online learning inhibit self-reflection in counseling training programs?

In graduate programs, self-reflection is often encouraged through coursework, field experience, and interactions with faculty and peers. Given the prevalence of online learning in counseling graduate programs, we interactively discuss our study that examined whether online learning is a help, hindrance, or neutral factor to the development of self-reflection.

10:15-11:15am SUNDAY 1 Hour Education Sessions

Dawn Leibovitz, & Shamshad Ahmed, Ph.D., LPC, NCC

Understanding the Needs of Ethnic Families

The creation of a genogram as an aid in Narrative Family Therapy serves to build bridges between ethnic family's rich and diverse heritage and the new challenges they face in the assimilation to a highly individualized American society.

Kevin Medican, M.S.

Recognizing Sex Addiction in Gay Men

For a variety of reasons, sex addiction is often unidentified in the general population. In the gay male population there are additional challenges to determining if sex addiction is present. This presentation will highlight diagnostic challenges and provide suggestions for counselors to consider.

Heather Atkinson, M.A., & Julie Cerrito, M.S., NCC, NCSC

Where Did Daddy Go? Helping Children Cope with Loss Due to Suicide

This presentation will examine the impact of a family member's suicide on elementary school aged children. Grief research, responses, and resources pertinent to the developmental needs of children, impacted by suicide, will be explored. Participants will engage in discussion and exchange of ideas to help them counsel such clients.

Regina Moran, M.A., & Lauren Ostrowski, MA, NCC

Scrambled Eggs: Creating a Multidisciplinary Code of Conduct for a Community Counseling Agency

This presentation examines the process of developing and implementing a code of conduct in a multidisciplinary community counseling agency, with varying professionals following codes of ethics based on discipline. This agency code of conduct highlights the most conservative standard for clinical and non-clinical staff.