The Impacts of Trauma on Individuals and Organizations: Sanctuary as a Model for Change

Presenters: Dr. Joe Benamati and Jaye Holly, MS

With increasing interest in trauma-informed care by funding sources and regulatory bodies, today’s practitioners must be well versed in trauma theory and equipped with tools and practices to address trauma in those they serve. They must appreciate the influence of the past on present behaviors and symptoms. This workshop will draw on current research on trauma and will explore how Sanctuary has been developed to mitigate the impact of trauma on individuals and organizations. Sanctuary takes the position that rather than thinking of trauma as a stigmatizing word, we would be much better served to think of exposure to adversity as a common experience among most of us, part of the dominant culture in most places, and a useful lens for understanding how we relate to each other.

This program has been approved for 4 Continuing Education hours for Social Workers

Learning Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the definition of trauma
- Identify and explain research into trauma, including the ACEs study
- Demonstrate an understanding of the links between past trauma and current clinical symptoms
- Recognize the parallel impacts of trauma on organizations and staff that are connected to working with highly traumatized client caseloads
- Identify Sanctuary as a model of trauma-responsive organizational change

Online registration is required for this event- go to http://tinyurl.com/SanctuaryModel to reserve your spot as space is limited.

Cost: $80 ($40 for SSW field instructors).

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For questions regarding this event, please contact us by email at sswceu@albany.edu
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Presenters

Dr. Joseph Benamati

For the past 40 years, Dr. Joseph Benamati has worked in children’s mental health, child welfare, juvenile justice, autism/developmental disabilities, and with military veterans and their families. Each population having been traumatized by their experiences and needing a safe and healing environment. He is the author of START (Systematic Training to Assist in the Recovery from Trauma). Presently he is a senior faculty member for the Andrus Sanctuary Institute as a consultant to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) juvenile justice division and a consultant to Sanctuary agencies around the world.

Jaye Holly

Jaye Holly has been designing and delivering training for more than 25 years on a wide array of topics, including trauma-informed care, adult learning, and diversity. Her career includes working in an eclectic mix of settings, from human services to academia to government. She has an M.S. in Human Resources Development form McDaniel College.

This workshop will provide an overview of the impact of trauma on individuals and organizations, as well as an examination of the Sanctuary model for trauma-informed organizational change.