

Understanding Different Motives of Domestic Violence Offenders and the Connection to Risk and Lethality: A Trauma-Responsive Approach to Domestic Violence Intervention

September 26–27, 2024

Live Webinar

Program Overview

Day One: The River of Cruelty Model: A Trauma-Responsive Approach to Domestic Violence Intervention.

This presentation will introduce the foundational principles of the Family Peace Initiative's trauma-responsive approach to domestic violence intervention. Participants will examine how cruelty is passed from person to person and generation to generation, and how to intervene. Using an experiential approach, this workshop will explore the fundamentals of the internal-focused dialogue, including working with feelings, connecting to the power of the "Golden Shadow Message" and understanding the power of Alice Miller's "Enlightened Witness". Participants will learn practical skills that can be applied immediately to their work with those who perpetrate domestic violence.

Day Two: Cracking the Code: Understanding Different Motives of Those Who Batter and the Connection to Risk and Lethality

This presentation "cracks the code" on battering behavior, bringing an understanding of the differences among those who batter based on motive to judges, attorneys, advocates, and other professionals working with domestic violence concerns. Those with different motives display different behaviors, and present different dangers to their victim and children. Through the use of videos and case examples, this information unlocks a deeper and more nuanced understanding of domestic violence. This workshop provides practical information that can improve safety considerations for victims and children, and intervention efforts with those who batter.



Jointly provided by the North Carolina Providers of Abuser Treatment (NCPAT), the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV), NC Council for Women, Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, and the Northwest Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a program of Wake Forest University School of Medicine and part of the NC AHEC System.



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Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants should be better able to:

- Apply the core principles of the "River of Cruelty Model."
- Incorporate emotional expression into work with those who abuse.
- Identify the fundamentals of the internal-focused dialogue.
- Describe the "Golden Shadow Message" in DV intervention.
- Discuss the transformative power of the "Enlightened Witness."
- Identify the different motive types of those who batter.
- Explain the link between different motives and effective response and programming.
- Identify the different risks and lethality factors linked with the different motive types.
- Identify the different impacts on victims and children related to the different motives.
- Apply the "Motivation Questionnaire Checklist" to specific cases to enhance professional response.

Who Should Attend

This conference will be beneficial to domestic violence intervention program staff, victim advocates, social workers, psychologists, licensed clinical mental health counselors, substance abuse counselors, marriage and family therapists, peer support specialists, law enforcement, judges, attorneys and other legal professionals, clergy, health care professionals and others interested in this topic.

As part of our commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Northwest AHEC provides compassionate education and respectful care for all, regardless of socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity, language, nationality, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, geography, disability and age.

Credits

- 11.0 Contact Hours from Northwest AHEC (5.50 per day)
- Northwest AHEC is recognized by the North Carolina Psychology Board as an approved provider of (Category A) Continuing Education for North Carolina Licensed Psychologists. This program will provide 11.0 contact hours (5.50 per day) of (Category A) continuing education for North Carolina psychologists. No partial credit will be given.
- Application has been submitted for 11.0 contact hours of General Skills Building credit from the North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board.

Credit will be awarded based on participant selection at time of registration. Before selecting credits, please review our general [Credit Glossary](#). Please note not all programs offer all credits.

Faculty

Dorthy Stucky Halley, LMSW, an international trainer, is co-founder and co-director of the Family Peace Initiative. She was the executive director of a domestic violence shelter from 1986 to 1996. She has worked with those who batter since 1991 and has served as an expert witness in domestic violence cases since 1989. She taught social work at Pittsburg State University for a decade before becoming the state's Victim Rights Coordinator and directing the Victim Services Division of the Kansas Attorney General's Office. Her development of a motivation typology for those who batter has opened the door to a more nuanced understanding for domestic violence professionals. She led the state efforts to develop standards and certify battering intervention programs. She has also served as President of: Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, and Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance. She currently serves on the International Public Policy Institute Board of Directors, and the National Battering Intervention & Prevention Network.

Steven M. S. Halley, LCSW, an international trainer, is co-founder and co-director of the Family Peace Initiative, has been visionary in the development of a trauma-focused approach for intervening with those who batter. He is nationally recognized for his expertise in using a trauma-focused approach to intervene with those who batter, and in training others in this approach. His development of the "River of Cruelty" model that describes how cruelty is passed from person to person and generation to generation has been groundbreaking in the field. Along with his wife, Dorthy, he has authored curricula for working with those who batter, justice-involved women, and justice-involved youth. They have also authored *The River of Cruelty*, and *Halley's Alley: Commentaries on marriage, family, healthy relationships, parenting, loss, grief, trauma, and domestic violence*. Steve writes a monthly blog to assist professionals working with those who batter. It can be accessed through www.familypeaceinitiative.com. Steve currently serves on the National Battering Intervention Network.

Cost and Registration

NCPAT & NCCADV Member Registration Day 1 Only	NCPAT & NCCADV Member Registration Day 2 Only	NCPAT & NCCADV Member Registration Day 1 & 2
\$75 per individual	\$75 per individual	\$125 per individual

Non-Member Registration Day 1 Only	Non-Member Registration Day 2 Only	Non-Member Registration Day 1 & 2
\$100 per individual	\$100 per individual	\$200 per individual

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- Individual - \$50
- Programs with 1 - 10 staff including contract staff - \$100
- Programs with over 10 staff including contract staff - \$150

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Refund Policy—Cancellations received in our office at least two weeks (14 business days) before the activity will receive a 100% refund. Registrants cancelling between two weeks and five full business days before the first day of the event will be refunded at 70% of the registration fee subject to a minimum \$25 cancellation fee. The registration fee will not be refunded if a cancellation fee is received less than five days before the activity. **Cancellations must be sent by email.** You may send a substitute in your place.

When planning for an educational activity, registration fees are not based on credit hours or agenda. Registration fees are based on expenses such as equipment, technology services, staff, etc., and are not adjusted by issues such as cancellation of speakers or other unforeseen circumstances. Every effort will be given to ensure the activity is a success.

If you have not received confirmation of your registration 24-hours before the program date, please call Lisa Thomas at 336-713-7729, or email lisathom@wakehealth.edu, to verify the status of your registration. The link to the webinar will be emailed in your confirmation letter approximately 1 week before the course and the day before.

Note—Registering for and attending this program authorizes Northwest AHEC/Wake Forest University School of Medicine to take pictures to be used for the Center’s publications, website (including social media sites) and presentations. If you do not wish to be photographed, you may opt out of photographs the day of the activity.

More Information or Assistance

If you have questions regarding registration, please contact Lisa Thomas by email, lisathomn@wakehealth.edu, or by phone at 336-713-7729. Any requests for special services or auxiliary aids should be made to Lisa Thomas at least five working days before the activity.

Agenda

Thursday, September 26, 2024

Day 1: The River of Cruelty Model: A Trauma-Responsive Approach to Domestic Violence Intervention

- 9 am **Introductions**
 Focusing on Safety and Accountability
 The Fence
 The Enlightened Witness Conversation
 Emotional Safety: Alice Millers' Enlightened Witness and the Golden Shadow Message
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 am **The Emotional Dashboard & the Funnel**
 Practicing Mad, Sad, Glad and Afraid Activity
 What We Should Have Learned in Kindergarten About Emotions
- 12 pm **Lunch**
- 1 pm **River of Cruelty**
- 1:45 pm **Break**
- 2 pm **Using Self-disclosure in Group Facilitation**
- 3 pm **Orientation (The FPI Way)**
- 3:45 pm **Conversation and Closing**
- 4 pm **Adjourn**

Friday, September 27, 2024

Day 2: Cracking the Code: Understanding Different Motives of Those Who Batter and the Connection to Risk and Lethality

- 9 am **Building On What We Already Know:**
 A Case for Consideration of Motive
 Overview of Different Motives for Those Who Batter
 Introduction of Motive Checklist & Charts
 Entitlement-based Motive
- 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:45 pm **Motive Types, continued**
 Materially Motivated sub-type
 Survival-based
- 12 pm **Lunch**
- 1 pm **Motive Types, continued**
 Survival-based, continued
 Sadistic-based
- 2:30 pm **Break**
- 2:45 pm **Using Motive in Working with the Offender: Effective Response and Programming**
 Discussion
 Closing
- 4 pm **Adjourn**