

**All Church Home for Children  
Youth Care Professionals Training Institute  
2008 Schedule**

**Monthly Workshops**

**The Treatment of Young Traumatized Children**

**Friday, January 25                      9:00am – 12:00pm                      Cost \$35                      Credit: .3 CEUs**

This workshop will address the effects of trauma on young children. The three areas covered will include the identification of young children who have been traumatized, addressing the immediate symptoms, and implications for long term effects and remediation of trauma.

**Jan Finch, LCSW, PhD** is an adjunct professor at UTA and the Director of Programs for The Parenting Center, Fort Worth. She has over 30 years of experience working with children and families in a variety of social service settings. Some of her areas of special interest/expertise are PTSD, attachment disorders, child abuse and neglect, and behavioral issues in young children.

**Solution-Focused Brief Therapy: Interviewing for Miracles and Possibilities for Change**

**Friday, February 29                      9:00am – 12:00pm                      Cost \$35                      Credit: .3 CEUs**

This workshop will focus on the use of the "Miracle Question" as the centerpiece of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy and how it is used to help the client describe potential small steps toward their therapeutic goals while looking for client strengths and steps already taken in "the right direction." It will also look at the important matters of "Leading from Behind" and staying close to the way in which the client uses language.

**Tom Lee, LCSW, LPC, LMFT** has over 25 years of direct clinical experience. He has been using Solution-Focused Brief Therapy for over 15 years and has applied this model in psychiatric hospitals, day treatment centers, not-for-profit organizations, and private clinics.

**The Heart of the Relationship: A "New" Way of Parenting Kids from Trauma and Neglect Backgrounds**

**Friday, March 28                      9:00am – 12:00pm                      Cost \$35                      Credit: .3 CEUs**

In this seminar, Dr. Blue's objective will be to gently inform the audience about what research says regarding various parenting styles and methods, talk about what does and does not work, and present a loving, relationship-oriented alternative. This presentation emerges from years of training and experience as a Psychologist and Play Therapist, along with the learning opportunities with Drs. Purvis and Cross at TCU, Dr. Bryan Post, and Ms. Heather Forbes, LCSW.

**James Blue, PhD** is a three-time graduate of The University of North Texas (BA 1989, MA 1993, PhD 1998). He has worked exclusively with "kids in care" since 1999, currently focusing on psychological evaluations of youth in foster and adoptive homes. Other interests include writing both fiction and non-fiction, composing and recording original Christian music, racquetball, jogging, Krav Maga, and downhill skiing.

**Impact of Abuse, Neglect and Separation on Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care**

**Saturday, April 19**                      **9:00am – 12:00pm**                      **Cost \$35**                      **Credit: .3 CEUs**

Infants and toddlers who enter foster care often do so under the assumption that they are too young to be impacted by abuse and neglect. This presentation will provide insight into how abuse, neglect, and separation dramatically impact the youngest population in our foster homes. More importantly, this presentation will provide practical steps to bring healing, restoration, and renewal to infants and toddlers in our care.

**Toby Owen, LCSW** is Vice President of Residential Services at All Church Home for Children. He has worked with children, youth and families for 13 years as a direct care provider and supervisor. He currently supervises the foster care, group care, behavioral care, and shelter programs of ACH.

### **Ethics and Working with Youth and Families**

**Friday, May 30**

Workshop rescheduled for Wednesday, October 29, 2008

### **Parenting Preschoolers with Love and Logic**

**Friday, June 27**                      **9:00am – 12:00pm**                      **Cost \$35**                      **Credit: .3 CEUs**

The Parenting with Love and Logic principles will be applied to parenting the preschool-age child. The Love and Logic approach uses humor, hope, and empathy to build up the adult/child relationship; emphasizes respect and dignity for both children and adults; provides real limits in a loving way; and teaches consequences and healthy decision-making.

**Angie Reyes, LCSW**, therapist with All Church Home for Children, is a social worker who has worked with children, youth and families for 14 years. She has practiced social work in various settings as a case manager, wraparound facilitator, parent trainer, therapist, and supervisor. She utilizes Love and Logic skills in various settings including her work at ACH, with youth at church, and with her own toddler.

### **Family Group Conferencing: A Valuable Tool for Families**

**Friday, July 25**

Workshop cancelled

### **Using Love and Logic to Prepare Teenagers for the Real World**

**Friday, August 29**                      **9:00am – 12:00pm**                      **Cost \$35**                      **Credit: .3 CEUs**

The Parenting with Love and Logic approach is a valuable tool for handling the challenging issues the teenage years present. Whether you're parenting a teenager at home or working with teenagers in the community, this approach can give you a framework for addressing everyday challenges and helping teenagers become responsible adults.

**Carla Storey, LCSW** is Residential Campus Director at All Church Home for Children. She is a certified Love and Logic trainer and has taught the course in a variety of settings. She also applies these principles on a daily basis with the children she works with in the residential programs.

### **Solution-Focused Group Therapy with Children and Adolescents**

**Friday, September 19**                      **9:00am – 12:00pm**                      **Cost \$35**                      **Credit: .3 CEUs**

Participants will learn the basic theoretical constructs of solution-focused therapy and their application to working with children and adolescents in the group setting. Extensive case studies will be discussed and opportunities to do role plays and experience the solution-focused process

firsthand will be made available. Participants will be ready to implement the ideas immediately after the training.

**Linda Metcalf, PhD, LPC, LMFT** is a leader in the field of solution-focused therapy. She has published five books and several articles on this approach, including *Counseling Toward Solutions*, the first solution-focused book to address school issues of children and adolescents. She continues to apply the principles as a therapist in a limited private practice, international trainer, and school consultant. She is an assistant professor at Texas Woman's University and an associate professor at Texas Wesleyan University.

### **Staying Ethical in Your Conversations with Youth**

**Wednesday, October 29      1:00pm – 4:00pm      Cost \$40      Credit: .3 CEUs**

In this workshop we will be considering how to work ethically with youth; protecting their confidentiality while maintaining the ability to discuss important issues with their parents and caretakers when needed. Counselors, caseworkers, therapists and others working with children and adolescents must develop rapport and trust with youth in order to counsel them and yet when youth know we will share certain information with their parents (or others), they become reticent to talk at all. Many of youth's behaviors are risky and give us cause for concern. In today's world, the act of notification can increase or decrease our personal and agency's exposures to liability. The question, many times is not "what must we report?" but "how can we act ethically without undermining our attempts to build a trusting relationship with youth?"

**Jack Nowicki, LMSW-ACP** is a program development specialist at TNOYS working with STAR providers to identify and coordinate their technical assistance needs. Jack has over 25 years of experience working with families and youth; including four years in children's protective services, three years working in psychiatric residential treatment with adolescents and over ten years in a marriage and family private practice. Jack taught the Family Therapy course at the U.T. Graduate School of Social Work for six years and now teaches the first upper-division graduate class in Solution-focused Brief Therapy (SFBT). Jack has co-authored several journal articles on brief counseling with youth and families, has a chapter on SFBT Crisis Intervention in the new Social Work Desk Reference and is currently a consulting editor for Social Work in Education Journal. He has been teaching ethics courses since 2000 and completely revised the curriculum in 2006 to address concerns by providers about talking with youth without parents' permission.

### **Working in the Light: Resilience Strategies for Human Services Agencies**

**Friday, November 21      9:00am – 12:00pm      Cost \$35      Credit: .3 CEUs**

This seminar will focus on resilience strategies as protective measures against burnout, compassion fatigue, and vicarious traumatization. Practical strategies both for direct services staff and managers/supervisors will be offered.

**Janice Harris Lord, LMSW, LPC** is a Fellow in Thanatology with the Association of Death Education and Counseling and is a member of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies. Janice has worked in the crime victims' movement since 1976, beginning with child abuse and neglect, followed by domestic violence. Janice is a consultant for a number of crime victim organizations with special interest in the role of spirituality in services to victims of crime. She consults on ethics in human services work and serves as a media representative for victims of crime. She has published two books, many journal articles, curricula, brochures, booklets, research reports, and other publications. Janice received the U.S. Presidential Award for "Outstanding Service on Behalf of Victims of Crime" from President Bill Clinton and U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno, in 1994.

## **Workshop Series**

### **Child Welfare League of America – Effective Supervisory Practice**

<b>Friday, January 11</b> The Role of Supervisor Supervisor Relationships	<b>9:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Cost: \$35</b>	<b>Credit: .3 CEUs</b>
<b>Friday, February 15</b> Effective Communication Constructive Confrontation Conflict and the Supervisor	<b>9:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Cost: \$35</b>	<b>Credit: .3 CEUs</b>
<b>Friday, March 14</b> Hiring, Evaluation, Discipline, and Termination Time Management and Organizational Skills	<b>9:00am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Cost: \$35</b>	<b>Credit: .3 CEUs</b>

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## **Love and Logic Trainings**

### **Becoming a Love and Logic Parent – Training for Parents and Professionals**

#### **Weekly Evening Trainings**

Tuesdays, April 1 through May 6

Wednesdays, July 9 through August 13 (Workshop cancelled)

6:30pm – 8:30pm each evening

Cost: \$30 covers six sessions of this six-week workshop (including snack and parent handbook)

CEUs not available

#### **Weekend Trainings**

Saturdays, June 14 and 21

Saturdays, August 16 and 23

Saturdays, November 1 and 8

9:00am – 2:30pm each day

Cost: \$30 covers both sessions of this two-day workshop (including lunch and parent handbook)

CEUs not available

The Parenting with Love and Logic trainers are clinical personnel of All Church Home for Children who utilize the Parenting with Love and Logic skills as professionals and parents.

## **Health and Safety Trainings**

### **Satori Alternative to Managing Aggression (SAMA)**

**Two-Day Training – Wednesdays and Thursdays**

**Limited Class Size**

**CEUs not available**

**1:00pm – 5:00pm each day**

**Cost: \$50 covers both sessions of this two-day workshop**

January 23 and 24

May 21 and 22

September 17 and 18

February 20 and 21

June 18 and 19

October 22 and 23

March 19 and 20

July 23 and 24

November 19 and 20

April 23 and 24

August 20 and 21

The SAMA trainers are All Church Home for Children employees with direct care and supervisory experience.

**Psychotropic Medication Management**

**Wednesdays**

**CEUs not available**

**8:30am – 11:00am**

**Cost: \$40**

January 16

May 14

September 10

February 13

June 11

October 15

March 12

July 16

November 12

April 16

August 13

**Donna Chicotsky, RN** is a nurse for All Church Home for Children where she provides medical care for the children in the residential program and provides training for direct care staff and foster parents.