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**Fall 2012 Workshops**

Child Sexual Abuse Treatment & Early Childhood Mental Health Treatment Series



**Lions and Tigers and Bears:  
The Multi-Systems Complexity of  
Child Sexual Abuse**

**Anthony Goldsmith, MA,  
Mary Hove, MS, and Panel**

Friday, November 16, 2012 9:00am-4:00pm  
University Center | Webb Room  
CSA Core 4 | 6 CE Credits



**Workshop Description**

Techniques to use with a child who discloses abuse will be reviewed, with an emphasis on encouraging expression while not leading the child, and ways to avoid questions that may contaminate an investigation. Child protective service (CPS) reporting scenarios will be used for illustration. The roles of various entities in child sexual abuse will be delineated, including those of family members who face crises of their own. Parents who have experienced this trauma are included to help enhance the framework for healing. The unique intersystem coordination in Delaware County, PA allows us to bring together a panel from child welfare and the legal system for a lively and spirited discussion of the issues around investigation and prosecution.

This is the Core Knowledge Part 4 for the Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate.



**Objectives**

Participation in this workshop will enable you to:

- Explore the role of therapist bias in sexual abuse disclosure.
- Differentiate therapist and CPS investigator roles.
- Incorporate techniques that enhance a child's comfort level and promote the child's ability to give a report.
- Describe the prevalence and effects of denial on nuclear and extended family relationships.
- Understand the importance of group support for non-offending caretakers
- Identify the roles of child protective services, criminal investigation, prosecution, and probation.
- Recognize the importance of collaboration and relationships with the various systems involved in CSA.

6 CE credits will be offered to participants completing post-workshop forms. Widener University, The Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology, is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. Widener University maintains responsibility for the program. Widener University, The Center for Social Work Education, is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Social Work Examiners to offer continuing education for social workers.

CSA = Applies to Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Certificate Program  
ECMH = Applies to the Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate Program

Individuals do not need to be enrolled in a certificate program to attend this workshop