

Professional training and development

March to June 2017



Forensicare

Dealing with angry hard to like clients

Thursday 23 March 2017

9.30am - 1pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

David Willshire and Anthea Lemphers

This workshop is suitable for anyone who comes into contact with angry and aggressive people who can be challenging to deal with. It is appropriate for reception staff, customer service staff, council staff, health workers, support workers and mental health clinicians. The course will cover:

- anger and aggression
- what difficult behaviour is
- techniques for dealing with difficult people
- looking after yourself and others afterwards

David Willshire is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and a Principal Psychologist at Forensicare.

Anthea Lemphers is Deputy Director of Psychological Services at Forensicare.

Between them they have over 40 years' experience working in the forensic mental health field.

Cost \$165 including GST

Working with young people at risk of violence

Wednesday 19 April 2017

9:30am - 12:30pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

Dr Adam Deacon and David Reid

This workshop provides participants with the opportunity to understand risk factors for violence in young people and discusses the implications for assessment and management. Case studies are used to explore therapeutic options that appropriately address the criminogenic needs of young people at risk and how adopting an early intervention framework is critical for reducing violence.

Dr Adam Deacon is a Consultant Psychiatrist at Forensicare.

David Reid is the Youth Justice Mental Health Coordinator at Forensicare.

Cost \$165 including GST

Working with perpetrators and victims of family violence: perspectives, evidence, and risk management practices

Thursday 18 May 2017

9:30am - 1 pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

Dr Melisa Wood and Dr Troy McEwan

Family violence is a broad phenomenon involving psychological, physical and sexual violence between partners, siblings, parents, children and more distant family members. This workshop aims to be both informative and practical for clinicians working with offenders and/or victims of family violence. It will provide an overview of the current research and evidence base regarding understanding, assessing and managing risk in family violence cases. This will include an overview of existing evidence and theoretical perspectives, empirically-validated risk assessment approaches, and gaps in current knowledge and service provision. Practical approaches to gathering risk-relevant information from both victims and perpetrators will be explored, with an emphasis on "asking difficult questions", and strategies for both perpetrator risk management and victim safety planning.

Dr Melisa Wood is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and a Senior Psychologist at Forensicare. She is experienced in working with both victims and perpetrators of family violence and providing consultation to Victoria Police Family Violence Teams in relation to risk assessment and management.

Dr Troy McEwan is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and a Senior Psychologist at Forensicare, and a Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science at Swinburne University. She conducts research in stalking and family violence and is currently consulting with Victoria Police to improve approaches to assessing risk in family violence cases. She is co-author of the Stalking Risk Profile.

Cost \$165 including GST

Balancing risk and engagement in an occupationally focused manner – strategies and skills for occupational therapists working in mental health

Thursday 22 June 2017

9:30am - 1pm

Venue: The Paul Mullen Centre

Presenters

Marissa Davidson-Blue and Danielle Ashley

This workshop is aimed at occupational therapists working with clients experiencing mental health difficulties and challenging behaviours. These clients may have had contact with, or be at risk of contact with, the criminal justice system, or their participation in occupation requires consideration of significant risk factors. Through the use of occupational therapy and mental health models of practice, we will explore strategies to support the engagement of clients in meaningful occupation, including positive risk taking.

In addition, occupational therapists often have the role of exposing clients to tools and equipment that may be considered dangerous. This training will examine personal safety issues and provide a brief overview of basic tips and tricks for staying safe, whether on the ward or in a community setting, whilst maximising function and participation in everyday occupations using tools.

Marissa Davidson-Blue is Chief Occupational Therapist at Forensicare.

Danielle Ashley is Senior Occupational Therapist at Forensicare, working with the Mobile Forensic Mental Health Service at the Metropolitan Remand Centre.

Cost \$165 including GST

Workshop Arrangements

Registration Forms

Please register and pay online at www.forensicare.vic.gov.au/training

Cancellation Policy

Forensicare reserves the right to cancel workshops, in which case all fees will be refunded.

If participants withdraw up to 72 hours prior to the commencement of the workshop, then 50% of the fee will be refunded. There will be no refunds for cancellations within 72 hours of the workshop. Bookings are non-transferable to future workshops, but bookings for a particular workshop can be transferred to other persons.

Enquiries

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