

# Professional training and development : August to December 2018



Forensicare

## An introduction to assessing and treating family violence

Thursday 2 August 2018  
9:15am-1:15 pm  
Venue - The Paul Mullen Centre

### Presenters:

**Dr Melisa Wood and Assoc Prof Troy McEwan**

This workshop is intended as an introduction for practitioners working with victims and/or perpetrators of family violence. Drawing on evidence from the family violence and risk assessment literatures, participants will learn specific strategies for assessing family violence risks and identifying appropriate interventions. The workshop involves a combination of didactic and case-based learning, with a particular emphasis on intimate partner violence. There will be a practical focus on perpetrator risk management and victim safety planning strategies, including specialist referral options in Victoria.

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

*Assoc. Prof. Troy McEwan is a Senior Psychologist at Forensicare, and an Associate Professor of Clinical and Forensic Psychology at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science at Swinburne University. She conducts research into stalking and family violence, and consults to Victoria Police on strategies to improve risk assessment in family violence cases.*

**Cost \$165 including GST**

## Working with complexity

Wednesday 24 October 2018  
9:30am-4:00pm  
Venue - The Paul Mullen Centre

### Presenters:

**Danielle Ashley and Kerstin Hinrichsen**

This full day workshop offers the opportunity for case managers and therapists to enhance their knowledge and skills in the engagement and management of clients who present with complex needs, who are often mandated to engage with services.

The clients that will be discussed are those who: have co-morbid health and mental health disorders, are reluctant to engage, pose risks to either themselves or others, have multi service involvement, and have been mandated for treatment by either civil or criminal justice orders.

We will discuss the best models of care in working with this client population, ways of engaging the clients, and strategies for convening case conferences with multiple services that generate better outcomes for clients. The ethical dilemmas and challenges of client confidentiality will be covered, particularly when communicating identified risks with other services. This will be an interactive session using case studies and there will be opportunities to reflect upon practice.

This session is suitable for experienced workers in both the government and non-government sectors and in the fields of mental health, disability, drug and alcohol, child protection and corrections.

*Danielle Ashley is Acting Chief Occupational Therapist at Forensicare. Kerstin Hinrichsen is a senior Social Worker at Forensicare and is Tambo Unit Program Manager at Ravenhall Correctional Centre.*

**Cost \$330 including GST**

## Booking details

### Registration forms

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## Understanding personality disorders and offending

Thursday 15 November 2018  
10:00am-4:00pm  
Venue - The Paul Mullen Centre

### Presenters:

**Professor James Ogloff AM, Dr Danny Sullivan,  
Dr Aleksandra Belofastov and Dr Gregg Shinkfield**

Forensic mental health increasingly recognises that personality disorders and problematic personality traits are frequently associated with offending in general. With some forms of offending there are more specific associations. Moreover, personality disorder profoundly influences the capacity of mental health services and individual clinicians to engage effectively with clients at risk of offending.

In this workshop we will focus upon these associations, seeking to develop an understanding of: how best to assess and manage personality-disordered clients who have offended or are at risk of doing so; service and clinician factors which may assist in engagement; and how DSM-V personality disorder categories alter approaches to personality disorder.

*Professor James Ogloff AM is Director of Psychological Services at Forensicare, Foundation Professor of Forensic Behavioural Science Swinburne University of Technology, and Director of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science.*

*Dr Danny Sullivan is a forensic psychiatrist and Executive Director of Clinical Services at Forensicare.*

*Dr Aleksandra Belofastov is Chief Psychologist Community Operations & Manager Problem Behaviour Program at Forensicare*

*Gregg Shinkfield is a Principal Psychologist at Forensicare and Program Manager Moroka Unit, at Ravenhall Correctional Centre.*

**Cost \$330 including GST**

## Advanced mental health risk assessment in clinical and criminal justice settings

Monday 10 December 2018  
9:30am-12:30 pm  
Venue - The Paul Mullen Centre

### Presenters:

**Dr Meera Aurora and Chris Drake**

This workshop will offer participants an overview of contemporary approaches to risk assessment and management in clinical and criminal justice settings. Risk assessment frameworks will be introduced and known risk factors described. Attention will be paid to risk reduction treatment models, relational security, protective factors and the influence of bias. Participants will be encouraged to reflect on risk errors and on issues relevant to the communication of risk judgments. Some prior knowledge of risk assessment would be an advantage.

*Dr Meera Aurora is a Principal Psychologist at Forensicare.*

*Chris Drake is a Principal Psychologist at Forensicare and Assistant Manager in the Problem Behaviour Program.*

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