

# Professional training and development

• Spring-Summer  
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## An introduction to assessing and treating family violence

Wednesday 28 August 2019  
9:30am-4pm  
Venue - The Paul Mullen Centre

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

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 will involve 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 Clinical and Forensic Psychologist and 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 \$330 including GST**

## Understanding Personality Disorders and Offending

Thursday 31 October 2019  
10am-4pm  
Venue - The Paul Mullen Centre

**Presenters:** Professor James Ogloff AM., Dr Danny Sullivan, Dr Aleksandra Belofastov, and Dr Raj Darjee

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.

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 Clinical Director at Forensicare.*

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

*Dr Raj Darjee is a forensic psychiatrist with Forensicare's Problem Behaviour Program and a Senior Research Fellow (Adjunct) with the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science, Swinburne University of Technology.*

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

Monday 18 November 2019  
9.30am-12.30pm  
Venue- The Paul Mullen Centre

### Presenters: Dr Meera Aurora and Chris Drake

This workshop will focus on the formulation and management of risk in mental health and criminal justice settings. After outlining the limitations of risk assessment and formulation, a model of risk formulation will be presented, with the aim of assisting clinicians to write clear formulations that have a link with established risk reduction interventions. Prior knowledge of risk assessment instruments, as well as the use of risk, need, and responsivity principles is assumed.

*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.*

**Cost \$165 including GST**

## Working with those who commit sexual offences

Tuesday, 3 December 2019  
9.30am-4pm  
Venue- The Paul Mullen Centre

### Presenters: Dr Raj Darjee, Dr Rachael Watson, Dr Marie Henshaw

Fear, hatred, disgust and banishment dominate societal discourse about those who commit sexual offences. Legal measures to control the risk posed by sexual offenders are expanding. In this context, it is important practitioners and services understand the research evidence base and best practice in the assessment, treatment and management of those who sexually offend.

This workshop provides detailed, evidence based overview of the nature and prevalence of sexual offending. It includes theoretical models of sexual offending; the relationship between sexual offending and mental disorders; risk and protective factors; risk assessment; managing sexual offenders; pharmacological and psychological treatment; and online sexual offending.

It is suitable for practitioners from mental health, correctional, police or legal backgrounds who want to develop their knowledge of sexual offenders.

*Dr Raj Darjee is a Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist with the Forensicare Problem Behaviour Program and has 15 years experience working with perpetrators of sexual abuse in the UK and in Australia.*

*Dr Rachael Watson is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist at Forensicare*

*Dr Marie Henshaw is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist at Forensicare*

**Cost \$330 including GST**

## Booking details

### Registration forms

Please register and pay online at [www.forensicare.vic.gov.au/training](http://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

We provide tailored training for organisations and agencies. To discuss any specific training needs and requests, please contact:

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