

Professional training and development

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Forensicare

Dealing with angry, hard to like clients

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

9:30am-1pm

Venue - Paul Mullen Centre, 505 Hoddle Street Clifton Hill

Presenters: David Willshire and Aleksandra Belofastov

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 is difficult behaviour
- 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.

Aleksandra Belofastov is Director of Psychological Services at Forensicare.

Cost \$175 including GST

Working with family violence perpetrators

Thursday, 19 August 2021

9.30am-4.30pm

Venue- CFBS, Level 1/582 Heidelberg Rd, Alphington, 3078

Presenters: Dr Melanie Simmons and Dr Elizabeth Daff

Family violence is a broad phenomenon involving psychological, physical, and sexual violence between partners, siblings, parents, children and other family members. In Victoria, the Multi-agency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) framework details the responsibilities of clinicians to assess and manage family violence risk. This full-day workshop is structured around the pillars of the MARAM to provide mental health clinicians with an integrated understanding of the evidence and theory guiding family violence assessment and management. Clinicians will also have an opportunity to practice formulating family violence incidents to create a shared understanding of their clients' behaviour that can directly inform treatment.

Dr Melanie Simmons is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist at Forensicare and a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science.

Dr Elizabeth Daff is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist at Forensicare's Problem Behaviour Program and a Research Fellow at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science.

Cost \$375 including GST

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Booking details

Registration forms

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Cancellation policy

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

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Working with young people at risk of violence

Monday, 18 October 2021

9:30am-4:30pm

Venue - Paul Mullen Centre, 505 Hoddle Street
Clifton Hill

Presenters: Dr Adam Deacon and Susan Hancox

This full day workshop will provide participants with an understanding of the risk factors for violence in young people and discuss the implications for assessment and management. Case examples will be utilised throughout including a case review by Dr Deacon. He will focus on the criminogenic needs and idiographic factors leading to his formulation and risk summary. Participants will have the opportunity to work through a case, applying a risk assessment framework. This will be followed by a review of the assessment task, highlighting the process of identifying risk and protective factors and considering how they can be incorporated into a risk management plan.

Dr Adam Deacon is a Consultant Psychiatrist at Alfred Health.

Susan Hancox is the Youth Justice Mental Health Coordinator at Forensicare.

Cost \$375 including GST

Working with those who commit sexual offences

Monday, 15 November 2021

9:30am-4:30pm

Venue- CFBS, Level 1/582 Heidelberg Rd, Alphington, 3078

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 in Forensicare's Problem Behaviour Program.

Dr Marie Henshaw is a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist at Forensicare and a research fellow at the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science..

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