

ENGAGING FAMILIES FOR BETTER OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN

Spring 2011 Evening Lecture Series • The Village Inn, Grand Ball Room, Narragansett

Tuesday, March 29, 2011 • 5-7:30 pm

1. Real Family Engagement: More than offering coffee and cookies

- *What is family engagement and why is it important?*
- *Which national models are successful?*
- *What key strategies can stakeholders use to engage families?*

The lecture will discuss the similarities between “Family/School/Community Engagement” used in schools and “Family-Centered Practices” used among health and human service providers. It will also discuss how to build a common language and set up expectations, and strategies for professionals to engage families.

FACULTY

E. Belle Evans, PhD, MSW, LICSW, MPH, MEd, BSN, RN, BS, is a Professor of Social Work at Rhode Island College. She has had a long and varied career in both the maternal/child and mental health fields. Areas of expertise include: health, child care, aging, disabilities, mental health, and trauma.

Deborah Belanger is the Training and Professional Development Manager at RI Parent Information Network (RIPIN). She has 26 years experience raising a son with autism and bipolar disorder and 23 years experience advocating for students with special needs in Rhode Island.

Family Voice: **Anne Babineau** is a RIPIN Family Resource Specialist in a Westerly pediatric practice. She is the parent of 2 children, one with multiple disabilities. Anne is a former journalist whose essays about raising a daughter with Asperger’s syndrome have been aired on National Public Radio.

Tuesday, April 19, 2011 • 5-7:30 pm

2. Overcoming Resistance & Denial: Honoring family values and acknowledging past experiences

- *How to incorporate into treatment capacity to cope with life stressors*
- *How to use motivational interviewing techniques to engage families*
- *How to proactively identify and establish plans to resolve barriers to treatment*

This lecture will focus on a number of promising approaches to improve family engagement that involve detecting families at pretreatment who are at risk of poor engagement and tailoring initial interactions to address negative expectation, attend to potential barriers and build readiness.

FACULTY

Stephanie Shepard Umaschi, PhD, is an Associate Professor in Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and clinical psychologist at the Bradley Hospital Early Childhood Clinical Research Center of Bradley/Hasbro Research Center.

Rebecca H Berger is a clinical research assistant at the Bradley/Hasbro Children’s Research Center and also conducts early childhood research at Brown University. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 2009 with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

Family Voice: **Laura Jones** is the RIPIN Network Director of Dept. of Health Programs. Laura is a parent of 3 adult children and has a long history of parent advocacy at the local level with both the Washington County Local Coordinating Council & South Kingstown Special Education Advisory Committee.

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 • 5-7:30 pm

3. Maximizing Family Strengths: Setting children up to succeed

- *How to identify family strengths and build plans based upon them?*
- *What is CDOI (Client-Directed, Outcome-Informed) therapy?*
- *What are the techniques practitioners can use in their everyday work?*

Using a family systems approach, this discussion will focus on identifying & utilizing family strengths to support children, including strategies for partnering with families and avoiding adversarial relationships. Principles of CDOI therapy will be shared as a way to engage families more fully in change efforts.

FACULTY

Jacqueline Sparks, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Family Therapy in the Dept. of Human Development and Family Studies at URI. Her interests include: teaching accountability via outcome management, researching feedback and change in couple and family therapy, and transforming systems of care to privilege client goals and promote social justice.

Family Voice: **Jessica O’Connor** is a Family Support Partner with the Westbay Family Care & Community Partnership. In this capacity, Jessica supports families in putting together care plans by providing a client-focused choice in the services delivered. Jessica lives in North Kingstown and is a parent of 3 young children, the oldest of whom has autism.

Tuesday, May 31, 2011 • 5-7:30 pm

4. Bridging the Great Divide: Engagement tools for challenging cases

- *How to re-establish trust and engagement in the most difficult situations*
- *Which techniques and tools can professionals can use tomorrow?*
- *Questions and answers from your most difficult cases*

Panel discussion with local specialists as to how to go about engagement following many failed attempts and disappointments. Best practice, cultural awareness, and “real life tools” for engaging families with children will be shared to aid everyday practice.

FACULTY

S. Scott Mueller, MSW, Moderator, is Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at Rhode Island College and a management consultant. He is a member of the South Kingstown School Committee and National School Board.

PANEL MEMBERS

Donna Nabb is Family Literacy Coordinator (Even Start, PAT and Child Outreach) for Westerly Public Schools, offering programs and workshops for parents & families. Donna has over 20 years of experience partnering with parents in education & mental health programs.

Stephanie Additon, Partner and Co-Founder of the Family and Community Engagement Program - South Kingstown Schools. She specializes in helping disenfranchised youth and families connect with resources in education, the community, and the juvenile justice system.

Wilburn Logan, Partner and Co-Founder of the Family and Community Engagement Program - South Kingstown Schools. Wilburn has over 20 years of experience working with families and students and was awarded the Washington County Coalition for Children’s first “Champion for Children” Award.

Michael C. Cerullo, Jr., LMHC, is a psychotherapist in private practice. He has conducted or supervised some 350 Diagnostic Assessments and Parent-Child Evaluations for DCYF and the RI Family Court. Mike is a member of the Board of the Mental Health Association of RI.

Family Voice: **Denise Davis** is the parent of 2 South Kingstown High School graduates. She and her family navigated the school system with the help of the Family and Community Engagement Program. She offers real life experiences of the success all children can achieve.

This dinner/lecture series in partnership with the Alpert Medical School of Brown University is designed to complement our School Success Initiative (funded by



United Way of RI) and is just one of a number of initiatives undertaken by the Washington County Coalition for Children to improve children’s lives throughout Washington County.

To use our Children’s Behavioral Health Services Directory, read the latest “And How are the Children?”, get the latest news, or to learn about the benefits of Coalition membership, visit www.washcokids.org.

In case of inclement weather, call 792-3539 for cancellation information. In the event of cancellation, this lecture will be held the following day. Same time and location.

CONTINUING ED CREDITS

CEUs or CMEs will be awarded to all participants and will be available from the following disciplines:

Child Care Providers: 1.5 DCYF Contact Hours per session.

Educators: This program has been submitted to RIDE for credit hours.

Physicians and Nurse Practitioners: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the Alpert Medical School of Brown University and the Washington County Coalition for Children. The Alpert Medical School is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The Alpert Medical School designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Psychologists: The Alpert Medical School is approved by the Rhode Island Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. This activity is approved for a total of 6 (1.5 per session) Category 1 continuing education credits.

Social Workers: This program has been submitted for social work CEU’s through the RI Chapter of the NASW.

REGISTRATION

Evening Dinner Lectures \$35 each or 4/\$120
includes educational materials and dinner

Coalition members: Request your \$5 annual discount!

1. Register online by credit card at https://apps.biomed.brown.edu/cme_registration
or
2. Mail registration form below with check payable to *Brown University CME Office*, 97 Waterman Street, Box G-A310, Providence, RI 02912.

To request reasonable accommodations for a disability, please notify the Brown CME Office in writing at least two weeks prior to each lecture.

For more information about this lecture series:
Brown CME Office, 401-863-3337 or CME@Brown.edu

Registration Form

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- Tues., March 29, 2011 Tues., April 19, 2011
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& school professionals



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