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The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection Educational Webinar Series

APSAC and the Vincent J. Fontana Center for Child Protection of the NY Foundling are proud to present the 2020 Educational Webinar Series. Join us for in-depth conversations with leading experts in the field of child maltreatment. See the full schedule of free 2020 webinars below.

Workshop One

Title: Adverse Childhood Experiences and their Relationship to Adult Well-being, Biomedical Disease, and Premature Death with Vincent J. Felitti, MD- **COMPLETED**

[View the full webinar here.](#)

Workshop Two

Title: Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) for Children in Foster Care with Anthony P. Mannarino, Ph.D.

Date & Time: March 17, 2020 2 PM to 3 PM ET

TF-CBT is an evidence-based treatment for children and families exposed to traumatic life events. This webinar will focus on the implementation of TF-CBT with children in foster care. Issues to be addressed will include interfacing with the legal and child welfare systems, whether to include the foster parents, biological parents or both in treatment, and dealing with grief and loss.

Dr. Anthony Mannarino, is the Director of the Center for Traumatic Stress in Children and Adolescents and Vice Chair, Department of Psychiatry, Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA. He is one of the co-developers of TF-CBT. He has served two terms as President of APSAC and as the President of the Division of Child and Family Policy and Practice of the American Psychological Association.

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Workshop Three

Title: When does poor parenting cross over into psychological maltreatment? with Marla Brassard, Ph.D.

Date & Time: April 29, 2020 2 PM to 3 PM ET

Parenting is universally challenging and embedded in a dynamic context where even professionals can miss much of the shared meaning of ongoing interactions. This can make it difficult even for experienced clinicians to decide whether particular parenting behaviors have moved from hurtful to abuse or neglect. This webinar will a) briefly review the research on psychological maltreatment; b) review models for determining whether parenting behaviors cross the line from poor parenting to psychological maltreatment, and c) present a decision framework for professionals working with families.

Dr. Brassard is Professor in the School Psychology Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. She has received a number of research grants, co-authored four books, two on psychological maltreatment and co-wrote the forensic "Guidelines for the Psychosocial Evaluation of Suspected Psychological Maltreatment (APSAC, 1995; 2017), and is an expert witness in capital and custody cases involving psychological maltreatment.

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Workshop Four

Title: When Faith Hurts: Recognizing and Responding to the Spiritual Impact of Child Abuse with Victor Vieth, JD, MA

Date & Time: June 4, 2020 at 2 PM to 3 PM ET

In this webinar, participants will get an overview of the large body of research documenting that many abused children are spiritually impacted by trauma and, left unaddressed, these spiritual injuries impair the ability of the child to cope physically and emotionally. This webinar provides concrete suggestions for multidisciplinary teams who encounter this dynamic.

Victor Vieth is currently Director of Education and Research at the Zero Abuse Project. He gained national recognition for his work addressing child abuse as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota. He is the 2018 President of the Academy on Violence and Abuse. He has been instrumental in implementing 22 state and international forensic interview training programs as well as undergraduate and graduate programs on child maltreatment. He has written several books including On This Rock: A Call to Center the Christian Response to Child Abuse on the Life and Works of Jesus (Wiff & Stock 2018).

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Workshop Five

Title: Cultural Norms, and Cultural Shifts, Regarding Physical Punishment with Dr. Elizabeth Gershoff, Ph.D.

Date & Time: September 14, 2020 2 PM to 3 PM ET

Parents often defend their use of physical punishment by pointing to the norms of their cultural group. Dr. Gershoff will discuss some of the cultural norms regarding physical punishment and what research and science can tell us about each. She will also describe evidence of cultural shifts away from physical punishment in some communities and highlight what these shifts tell us about ways to affect larger community-level change.

Dr. Gershoff is a Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences and Associate Director of the Population Research Center at University of Texas at Austin. She is an internationally recognized expert on the effects of physical punishment on children and the 2019 recipient of the Nicholas Hobbs Award recognizing her work advocating on behalf of children.

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Workshop Six

Title: Interviewing the Child who is Recanting Sexual Abuse with Dr. Thomas Lyon, J.D., Ph.D.

Date and Time: November 4, 2020 2 PM to 3 PM ET

This webinar will discuss best practices for interviewing children who recant their previous disclosure of sexual abuse. The webinar will review the research on what factors influence children to recant and listen to clips of interviews in which children recant. Focus will not be on the child's previous disclosures, what others have said to the child about their allegations and how the child feels about the changes in their life since the original disclosure.

Dr. Lyon is the Judge Edward J. and Ruey L. Guirado Chair of Law and Psychology at the University of Southern Gould School of Law. His research examines the best means by which child witnesses can be questioned in order to maximize their productivity and minimize error. His work has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

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