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Working with Clients Who Have Serious Mental Illness

The DSS Perspective

Two Events and Two Locations

November 1–2, 2001 Haywood Community College, Waynesville March 18–19, 2002 Wake County Human Services, Raleigh

Objectives

At the conclusion of this training, participants will be able to:

- 1. define and describe the major types, signs, symptoms, and phases of severe and persistent mental illness and discuss what is known about causation
- list the major categories of psychotropic medications, their common use, and the risks and benefits of medication usage
- 3. express increased empathy for the difficulties mental illness causes adults and their families
- 4. describe effective ways to access mental health services for adults
- 5. identify effective methods of preventing and managing difficult behaviors.

Visit the CARES web site for updates on the training calendar, http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/cares.htm.

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or

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Description

This two-day training is designed to enhance social workers' knowledge and skills in providing services to adults with serious mental illness. The curriculum familiarizes participants with symptoms and functional problems associated with severe and persistent mental illness; acquaints them with medications and sideeffects; helps them understand the emotional impact of these illnesses on adults and their families; empowers them to access mental health services for adults; and helps them prevent or better manage difficult behaviors. The training addresses serious mental illness in general as well as the following specific disorders: Schizophrenia, Major Depressive Disorder, and Bipolar Disorders. Training methods include lecture, discussion, presentations by consumers of mental health services and family members, videotapes, and skills practice with case examples.

Audience

Adult services social workers and supervisors; mental health professionals. The involvement of professionals from both service systems helps promote cross-training and enhances collaboration.

Sponsors

The Adult Services Branch of the North Carolina Division of Social Services and the Center for Aging Research and Educational Services (CARES), part of the Jordan Institute for Families at UNC—Chapel Hill School of Social Work, sponsor this event.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the NC Division of Social Services are committed to equality of educational opportunity and do not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

Dates, Locations, Registration Deadlines, and Directions to the Site

November 1–2, 2001, Haywood Community College, Waynesville (Oct. 18)

March 18–19, 2002, Wake County Human Services, 220 Swinburne Street, Raleigh (Mar. 4)

Directions to the site will be included with registration confirmation. They are also available through the CARES website: http://ssw.unc.edu/cares/trnall.htm

Registration and Tuition

Enrollment is limited to **35** people. The deadline for registration is ten working days before the first day of the event. The fee is **\$35.00**, which includes the cost of instruction, program materials, and two breaks each day. Check-in for the workshop is from 8:30 to 9:00 on the first day. Instruction begins at 9:00 and ends at 4:00 each day. Participants are responsible for their own lunches.

Registration forms must be accompanied by a check or an agency payment approval form to be accepted. Please make checks payable to UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work. We cannot accept cash payments. If your agency is paying, you may register by fax, (919) 962-3653, if you include a copy of the agency payment approval form. Registrants will receive a confirmation letter. For agencies paying for several participants with one check, please indicate the participants' names and events for which they have registered.

Full refunds will be made for cancellations on or before the registration deadline. No refund will be made after that date, but you may send a substitute or transfer your registration to a future offering of this curriculum. Substitutes must fill out a registration form. *Please note*: If you register using an agency approval form, do not attend, and do not cancel, you or your agency will be billed for the full amount of the registration fee.

Participants who attend all days of training will receive a certificate, signed by the Director of the Division of Social Services, listing their name and the number of contact hours earned.

Further Information

For information about registration issues—to cancel, register a substitute, or inquire about cancellation owing to inclement weather—please contact Libby Phillips at CARES, Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work, UNC—Chapel Hill, 27599-3550 or telephone (919) 962-0650. If you need any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the **Americans with Disabilities Act** in order to attend this program, please contact Ms. Phillips as early as possible and at least 3 weeks before the program. Every effort will be made to accommodate your needs.

For information about the content of the workshop, contact Robin Gault-Winton at the CARES address or telephone (919) 843-7582.

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Please send one registration form per participant. Each participant may register for more than one event using this form. Be sure to mark the dates for which you wish to register. The last day to cancel registration for any event and receive a refund of the fee is the registration deadline date for that event (shown in parentheses). If your agency is paying the registration fee, you may fax this form with a copy of the agency authorization of payment to CARES at (919) 962-3653. Otherwise, please mail this form to us with your check made out to **UNC School of Social Work** or a copy of your agency authorization. Cash payments cannot be accepted. The address is: Center for Aging Research and Educational Services, Jordan Institute for Families, School of Social Work, CB#3550, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3550.

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