

**Child, Adult, and Parenting Evaluations:
Civil Commitments and Criminal Evaluations for the Courts**

**June 4 & 5, 2009
Bozeman, Montana**

Program Description

The silence. It is more than a pregnant pause. It's uncomfortable. Your client sits there, staring at you, waiting for you to say something. Finally, you utter, "Why is it again that you were sent here to see me?" As if saying "Dah", the client responds, "For an evaluation."

There you have it, the whole story. What is this person doing here? What kind of evaluation? What are the referral questions or issues? Who is making the request? What will be the purpose of the evaluation? How will my report be used? Is a report even needed or will a phone call suffice? Oh my, will I have to testify? Worse yet, what if the client doesn't have a clue why you are there to speak with him/her? Is this a criminal or civil case? Is this a first opinion or second opinion and what does that mean anyway!

Over the course of this intensive two-day training, participants will learn about the differences between clinical and forensic work in criminal and civil cases. Training will incorporate current standard in the industry perspectives on how best professionally and ethically to answer specific referral questions (RQs) and/or render an opinion in your report (if one is needed) or on the stand (if you are called to testify). Participants will be challenged to think critically about the RQs presented and how best to address the issue at hand. Participants will engage in discussions regarding the assessment instruments suggested for each RQ presented as well as have an opportunity to practice being on the stand if you so choose! (FYI: Do it here before you get on the stand in a 'real' case!)

Here is a sample of some of the RQs we will look at during the two days: Miranda issues, mental status at the time of the (alleged) offense, Fitness To Proceed, violence risk, civil commitment, sentencing considerations, parental capacity and custody issues.

Even if you have been doing clinical or civil and criminal forensic work for years, you will benefit from this training and we will benefit by your input!

Course Objectives: Over the course of this training, participants will be able to:

- Explain the differences between clinical and forensic work
- Explain the importance of having specific referral questions/issues before seeing your client
- Reference the Ethics codes and Specialty Guidelines in Forensic Psychology
- Know which Montana Code Annotated (MCA) refer to specific civil or criminal referral questions/issues
- Choose assessments instruments specific to various clinical and forensic referral questions and issues for adults and juvenile cases
- Choose assessment instruments and strategies to address parental capacity and parenting evaluations
- Organize and write a report
- Know important steps to take regarding testimony preparation, working with the attorney, and answering the ultimate issue on the stand

Who should attend? Psychologists, psychiatrists, physicians, APRN's, counselors, social workers who practice or wish to practice in criminal and/or civil forensic arena as well as anyone beginning a forensic career. Attorneys and paralegals welcome. ***

*** Day two will be especially beneficial to MT licensed mental health (MH) professionals and MH Professional Persons as we will cover the civil commitment process. Report writing and testimony will also benefit all mental health professional.

CE Certificate of Attendance will be available. 6.5 hours of CE will be offered each day. For specific CEU requirements for psychologists please refer to ARM 24.189.2101. SWP-132-2009 (It's ok to use this # for each day.)

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Presenters

Bernard J. Lewis, Ph.D. (Bernie) received his undergraduate education at Washington and Lee University and his masters and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Virginia. He is licensed in Virginia and West Virginia and has been in full time private practice since 1979. He began practice as a clinical psychologist working with adults and adolescents and made the transition to a full time forensic practice during the 1990s. He now spends his time primarily conducting a broad range of criminal case evaluations for both the prosecution and defense. Much of his defense work is at the request of the public defender offices in Virginia and West Virginia. He is a frequent visitor to Montana to pursue his hobby of fly fishing.

Dr. Angela Butler, Psy.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist in Virginia. She has extensive experience in the evaluation of children and adolescents in public and private school settings and in private practice. She has worked at Children's National Medical Center and college counseling and student development centers. At the present time she is in private practice and conducts psychological evaluations of children and adolescents and offers parenting coordination services for court referred cases.

David B. Powell, LCSW, LAC, MHP, has been working in the mental health field for nearly three decades and is employed as the Crisis Response Team Leader for Gallatin Mental Health Center. He has experience treating people of all age groups and mental health concerns as well as people in conflict divorces and custody disputes. Currently, his practice primarily deals with anger management, substance abuse, mood disorders, and civil commitment/crisis management assessments. Mr. Powell will be presenting on Civil Commitments and sharing personal experiences conducting evaluations supporting or negating involuntary commitment petitions.

Dr. Laura M. Wendlandt, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist in Montana and Nevada, as well as credentialed by the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology. While awaiting award of her Montana psychologist license, Dr. Laura was a Licensed Professional Counselor and Mental Health Professional Person, Full Certification. Before moving to Montana, Dr. Laura was the Vice-Chair for the State of Nevada, School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry in Las Vegas and practiced privately as a forensic psychologist. She also managed several outpatient mental health centers and has been an adjunct professor for various State and private college and university systems. For the past decade, Dr. Laura has been honing her skills in the forensic arena. Currently, Dr. Laura is the Mental Health Consultant for the Office of the State Public Defender in Montana.

Special Guests:

Mr. Peter Ohman, Regional Deputy Public Defender for Gallatin County will share perspectives from an attorney's point of view and clarify legal issues as they arise.

Ms. Mary Kramer, Managing Attorney, Bozeman, Office of the State Public Defender

We are currently negotiating for an additional presenter to share wisdom on civil commitments!

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June 4, 2009 (Thursday)

Time	Topic
• 8:00-8:15	Introductions, Overview, Audience Query
• 8:15-9:00	Forensic versus Clinical Assessment: An Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assessment issues, reports, testimony
• 9:00-10:15	The Referral Question and the Assessment Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Defining the question – from the Court, lawyer, agency• Formulating the assessment plan: 3 legs of forensic assessment• Sample assessment processes – competency, sentencing, juvenile
• 10:15-10:30	Break
• 10:30-12:00	Adult Assessment Instruments – Criminal and Civil Cases <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal Issues – Specialized Forensic Instruments• Parenting Issues – Child Custody and Parental Capacity• Clinical Instruments in Forensic Settings – MMPI-2-RF, MCMI-III• I.Q. Assessment – WAIS –IV and WASI
• 12:00-1:30	Lunch – On Own
• 1:30-2:45	Juvenile Assessments <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Referral Questions• Assessment Instruments – I.Q., Educational, Personality• Special Issues – Parents, Schools, Agencies
• 2:45-3:00	Break
• 3:00-4:15	Parental Capacity and Child Custody Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parental Capacity<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Assessment Processes – 3 legs○ Child Interviews○ Report and Testimony• Child Custody<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Differences from Parental Capacity○ Child Interviews○ Special Issues – Sexual abuse, family violence, move away○ Report and Testimony
• 4:15-4:30	Summary, Questions, Evaluation Forms, Preview of Tomorrow

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June 5, 2009 (Friday)

Time	Topic
• 8:00-8:15	Introductions, Overview, Audience Query
• 8:15-8:30	Montana Code – MCA References for Specific Issues
• 8:30-9:00	Selected Ethical Issues in Forensic Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horror Stories from Presenters and Audience Members• APA Ethics and Specialty Guidelines
• 9:00-10:15	Civil Commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MCA• MPA Manual
• 10:15-10:30	Break
• 10:30-12:00	Civil Commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical Applications and examples
• 12:00-1:30	Lunch – On Own
• 1:30-2:15	Report Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When to Write, When not to Write• Addressing the Referral Question• Long or Short Report?• Sample Formats for Selected Topics
• 2:15-2:45	Basic Testimony Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare with the Attorney• Voir Dire, Direct, Cross Examination Do's and Don'ts
• 2:45-3:00	Break
• 3:00-4:15	Testifying in Court <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Role Plays – Voir Dire, Direct, Cross• Audience Opportunity to Participate
• 4:15-4:30	Wrap-up, Questions, Evaluation Forms

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

(Please send back with payment)

Name _____
(Please write your name as it should appear on the Certificate of Attendance)

___ Psychologist ___ MD ___ APRN ___ LCSW ___ LCPC

___ Student (please specify program of study) _____

___ Other (Please specify) _____

Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Cell _____ Work _____ Home _____

Email _____

Early Registration (postmarked before May 15, 2009) FEE* (Please indicate and send appropriate payment)

___ **Both days \$310.00** ___ **After May 15, 2009 \$335.00**
___ **Day 1 \$160.00** ___ **After May 15, 2009 \$185.00**
___ **Day 2 \$160.00** ___ **After May 15, 2009 \$185.00**
___ **Student fee (please also submit copy of your student ID) one day \$125.00**
___ **Student fee (please also submit copy of your student ID) both days \$275.00**

- Fee includes conference materials, snacks, and a copy of *MPA Field Manual for the Mental Health Professional*.
- **Cancellations:** Registration fees will be refunded less a \$25.00 administrative fee if cancelled by May 15, 2009. If cancelled after May 15, 2009, registration fees will be refunded less a \$50.00 administrative fee.

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Location of training:

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A block of rooms is available at C'mon Inn at a discounted rate (i.e. current State rate). Those rooms will be held until two weeks prior to the training. Please call the hotel to make your reservation. Make sure you indicate that you are attending the MH conference in order to receive your discount. ☺