

# **Association for the Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children Annual Conference**

Charlotte, NC.

Dr. Becker-Weidman will be involved in two workshops this year.

Wednesday Sept 24, 2008

## *The Application of Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy as Demonstrated by a Panel of Experienced Therapists*

Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy is an evidence-based treatment with demonstrated effectiveness<sup>1</sup>. The goal of Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy is to provide safety and exploration within the parent-child, parent-therapist, and therapist-child dyads. While each dyad is unique, the core interventions are quite similar across all dyads. This workshop presents the principles of Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy and then demonstrates, using videos of treatment sessions, how they are applied by a panel of experienced therapists. Each therapist will show a video of a treatment session. A discussion regarding the differences and similarities among the sessions will be moderated by Dr. Daniel Hughes.

1. "Treatment for Children with Trauma-Attachment Disorders: Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy," *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*. Vol. 23 #2, April 2006, pp 147-171.

Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy: A multi-year Follow-up, in, *New Developments In Child Abuse Research*, Stanley M. Sturt, Ph.D. (Ed.) Nova Science Publishers, NY, Press 2006 pp. 43-60.

Becker-Weidman, A., & Hughes, D., (2008) "Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy: An evidence-based treatment for children with complex trauma and disorders of attachment," *Child & Adolescent Social Work*, 13, pp.329-337.

Friday Sept 26, 2008

## *Incorporating Attachment and Complex Trauma Theories Into the Foster Care System*

We all know, or know about, children who, after experiencing the most severe abuse and neglect by their primary caregivers, can then experience foster placement disruptions because of the complexity of their needs. This presentation connects research and theory with clinical and practical experience to create suggestions to enhance foster care stability. A similar presentation was made to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Conference in May 2008, which was for administrative, supervisory, and staff of the Texas DFPS. Participants will learn: 1) The reasons for disruption in foster care and for placement preservation; 2) Twenty specific ways to support the foster family with traumatized and attachment compromised foster children, minimizing the potential for disruption; and 3) How foster care can incorporate attachment and complex trauma of early childhood theories to enhance healing and placement stability.

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