

Effective Providers for Victimized Children

Program Description

This program has been developed and endorsed as part of the Defending Childhood Initiative of the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, as well as by the American Psychological Association. The program focuses on increasing the capacity and effectiveness of mental health professions providing services to children victimized by violence. Information about children exposed to violence, including a deeper understanding of the provenance and impact of violence on children will be examined. Information about trauma-focused assessment tools and evidence-based treatments will also be provided. Participants will learn about the importance of family-centered, collaborative approaches to victim services. Finally, the importance of self-care will be discussed as an essential tool in providing effective services for victimized children.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of this program, participants should be able to:

- Demonstrate an increase in knowledge level and skills to better serve children victimized by violence;
- Explain the best available science on empirically supported trauma assessment tools and on trauma-focused, evidence-based treatment models;
- Describe the importance of taking into consideration children and families' diverse backgrounds and the need for culturally competent services;
- Discuss the importance of involving families in treatment and working in interdisciplinary teams to address the child's victimization experience and treatment more effectively.

Agenda

9:00 am	Module A: Children Exposed to Violence
10:30 am	Break
10:45 am	Module B: Trauma-Focused Assessment Tools
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Module C: Trauma-Focused, Evidence-Based Treatments
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Module D: A Family-Centered, Collaborative Approach
3:45 pm	Module E: Clinician Self-Care
4:30 pm	Adjourn

Target Audience

This workshop will be beneficial to mental health and substance abuse professionals, including psychologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, licensed professional counselors and substance abuse counselors.

Credit Hours

6.0 hours

Faculty

Kelly Graves, Ph.D., is a licensed clinical psychologist in the state of North Carolina. After serving as a tenured Associate Professor for a combined almost 16 years at UNCG and North Carolina A&T, Dr. Graves decided to pursue her passion of bridging research and practice by hanging up her academia hat and founding Kellin, PLLC and its non-profit partner the Kellin Foundation. Since that time, the Kellin Foundation has been named a partner with the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) for its expertise in community-based trauma recovery for children and families, which is the second site in the state of North Carolina behind Duke University. Dr. Graves is a consultant with the United States Department of Justice and has been invited to the White House under the Obama Administration to participate in think tank efforts around building community resiliency. She is also a training consultant with the UNC-CH School of Social Work's AHEC Training Partnership. She has successfully implemented dozens of large-scale grants totaling over \$10 million dollars focused on community change and is an accomplished scholar with dozens of peer-reviewed publications, books, and book chapters. She developed the Greensboro Child Response Initiative, which is nationally recognized model by the US Department of Justice for best practices in responding to children exposed to violence. Her awards include the American Psychological Association Division 56 Trauma award, the Triad Business Journal Top 40 Leaders Under 40 awards, named as a Top Psychologist award with the International Association of Health Care Professionals, and several others. In her free time, she loves to spend time with her family and friends, cheering on her favorite sports teams, and reading.