

*Professional Education Series*  
**CE Seminars for Clinicians**

WINTER/SPRING 2011

**Legal Issues in Addiction Treatment**

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Friday, February 11, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

**Ethics and Gender: Two Roads Diverged**

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Friday, April 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Repeated on Friday, June 10, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Special discount offer: details inside.**

Space is limited, you **must** pre-register! We will not be able to accommodate walk-in registration. Workshops are designed for **professional audiences only.**

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There are many legal issues confronting the therapist treating clients with alcohol/drug problems as well as other addictive behaviors. Far too often, the addicted client insists that the support systems necessary for recovery be left on the sidelines invoking their rights to privacy and leaving the therapist in an untenable position. Confidentiality, institutionalization, and other legal issues focused on the addicted client will be addressed in this seminar, as will avoiding legal pitfalls and board complaints when treating this population.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Assess the legal dilemmas of treating the addicted client and protect your practice and licensure
- Understand the legal constraints regarding confidentiality and privilege in the treatment of the addicted client
- Understand the legal consequences to the therapist of committing or aiding in the commitment of the client for addictive treatment at a psychiatric facility
- Learn if there is a duty to warn when the addicted client is exhibiting “out of control” behaviors

*For more than 25 years, Howard Gold has conducted seminars for therapists on legal issues impacting therapy practice. Mr. Gold practices divorce and custody law and was a former psychotherapist (MSW) offering counseling services to the predecessor of Families First. Mr. Gold acted as a lobbyist for children for the passage of the Child Abuse Reporting Act as well as the Family Violence act during his tenure at the agency. Mr. Gold has made it his policy to offer brief telephone consultations with therapists, at no cost, who are confronted with legal concerns arising in their practice. Mr. Gold can be reached at (404) 264-9118.*

## SPECIAL REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

*Register for 2 seminars at once and receive \$15 off the total price.*

Group and/or retroactive discounts will not be honored. In order to take advantage of this special offer, registration must be received on one registration form for one individual. When registering online, the discount will not be reflected on your online confirmation. Discount will be taken when your credit card is manually processed in our office and you will receive a written confirmation reflecting the adjusted price.

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**D**o therapists differ in ethical reasoning styles based on their gender? What competencies are required to assure gender-sensitive practices when therapists and clients are either the same or different genders?

This five-hour ethics workshop examines the increasingly complex nature of gender as it pertains to therapists' moral reasoning styles and the ethical issues involved in respecting the dignity of all clients. Participants may self-evaluate the basis of their ethical reasoning in light of scholarly debates about gender differences in moral reasoning.

Do these arguments confound sex with gender and biology with culture? In addition to cultural changes, we will examine recent studies suggesting biological and neurological differences in men and women's moral reasoning.

With real-life examples, we will review relevant language from current codes of ethics and treatment guidelines pertaining to gender sensitivity.

## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- Discuss gender differences in ethical reasoning
- Examine the primary criteria you use in professional ethical reasoning
- Become sensitive to and respect the dignity of gender differences
- Review current ethical codes and treatment guidelines relevant to gender-sensitive practices

*Ronee Smith Griffith, Ph.D. is a licensed psychologist who has specialized in ethics education with mental health professionals for twenty-five years. After completing a dissertation on experiential ethics education, she served on the Ethics Education Task Force for the American Psychological Association, collaborated with Ethics Committee Co-chairs for the Canadian Psychological Association, and has been an invited presenter for state, regional, and national organizations. She maintains offices in Decatur and Carrollton for psychotherapy with adults. Recently, she returned to an original passion: teaching undergraduate psychology courses in allied health programs at West Georgia Technical College. She is the founder of The Relational Ethics Institute and can be reached at (770) 832-6609 or roneephd@gmail.com.*

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT**

### **Psychologists**

Application for continuing education credit in Area IV has been made to the Georgia Psychological Association for the following seminars:

- April 15 — 5 *ethics* hours
- June 10 — 5 *ethics* hours

The February 11th workshop will not be approved for psychology credit in Area IV, but will qualify for continuing education under Area III of the Psychology Licensing Board regulations.

The GPA is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education credit for psychologists. The APA-approved sponsor maintains responsibility for the program.

### **Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Marriage and Family Therapists**

Application has been made for core professional education hours for each seminar in accordance with the guidelines established by the Georgia Composite Board.

- February 11 — 3 hours
- April 30 — 5 *ethics* hours
- June 10 — 5 *ethics* hours

### **Certified Addiction Counselors**

Application has been made to the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association for continuing education hours.

- February 11 — 3 contact hours
- April 30 — 5 *ethics* contact hours
- June 10 — 5 *ethics* contact hours

## **LOCATION**

All programs are held in Ridgeview's Professional Building North. For directions, please visit our website, [www.ridgeviewinstitute.com](http://www.ridgeviewinstitute.com), or call (770) 434-4567.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Requests must be in writing. Refunds will be given on requests postmarked or faxed no later than 5 business days prior to the seminar. No refunds will be issued for "late arrivals" and "no shows." Address: Ridgeview Institute, Michaiiah Nunn, Business Development Department, 3995 South Cobb Drive, Smyrna, GA 30080. Fax: (770) 431-7025. Requests may also be e-mailed to [mnnunn@ridgeviewinstitute.com](mailto:mnnunn@ridgeviewinstitute.com).

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Please visit our website at [www.ridgeviewinstitute.com](http://www.ridgeviewinstitute.com). To schedule a tour of Ridgeview following the seminar please contact Debra Bergman at [dbergman@ridgeviewinstitute.com](mailto:dbergman@ridgeviewinstitute.com) or at (770) 434-4567.

## REGISTRATION

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Space is limited. We encourage you to register early. Please call or check our website to verify space availability if registering within 2 to 3 weeks of the seminar date. Discount offer applies to all seminars listed below.

Please check the type of CE credit you need.

- Psychologist    Marriage and Family Therapist    Professional Counselor  
 Certified Addiction Counselor    Social Worker  
 Other (certificate of attendance only)

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Registration: \$50 if postmarked or paid by February 4; \$60 late registration.

**Ethics and Gender: Two Roads Diverged**

Friday, April 15, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., lunch not included.

Registration: \$100 if postmarked or paid by April 8; \$115 late registration.

**Ethics and Gender: Two Roads Diverged**

Friday, June 10, 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., lunch not included.

Registration: \$100 if postmarked or paid by June 3; \$115 late registration.

**Accepted Methods of Payment**

- Check    American Express    Discover    MasterCard    Visa  
Please make checks payable to Ridgeview Institute.

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Mail completed form to: Ridgeview Institute, 3995 S. Cobb Dr., Smyrna GA 30080-6397, attn: Michaiiah Nunn. To register by fax (credit card only): (770) 431-7025.

Secure online registration is available at [www.ridgeviewinstitute.com/hosp\\_info\\_calendar\\_prof.htm](http://www.ridgeviewinstitute.com/hosp_info_calendar_prof.htm).

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