
Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Training Event

Court Involved Youth and Suicide: 10 Ways We Often Get it Wrong

Session: Thursday, October 11, 2018, 9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Presented By: Dr. Lisa Boesky, TroubledTeenExpert.com

Lisa Boesky, Ph.D., M.A., is a Psychologist who has spent the past two decades providing high-energy, content-filled and engaging presentations and trainings to juvenile justice and other youth-serving professionals across the country. She has been interviewed by Bill O'Reilly, Anderson Cooper, Fox News, CNN, CNN International, ABC News, CBS News, and in print by USA Today, US News & World Report, and People Magazine among others. Dr. Boesky has worked with challenging and dangerous youth in psychiatric hospitals and juvenile justice settings. She provides suicide-related consultation to juvenile justice agencies and serves as an expert witness on lawsuits when young people die by suicide. Find out more at TroubledTeenExpert.com



Workshop Overview

Teens involved with juvenile court are at higher risk to die by suicide. In this session, Dr. Boesky will discuss which youth are most likely to kill themselves and whether juvenile justice workers could be held liable if a youth dies by suicide. Participants will learn the latest research on which individuals are most likely to move from “thinking” about suicide to actually making a suicide “attempt”. Dr. Boesky will relay four essential ideas that are important for those who work with youth to know to help identify their potential suicide risk. She will also discuss the formal suicide screening tools available and the potential downsides of using them.

Participants will learn ten ways suicidal youth involved with the justice system are often missed, leading to deadly tragedies. Dr. Boesky will highlight what types of community resources are likely to help suicidal youth versus potentially make things worse and specific tools and language workers can use to help decrease a young person’s suicidality.

Dr. Boesky will suggest ways for individuals to best protect themselves from legal liability when working with court-involved youth who think about suicide or engage in suicidal behaviors. This practical presentation will include photos, case examples (including those related to legal liability), role-play, and audience participation.

Over, Under and Mis-Diagnosis of Court-Involved Youth: The Tragic Results and What YOU Can Do To Help

Session: Thursday, October 11, 2018, 1:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.

Presented By: Dr. Lisa Boesky, TroubledTeenExpert.com

Workshop Overview

Many court-involved youth have been diagnosed with multiple mental health disorders and prescribed a variety of psychotropic medications to impact their mood or behavior. Yet, these diagnoses are often inaccurate. When youth are over, under or mis-diagnosed, they may receive no services when needed, inappropriate interventions, or treatment that can actually make things worse. This problem affects all who work with youth and affects the work done with them. In this session, participants will learn how over, under and mis-diagnosis still happens today, the tragic results that can occur, and what specific things workers can do to help. Issues related to trauma, ADHD, and bipolar disorder will be highlighted. This fast-moving, practical presentation will include photos and case examples.

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Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems and their Mental Health

Session: Thursday, October 11, 2018, 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Presented By: Nic Bottomley, Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor, 17th Circuit Court

Nic Bottomley, MSW, ATSA, is currently a Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor but has worked in several roles within the Family Division of the 17th Circuit Court including community probation officer, consent calendar probation officer and 15 years as a therapist in the Adolescent Sexual Offender Treatment Program. Nic has also worked providing treatment on an outpatient basis for adult male sexual offenders on contract with the Michigan Department of Corrections and is an adjunct faculty with the Grand Valley State University School of Social Work. Nic holds a clinical license as a Master's Social Worker with the State of Michigan and is a clinical member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA).

In addition to the above, Nic has presented at multiple conferences, agencies and classes including Community Mental Health, Grand Valley State University School of Criminal Justice, Wraparound, Michigan Conference on the MDT Response to Suspected Child Sexual Assault, the Joint Conference on Juvenile Services, Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 and The Systems of Care Conference. Nic has provided testimony to the State Senate & House Judiciary Committees, participated in a state level work group and continues to meet with legislators to discuss the impact of substantial compliance with the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act on juvenile offenders.

Workshop Overview

Popular belief espouses that those who act out sexually, either youth or adult, must have something "wrong" with them, are "sick" or are "crazy." Reality often runs contrary to this belief.

This presentation will review incident rates of youth sexual offending and sexual offending recidivism in context of overall youth offending and recidivism. We will look at the "how" and "why" of youth sexual offending and the often confusing and complex interplay between this behavior and the perpetrator's mental health. This will include discussion of various paraphilias and pedophilia.

Toward Culturally Respectful, Responsive, and Equitable Mental Health Practice: Moving Away from the Myth of Cultural Competence

Session: Friday, October 12, 2018, 9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Presented By: Dr. Jerry Johnson, Associate Professor, Grand Valley State University

Jerry Johnson, Ph.D., LMSW, is an Associate Professor of Social Work at GVSU, with 35 years experience in the human services as a practitioner, administrator, consultant, and trainer. He has worked abroad as a consultant to USAID and UNDP, and was twice recognized as a Fulbright Scholar (1998-99 and 2000-01). He has written and edited ten books and several articles.



Johnson has been a practitioner and training leader in substance abuse and addiction all of his career. After a career in the Detroit area as a well-known family therapist, Johnson was the director of Project Rehab's Adolescent Services in Grand Rapids. He is a well-known presenter and lecturer in adolescent and family addictions and co-occurring disorders, and has authored the following books: *Crossing Borders- Confronting History* (Rowan and Littlefield, 2000), and *Fundamentals of Substance Abuse Practice* (Brooks/Cole, 2004). Co-Author with Dr. George Grant, Jr.- *Allyn & Bacon Casebook Series* (8 volumes).

Workshop Overview

In this workshop, Johnson will provide ways of thinking and acting to facilitate a culturally respectful, responsive, and equitable practice approach with mental health and co-occurring disorder clients from diverse backgrounds. Building on a broad, yet specific cultural lens, attendees will participate in developing theory and practice approaches that can be more inclusive and equitable.