

Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect

Friday, October 7, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm

WORKSHOP WILL BE DELIVERED VIRTUALLY. ONLINE ACCESS LINK WILL BE E-MAILED CLOSER TO PRESENTATION DATE.

Presented by: Michele Jennings, RN, CPNP-PC

Hosted by: Monmouth/Ocean County Psychological Association (MOCPA)

1.5 CEs Available

Program Narrative:

In order to identify and prevent child abuse and neglect, we first need to consider child abuse and neglect more thoroughly. Educating Practices in Their Communities (EPIC) around Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN) is a collaborative effort with the NJ Department of Children and Families (DCF) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). This presentation provides an overview of the program, which seeks to change behavior in the office and in the community in order to improve mental health care services. It addresses topics such as the child protective services law in NJ and its impact on the mental health profession. The program is designed to improve our recognition of injuries indicative of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation, as well as improve our identification of at-risk kids and their families. By increasing knowledge about contributing factors, substance abuse, family violence, and the short- and long-term effects of childhood trauma, we can strengthen prevention education during therapeutic sessions with our patients and their families.

Learning Objectives:

- A) Recognize the red flags of child abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- B) Describe how substance abuse and violence affect the family
- C) Summarize the short- and long-term effects of trauma
- D) Utilize Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) resources and community resources
- E) Explain the process for reporting child abuse according to New Jersey law

Target Audience: psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, physicians, nurses, educators, graduate students, undergraduate students

Program Sophistication: Intermediate – some prior knowledge of subject required

Speaker Biography: Michele Jennings, RN, CPNP-PC is a registered nurse and a practicing pediatric nurse practitioner currently affiliated with Hackensack Meridian Health at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. She has a master's degree in pediatric nursing from Rutgers University and has worked with children and their families for 30 years, primarily in the pediatric intensive care unit, pediatric same day recovery unit, pediatric emergency department, and in adolescent medicine. Additionally, she has spent the last 16 years in collaboration with a child abuse pediatrician through the New Jersey Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P).

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