



The Outpatient Department, known as *The Shepherd Program*, located at 420 Fruit Hill Ave N. Providence, RI presents its 7th annual training series focusing on strengthening & supporting children, adults & families. The following workshops are being offered:

March 18th from 9:00-12:15pm; *Non-Toxic Masculinity: Treatment Approaches for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse*, presented by Adam Cable, LICSW (3CEU). This workshop will focus on treatment approaches for male survivors of sexual abuse in the context of a patriarchal society and a culture of toxic masculinity. Elements of toxic masculinity will be reviewed, followed by in-depth discussion of treatment tools and strategies to help repair the damage done by sexual abuse. Attendees of past trainings on toxic masculinity will have a chance to build a more advanced repertoire of techniques, while newcomers will have an opportunity to explore the fundamental concepts.

April 22nd from 9:00-12:15 pm; *Making Play Therapy Your Friend*, presented by Melissa Santoro, LICSW (3 CEU). This workshop will explore play therapy basics, through client stories and play as well as suggestions regarding selecting play therapy items. Participants will increase their knowledge regarding session dynamics, play therapy techniques and common themes seen in play therapy. This workshop would benefit therapists working with children, teens, adults, and families.

May 28th from 11-2:15 pm; *Advanced Approaches "Fundamental" to Family Centered Practice*, presented by Robert Cohen, LICSW (3 CEU). This workshop will review several fundamental concepts essential to effecting advanced, strength based family practice. Practice questions and issues drawn from participants will inform these conceptualizations and in turn, speak to the immediate practice needs of those attending. Bring in your toughest client situations!

June 9th from 9:30-12:00 pm; *Equine Assisted Psychotherapy as a Brief Treatment Modality*, presented by Jessica Clark, LICSW (2.5 CEU). This workshop will provide a presentation on the effectiveness of equine-assisted psychotherapy via a brief overview of the EAGALA model of equine assisted psychotherapy along with a review of our outcome data as evidence of the impact the model has had on decreasing trauma-

reactive symptoms and influencing impact issues of sexual abuse and exploitation. Participants will engage in an equine assisted learning demonstration to better understand the model. *This workshop will be take place at Faith Hill Farms in East Greenwich, RI. Closed toe shoes must be worn as we will be interacting with animals.*

June 24th from 9:00-12:15 pm; *The Power of Language*, presented by Melissa Santoro, LICSW (3 CEU). This workshop will explore the power of language as it pertains to the clinical documentation of our treatment and support for the clients we serve. Participants will explore the potential impacts of our written word choices and increase their knowledge regarding the core concepts of trauma informed care and language. This workshop would benefit service providers and therapists working with children, teens, adults, and families.



Registrations and payment to be completed online using this Event Brite link: <https://smhfc-shepherd-training.eventbrite.com>

Or if paying by check, please complete this form and mail to:

St. Mary's Home for Children
Attention: Alex Kraus
420 Fruit Hill Ave
North Providence, RI 02911

Please make checks payable to:
St. Mary's Home for Children
Memo line: Shepherd Training Series

Name: _____

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How Did You Hear About Us?

Please select the date(s) and fee amount for the workshop(s) you wish to attend:

_____ ***Non-Toxic Masculinity: Treatment Approaches for Males Survivors of Sexual Abuse***

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The Outpatient Department, known as The Shepherd Program, at St. Mary's Home for Children was established in 1985 to provide outpatient treatment and support to survivors of sexual abuse and their families. Since then, the Outpatient Department has expanded its services to best support children, adults and their families impacted by sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and other trauma, such as family violence and physical abuse, through a myriad of programs. Services are provided in the office, home and community. Referrals come from DCYF, physicians, families, schools, courts, other service providers and individuals seeking support and mental health treatment.

Shepherd Clinicians are available to train on a variety of topics related to sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, and other trauma. We would be happy to customize a training to meet your needs. Please contact the Director, Melissa Santoro, at MSantoro@smhfc.org to explore further.

