

Westchester Group Psychotherapy Society

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Westchester Group Psychotherapy Society announces a Special Workshop by **Wendy Bunston, BSW, PhD** on “Infants and children as change agents in group work interventions with parents impacted by trauma”

Description:

This workshop will demonstrate how infants and children can be a very powerful entry point for engaging hard to reach adults in therapeutic groupwork. The theory and practice developed for infants, children, mothers and fathers impacted by family violence will be discussed. An overview of each group will be provided, with video material presented. Opportunities for reflection and discussion will be built into this interactive workshop format, giving participants the chance to explore what learning they may draw from this work and how they may integrate these into their own practice.

Learning Objectives:

Participants will be able to:

1. Become familiar with three infant and child led group work approaches
2. Learn evidence supporting the value of using such approaches and understand three specific groupwork interventions: The Peek a Boo Club (PABC), Dads on Board and parkas (parents accepting responsibility – kids are safe).

Presenter:

Wendy Bunston, BSW, PhD of WB Training and Consulting (Australia) is a senior clinical social worker, family therapist, infant mental health practitioner, consultant and author. She has written multiple books, chapters and articles on her work with infants and children impacted by family violence and is considered a leading authority in her field. Her Book, “Helping Babies and Children to Heal after Family Violence” was published in 2017 and a new one is due next year.

Significant Articles:

- Bunston, W. (2013). “What about the fathers?” bringing 'Dads on Board™' with their infants and toddlers following violence. *Journal of Family Studies*, 19(1), 70-79.
- Bunston, W. (2017). *Helping Babies and Children (0-6) to Heal after Family Violence: A practical guide to infant- and child-led practice* UK: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.
- Bunston, W., Eyre, K., Carlsson, A., & Pringle, K. (2016). Evaluating relational repair work with infants and mothers impacted by family violence. *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Criminology*, 49(1), 113-133. doi:10.1177/0004865814559925
- Paul, C., & Thomson Salo, F. (2007). Babies in groups: The creative role of babies, the mothers and the therapists. . In M. Pozzi-Munzo & B. Tydeman (Eds.), *Innovations in Parent-Infant Psychotherapy* (pp. 134-153). London: Karnac.

This presentation will be held on **October 12, 2018** from 12 noon to 4 pm at New York-Presbyterian, Staff Annex II, 21 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605.

This presentation is free for WGPS Members, \$40 Non-Members, and \$25 Students or New York Presbyterian Hospital Staff (IDs required during event registration). Scholarships available and lunch is included. **4 Contact Hour/CE credits are available to LMSWs and LCSWs upon completion of registration, attendance to entire workshop, license presentation, and payment. Course evaluation will occur from 4:00pm-4:15pm.**

To reserve a seat, please contact Dr. Gloria Batkin Kahn at (914) 428-0957 or globatkahn@gmail.com