

THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

# **RUTGERS**

## **Foster Care Counseling Project**

Center for Applied Psychology • Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology  
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey  
41 Gordon Road • Suite A • Piscataway • New Jersey 08854  
732/445-7789 • Fax: 732/445-7970

### **FIELDWORK IN FOSTER CARE**

Course Description: This 2-semester course includes a didactic as well as fieldwork component. Students are educated about the foster care system, typical issues faced by children in placement, and therapeutic approaches to addressing those issues. Undergraduate students serve as mentors and transporters for children in the foster care system and partner on the case with a graduate student who provides psychotherapy to the child. Admission to the course requires an interview, completion of a Defensive Driving course, use of a car, some experience working with children, and several academic pre-requisites.

### **Syllabus**

### **Spring 2013**

### **Thursdays 9 a.m. -11:30 a.m.**

Nancy Harrison, Psy.D.  
908-788-4048 (Office)  
908-303-7266 (Cell)  
[drnancyharrison@comcast.net](mailto:drnancyharrison@comcast.net)

## **Course Requirements**

1. **Professionalism** in working with clients and colleagues including weekly email case progress note to grad student partner with copy to Dr. Harrison (65% of grade)
2. Active seminar participation, including weekly in-class case updates (20%)
3. Final case/topic paper (5 pages) , including in-class presentation (15%)
4. Readings as assigned

January 24, 2013 Re-organization/ Case Updates/Semester Planning  
Assignment : Read OCA report and prepare to discuss on 2/02

January 31, 2013 Discussion of OCA Report  
Case Updates

February 7, 2013 Psychological Assessment of Children  
Case Updates  
Assignment : Text Chapter 14

February 14, 2013 Psychotherapy with Children  
Case Updates  
Assignment: Text Chapter 15

February 21, 2013 Termination  
Case Updates

February 28, 2013 DCPP Office Visit

March 07, 2013 Working with Parents of Traumatized Children I  
Case Updates

March 14, 2013 Working with Parents of Traumatized Children II  
Case Updates

March 21, 2013 Spring Break! Enjoy!

March 28, 2013 Careers/Graduate School  
Case Updates

April 4, 2013 Final Paper Presentations

April 11, 2013 Final Paper Presentations

April 18, 2013 Final Paper Presentations

April 25, 2013 Final Paper Presentations

May 2, 2013 Wrap Up/ FINAL PAPER DUE TODAY

**Text:**

Webb, Nancy Boyd (ed.) (2006). Working With Traumatized Youth in Child Welfare.  
New York: The Guilford Press.

**Additional Resources:**

Fontes, Lisa Aronson (ed.) (1995). Sexual Abuse in Nine North American Cultures:  
Treatment and Prevention. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage Publications.

Herman, Judith (1997). Trauma and Recovery. New York: Basic Books.

Jarratt, Claudia Jewett (1994). Helping Children Cope with Separation and Loss, Revised  
Edition. Boston, Massachusetts: The Harvard Common Press.

McGoldrick, Monica & Gerson, Randy (1985). Genograms in Family Assessment. New  
York: W.W. Norton.

McGoldrick, Monica, Pearce, John K., A& Giordano, Joseph (eds.) (1982). Ethnicity and  
Family Therapy. New York: Guilford.

Myers, John E.B. , Berliner, Lucy, Briere, John, Hendrix, C. Terry, Jenny, Carole, &  
Reid, Theresa A. (eds.) (2002). The APSAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment, Second  
Edition. Thousand Oaks, California: Sage.