



**FROM CONCEPTUALIZATION TO ENGAGEMENT:  
A TWO-DAY TRAINING CONFERENCE ON MALE SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION**  
April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Edmonton, Alberta  
April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Calgary, Alberta

*From Conceptualization to Engagement* combines the conceptual training on male sexual victimization along with core intervention skills and strategies designed to empower frontline workers to actively intervene with male survivors. This combination of trauma theory and practice with an emphasis on experiential approaches addresses many of the practical and clinical concerns of frontline professionals and volunteers.

*From Conceptualization to Engagement* is ideal for healthcare professionals, case counsellors, justice workers, victim services as well as other front-line staff who have some clinical engagement with clients. A counselling background is necessary to benefit from all of the aspects of this training.

**What will you receive?**

Organizers and participants in *From Conceptualization to Engagement* will benefit from the following:

- Two solid days of multi-faceted training from our senior clinical trainers.
- The incorporation of a wide variety of learning approaches, including lecture, role plays, case examples, and experiential exercises.
- Significant time to allow for participatory learning: questions, comments, brief case issues, and adaptation of skills to various sectors of the helping professions.
- A PowerPoint presentation that incorporates the latest research and practice approaches in terms of child sexual abuse, its sequelae with adult men, trauma treatment, and engagement strategies.
- An emphasis on skill development in a variety of trauma focused intervention areas, with an emphasis on psychodynamic and experiential approaches.
- Testimony from a male survivor that will speak with a personal lens on the issues that are addressed (depending on location).
- Participant handouts with copies of all presentation materials and other useful resources.
- An evaluative process at the end of the day that will then be tabulated and summarized for the organizers and/or funders.
- Pre and post communications with our training team to ensure a successful event.

## Curriculum Detail for *From Conceptualization to Engagement* - Day 1:

### Welcome and Introductions

### It Didn't Happen, It Doesn't Matter: The Intersection of Male Socialization with Male Sexual Victimization

- The Traditional Male Code
- Gender Role Strain
- Psychotherapy vs. Masculinity
- A Research Primer on Male Sexual Abuse
- A Research Primer on Male Sexual Assault
- Cultural Delusions about Male Sexual Victimization

### The Aftermath of Sexual Abuse

- The Human Response to Danger
- Co-Factors of Trauma

### The Repercussion of Male Sexual Victimization:

- Mood & Behavioural Disturbances
- Cognitive Impairment
- Gender & Sexuality
- Risk Taking/Dangerous Behaviours

### The Wobble: The Hangover of Trauma in Men's Lives (adaption of Herman's Dialectic of Trauma)

### A Primer on Ego States

- Structural Perspectives on Ego States

### The Drama Triangle (Karpman)

- The Trauma Triangle (adaptation by Hudgins)

### Assessing Male Sexual Victimization/Engaging the Client

### Expressions of the Survivor Journey

- The Role of Testimony

## Curriculum Detail for *From Conceptualization to Engagement* - Day 2:

### Engaging with Male Survivors from the Worker's Perspective

- Transference & Countertransference
- Role of Attachment Style

### The Working Zone

### Comprehending Men's Rage: Reconceptualizing Men's Intimate Partner Violence in Light of Past Victimization

- Nested Ecological Theory of Wife Assault
- Correlation between Childhood Abuse and Male Violence
- Role of Shame in Male Rage and Violence
- Male Emotional Funnel

### Managing Flashbacks

### Emotional Exploration with the Survivor: The Containing Double

- Role Play

### Building Internal Strengths

- Roles of Restoration
- Intrapersonal, Interpersonal, & Transpersonal Strengths

### Closing Remarks, Evaluations, Well of Confidentiality

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