Advanced Training in Personality Disorders in Legal Disputes: Understanding, Managing, Treating, and Setting Limits

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Parenting Coordination: Fundamentals, Concepts, and Interventions

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Loyola University Chicago
Philip H. Corboy Law Center
Chicago, Illinois
A two-day training program for legal, mental health, dispute resolution, and other professionals who work with high conflict families.

This two-day program will examine the diagnostic criteria and conflict dynamics of five personality disorders increasingly present in legal disputes: borderline, narcissistic, antisocial, paranoid, and histrionic. Participants will discuss methods of managing clients with these disorders, individually and in joint sessions, including decision-making, mental health treatment of these disorders, and setting limits in courtrooms, mediation, and other settings.

Participants in this two-day training program will learn to:

- Identify diagnostic criteria of personality disorders based on the DSM-5 psychiatric manual.
- Distinguish between personality disorders and those with only traits of these disorders.
- Identify mental health treatment issues regarding each of the five personality disorders.
- Recognize unique interpersonal conflict dynamics of each of the five personality disorders.
- Identify personality disorders or traits as early as possible in legal disputes.
- Manage and set limits on individual clients with a personality disorder or traits.
- Manage and set limits on parties with such disorders in mediation and negotiation.
- Present patterns of disordered behavior to decision-makers without a diagnosis.
- Manage and set limits on parties with such disorders in the courtroom.
- Manage their own stress when working with cases with personality disorders.

About the Presenter

William A. (“Bill”) Eddy is a lawyer, therapist, and mediator. He is the co-founder and training director of the High Conflict Institute based in San Diego, California. Bill provides training on the subject of high-conflict personalities to lawyers, mediators, judges, mental health professionals, and others. He has presented in over 30 states and ten countries. He is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, with 12 years’ experience counseling children, adults, couples, and families in psychiatric hospitals and outpatient clinics. For the past 26 years, he has also been a lawyer, representing clients in family court (as a Certified Family Law Specialist) and providing divorce mediation services. Bill is the author of over a dozen books, including: High Conflict People in Legal Disputes, 2nd Ed.; SPLITTING: Protecting Yourself While Divorcing Someone with Borderline or Narcissistic Personality Disorder; and BIFF: Quick Responses to High Conflict People. He is the developer of the New Ways for Families® method for potentially high-conflict families, which is being implemented in several family court systems in the United States and Canada. He is also the developer of the New Ways for Mediation® method, which emphasizes more structure by the mediator and more negotiation skills for the parties.

Agenda

Monday, March 4, 2019, 8:30am-4:00pm
1. Understanding general principles and diagnosis of personality disorders, and traits
2. Understanding borderline personality disorder, parenting issues, and treatment
3. Understanding narcissistic personality disorder, parenting issues, and treatment
4. Understanding antisocial personality disorder, parenting issues, and treatment
5. Understanding paranoid personality disorder, parenting issues, and treatment
6. Understanding histrionic personality disorder, parenting issues, and treatment

Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 8:30am-4:00pm
1. Early identification of possible personality disorders by words, emotions, and behavior
2. Using the CARS Method® for managing individuals with personality disorders or anyone
3. Managing mediation of disputes involving possible personality disorders
4. Presenting patterns of disordered behavior to decision-makers without diagnostic terms
5. Managing parties with possible personality disorders or traits in the courtroom
6. Managing stress and vicarious trauma when working with personality disorders
A two-day training program for parenting coordinators, mediators, custody evaluators, lawyers, judges, therapists, parent educators, and other professionals who work with high conflict families.

This seminar presents a comprehensive overview of the definition, role, responsibilities, and functions of the parenting coordinator. Parenting coordination is an out-of-court dispute resolution process designed to assist co-parents in managing parenting disputes, minimize litigation, and shield the children from harmful interparental conflict. The integrated model of parenting coordination highlights factors leading to entrenched child-related disputes, the pathways and personalities that lead parents to enduring conflict, and specialized interventions to address intractable conflict. This program will focus on practice issues including (1) types of orders needed; (2) ethics; (3) how to begin and effectively manage these difficult cases; and, (4) professional liability issues.

Participants in this two-day training program will learn to:

- Describe the mechanisms for defining the authority of the parenting coordinator in the court order or consent agreement, including oversight by and communication with the court.
- Describe the phases of the integrated model of parenting coordination along with the goals and progression of the process.
- Distinguish parenting coordination from other professional roles and dispute resolution processes.
- Identify the types of conflict most destructive for children and utilize interventions to protect children from interparental conflict.
- Identify and apply strategic interventions for crisis management within the parenting coordination process.
- Utilize guidelines and ethical standards for parenting coordinators to structure the process.
- Utilize relevant social science research to inform parenting coordination interventions.
- Distinguish cases that are inappropriate for parenting coordination.

About the Presenter
Debra K. Carter, PhD is a clinical and forensic psychologist, a certified family law mediator and a qualified parenting coordinator. She is also the co-founder and training director of the National Cooperative Parenting Center (NCPC) which offers services to the mental health and legal communities in North America and around the globe. Dr. Carter is a leading researcher on the efficacy of parenting coordination and the author of *Parenting Coordination: A Practical Guide for Family Law Professionals and Co-Parenting After Divorce: A GPS for Healthy Kids*, in addition to numerous chapters and articles on family law matters. Dr. Carter is on the faculty at the University of South Florida and current Chair of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Parenting Coordination Guidelines Revision Task Force. She is past president of the Florida Chapter of AFCC and has received numerous state and national awards for her valuable contribution to the field of psychology, family law, and parenting coordination.

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**Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 8:30am-4:00pm**
1. Parenting coordination: definitions, objectives, qualifications, legal context, confidentiality, and sources of authority
2. Critical elements in court orders for parenting coordination
3. Phases of parenting coordination: procedures, forms, informed consent, and fees
4. Screening procedures: intimate partner violence, mental health, substance abuse, and parenting strengths
5. Developing an intervention strategy: prioritizing intervention, establishing rules of engagement, and setting realistic goals
6. Establishing essential elements of the process: parenting plan, collaborative team, communication protocol, and oversight/monitoring (overnight assignment)

**Thursday, March 7, 2019, 8:30am-4:00pm**
1. Strategic interventions for conflict resolution or containment
2. Including children in the parenting coordination process
3. Negotiation
4. Ethical challenges in parenting coordination
5. New AFCC parenting coordination guidelines
6. Developing a parenting coordination program and practice
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