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Spring Conference

Friday, April 3rd, 2020 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

THE NEUROARCHITECTURE OF FAMILY SYSTEMS: We are all Chemically Dependent

Presenter:

Ward Blanchard, MA, MBA, CCS, LCAS



Ward Blanchard is one of the most prominent mental health and Substance Use Disorder professionals in the country for his innovative work with clients and their family systems. Ward founded Blanchard and Associates, LLC over 10 years ago as a private practice focusing on family re-structuring, family case management, and family consulting. In 2017, Ward established The Blanchard Institute, LLC, a dual diagnosis outpatient treatment center that incorporates comprehensive family focused care. Ward and his team approach treatment for behavioral health conditions through a unique family systems model that utilizes multiple evidence-based modalities in their innovative Blanchard family process.

Ward has a Master's Degree in Psychology—Marriage and Family Therapy and an MBA in Healthcare administration. Specializing in dual diagnosis treatment, Ward obtained his advance addiction counseling education credential through California Association of Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADC- II). Ward is also a Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (LCAS) and a credentialed Clinical Supervisor (CSS).

Ward's experience includes: interventions, admissions, program design and direction, experiential therapy, long term case management, and business administration and revenue cycle management. His passion is centered on educating individuals, families, and professionals as he has presented extensively at national conferences, hospital systems, continuing medical education events, and public service events. Ward has an altruistic enthusiasm around educating the professional community about family systems, SUDs, dual diagnosis disorders, the opioid epidemic and chronic pain.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The concept of how mental illness and/or SUDs "impacts the whole family" is a common therapeutic ideal most professionals have heard before; however, the professional community is rarely provided the information and education on the neurological changes identified patients, families, loved ones, or other caregivers experience when involved in a relationship with someone suffering from a mental illness or substance use disorder. Ward Blanchard's presentation reviews the most up-to-date neurological findings in helping professionals understand what exactly the words "family system disease" means, what evidence-based treatment options are most effective, and what role professionals play in the treatment of the family.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this training participants will be able to:

1. Summarize the neuroscience involved with substance abuse, identified patients, and family members.
2. Interpret how symptoms appear in family system.
3. Relate effective, evidence-based treatment approaches for treatment and communication with family system.
 - Motivational Interviewing, Change Talk, DBT Expression, Intentional Dialog Examples, Structural family therapy techniques, family system exercise approaches
4. Describe: What are the roles of the professional with clients and families?
5. Describe and apply exercises and activities they can employ with clients to help clients better understand family system recovery.

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SPRING CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8:30 am Registrants Sign In

9:00 am- 10:30 am Morning Session

- Disease Model of SUDs psychoeducation and discussion
 - Evidence based science data and misconceptions discussion

10:30 am - 10:45 am Break

10:45 am - 12:30 pm Morning Session

- Disease Model of Impact of Stress and Trauma on the brain
 - Chronic Stress-Neurological impact
 - Trauma
 - "We are all chemically dependent" and neurotransmitters that drive most human functioning

12:30 pm -1:30 pm Lunch Buffet

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm Afternoon Session

- Professionals Role in treatment of clients and families' material and lecture

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm Afternoon Session

- Review Role Play/Client Conceptualizations/Situations
- Experiential activities for attendees to engage in displaying appropriate interventions for family system dynamics
- Q and A

Course length: 6 hours

Number of continuing education credits requested for course (one (1) credit for each hour of course work): 6 credits

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- Credits have been approved by the Certification Board for Continuing Education credits for CADC, LCADC licenses.
- Our facilities are handicapped accessible. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Silvana at 908-362-6114 before registering.
- All complaints/grievances will be evaluated by Alina Lodge staff who will communicate with the attendee personally either verbally or in writing.
- Due to the limited number of spaces available, no refunds will be issued.

The conference will be held at Alina Lodge, 61 Ward Road, Blairstown, New Jersey.

Please report to Memory Hall where there will be a Continental Breakfast Buffet.



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