Assessing Parenting Capacity in Child Protection Cases: A Clinical Practice Model

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This workshop is designed for Psychologists, Social Workers and other mental health professionals involved in the evaluation of parenting in child protection settings. Dr. Budd will present a comprehensive and research-based model of how to assess parenting, as well as how Parenting Capacity Assessment (PCA) relates to forensic clinical assessment, and comparisons between forensic and therapeutic evaluations. Psychologists and Graduate Students considering entering this area of practice may also find this workshop extremely informative and useful.

Karen S. Budd, Ph.D. is Professor of Psychology, and former Director of Clinical Training, Clinical Child Faculty, at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Budd has been instrumental in developing a comprehensive Best Practices model for Parenting Capacity Assessments, based on research in developmental psychology, forensic assessment, and models of legal competencies. Her research at DePaul focuses on At-Risk Parenting, including projects designed to understand and strengthen the childrearing capabilities of vulnerable populations, such as teenage mothers, maltreating parents, and parents of children with disruptive behaviour disorders. Dr. Budd and her graduate students recently developed a measure of cultural perspectives of acceptable parenting practices, which they are pilot-testing. She directs the DePaul Parent-Child Interaction Therapy clinic, which serves predominantly urban, low-income, African American families of preschoolers with behaviour problems.

For several years, Dr. Budd participated in the Clinical Evaluation and Services Initiative (CESI), within the Juvenile Court System in Chicago, designed to improve the way clinical information is used in judicial decision-making. Funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and County sources, this multidisciplinary project led to the establishment of a Juvenile Court Clinic that provides timely, relevant clinical information in Child Protection and Juvenile Justice Division Courtrooms.

BC Psychological Association CE Credits: 5.5 Hours
Registration and Coffee 8 am- 9am

9:00 – 9:15 am  Introductions and Acknowledgements

9:15 – 9:30 am  Understanding the application of Parenting Capacity Assessments in BC

9:30 – 10:30 am  Orientation to Forensic Clinical Assessment
Differences between forensic and therapeutic evaluations
Grisso’s model of legal competency
Forensic Specialty Guidelines
How basic Forensic tenets translate into clinical practice in PCAs

10:30 – 10:45 am  Break

10:45 – 12:00  Model for assessing parents’ functioning and caregiving capacity
Common concerns about parenting capacity
Impetus for development of a model
Selected APA guidelines for evaluations
Core features of the Parenting Assessment Model
Conceptualization of parent-child fit
Steps in the assessment process/Case Example

12:00 – 1:30 pm  Lunch – Buffet Lunch Provided

1:30 – 3:00 pm  Application of the model to clinical cases
Crafting referral questions
Case overview
Assessment measures
Report template for clinical evaluations/Sample report

3:00-3:15  Break

3:00 – 4:00 pm  Discussion and planning/Resources

Registration for Assessing Parenting Capacity – Dr. Karen S. Budd, Vancouver, March 17, 2006

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