

The State of our Profession:

Psychology

Today's Problems, Tomorrow's Solutions

The Association of Licensed Psychologists

in Alabama Presents its Mid-Winter

Conference

Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:00-4:00

Ross Bridge Resort

4000 Grand Avenue

Hoover, AL 35226

205-916-7677

Sponsored by ALPA

and the Alabama Psychological

Association



Schedule

8:00–8:30 Registration

8:30-12:30 Workshop I

12:30-2:00 ALPA business meeting

2:00-4:00 Workshop II OR III

About the Presenters

Workshop I: The State of our Profession: Our Law—presented by Glen King, J.D., PH.D. ABPP (4 CEUs)

Dr. King is well known for his extensive knowledge of both law and psychology. Along with his private therapy practice, he is a certified forensic examiner for the Alabama State Department of Mental Health and does evaluations for both civil and criminal courts. He conducts neuropsychological, vocational, personal injury and disability evaluations for various populations including police officer candidates. He has served in a consultative capacity for many Alabama psychologists in their responses to Board complaints. Dr. King holds Diplomat status in Clinical Psychology from the Board of Professional Practice. He is licensed in both Alabama and Georgia. He is a past Alabama Board of Examiners member, past president for the Alabama Psychological Association and is a member of the Alabama Bar Association.

Learning Objectives:

- A. Define the Alabama Practice Act for Psychologists
- B. List the guidelines for forensic and child custody evaluations
- C. List the proper way to respond to court orders, subpoenas and depositions
- D. Name three ways psychologists can respond to promote the profession of psychology

Workshop II. History of Mental Retardation and the Law and Capital Punishment—presented by Harvey Switzky, Ph.D. ABPP (2 CEUs)

Dr. Switzky is an internationally recognized authority on the interaction of cognition and motivation in determining the outcome performances in handicapped persons. Dr. Switzky is the author of 78 referred articles, 48 book chapters, 5 edited books, and 102 presentations relating to the interaction of motivational self-system processes and intelligence, the theory and practice of “normalization”, the definition of mental retardation in the 21st century, mental retardation and the law, and the applied analysis of behavior. His work has helped influence the creation of the 10th edition of the 2002 AAMR manual of Classification and Diagnosis of Mental Retardation. He holds Diplomat status in Clinical Psychology from the American Board of Professional Practice of APA. He is a Child Clinical Psychologist Licensed by the States of Illinois Alabama and Mississippi.

Learning Objectives:

- A. Discuss critically the history of the Mental Retardation constructs.
- B. Name the constitutive and operational definitions of the current model of Intellectual Disability including Dual Diagnosis.
- C. Discuss critically the measurement of intelligence and the measurement of adaptive behavior.
- D. Identify the Atkins’ Decision and its meaning for practicing clinical psychologists.

Workshop III: Early Career Psychologists: What You Need to Know—Presented by Gaye Vance, Ph.D. and Steve Vance, M.P.H. (2 CEUs)

Dr. Vance owns a private practice in Shelby County. She received her doctorate in clinical psychology from UAB in 1989 and has worked in the Birmingham area since. In addition to her therapy practice, she has provided consultation, evaluation and other clinical services to state and for-profit agencies and served on the adjunct faculty at UAB. Her husband, Steve Vance owns CCC Systems, which is a multi-dimensional service company, providing practice management, billing and collection services for mental health professionals across the state.

Learning Objectives:

- A. Name three available alternatives to newly licensed psychologists with regards to career decisions
- B. Identify initial administrative steps in setting up one’s own practice
- C. List ways to maintain a practice in the early years and effective billing/reimbursement techniques

Intended Audience

This workshop is intended for psychologists, other mental health service providers and students.

About ALPA

The Association of Licensed Psychologists in Alabama, is a division of aPA established to represent the interests of practicing psychologists to aPA and to APA. The division is an active voice and participant in addressing the current issues affecting the practice of psychology in Alabama. ALPA also works to promote awareness of psychology in both the public and private sectors.

Hotel

Ross Bridge Golf Resort and Spa
4000 Grand Avenue
Hoover, AL 35226
205-916-7677
Www.rossbridge.com

(This facility is fully accessible)

Driving Directions: From I-65 (South of downtown Birmingham), Take the Lakeshore Drive Exit (exit #255). Go West 3.5 miles. Take a left on Shannon Wenonah Rd. and travel 2 miles. Turn right onto Grand Avenue and the Welcome Center will be on your right.

From I-459. Take Highway 150 West (exit 10) and travel 1 mile. Turn right onto Ross Bridge Parkway and travel 4 miles. Turn left onto Grand Avenue and the Welcome Center will be on your right.

Attendance/C.E. Forms

Don't forget to turn in your Attendance/C.E. Form and Evaluation Form. Your Attendance/C.E. Form will be validated and returned to you within a reasonable length of time.

Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____

ALPA Member ___ Yes ___ No aPA Member ___ Yes ___ No

Registration Fees:

ALPA Member.....\$150.00

Non-Member..... \$175.00

Student\$ 60.00

All are invited to attend the ALPA meeting during lunch, which is included in your registration fee

Deadline for early registration: January 29, 2010. After January 29th, please add a \$10.00 processing fee.

Workshop Registration (can be combined with ALPA membership dues) \$ _____

Attending Workshop II or Workshop III (circle one)

Method of payment: Check payable to ALPA

Mail Registration Form and Fee to:

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Continuing Education Credits

This program is sponsored by the Assn of Licensed Psychologists in Alabama (ALPA) and the Alabama Psychological Association (aPA). aPA is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education to psychologists. aPA maintains responsibility for the program. This program is approved for six (6) credit hours for psychologists by aPA. Partial attendance, late arrival, or early departure will preclude the issuance of CE credits.

NOTE: No written confirmation will be sent. A full refund will be made if registration is cancelled in writing on or before January 29, 2010. Any grievances about the workshop may be addressed to ALPA in writing at the above address.

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Workshop I: ***The State of our Profession: Our Law*** presented by Dr. Glen King. The Practice of Psychology has taken some major hits in recent years. Many have complained that our identity as a profession is being lost and that they feel powerless to stop it. This conference offers participants a four hour presentation on the state of Psychology in Alabama, how our practice law affects what we can and cannot do, and what we can do to positively impact the profession of Psychology as well as benefit the mental health of our fellow Alabamians. Dr. King, a respected psychologist and attorney, will provide his unique expertise and insight to help us understand the current problems for psychology and how our efforts can make a dramatic and positive impact on our future in our profession.

Workshop II : ***History of Mental Retardation and the Law and Capital Punishment*** presented by Dr. Harvey Switzky. The diagnosis of Mental Retardation is constantly evolving with the zeitgeist of changing times and places which may confuse practicing clinical psychologists who are responsible for making the diagnosis.. The diagnosis opens the door to various services, e.g., educational, rehabilitative, vocational, and financial support and also may actually determine life and death outcomes in criminal murder case. The Atkins' Decision in 2002 held that offenders diagnosed with Mental Retardation could not be executed. This presentation will discuss the various complexities involved with making the diagnosis of Intellectual Disability especially in murder cases.

Workshop III : ***Early Career Psychologists: What you Need to Know*** presented by Dr. Gaye Vance and Steve Vance. Making decisions about what to do after graduate school can be a daunting undertaking. This workshop is to help alleviate some of the anxiety. Available alternatives to newly licensed psychologists and how to develop a private practice in psychology will be discussed. Clinical decisions and initial administrative steps in setting up one's own practice will be presented, effective billing techniques and ways to build a referral base and survive in the early years will also be presented.