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Palm Beach County Conference

Family Violence:

**Intervention and Prevention
Strategies in a Diverse Society**

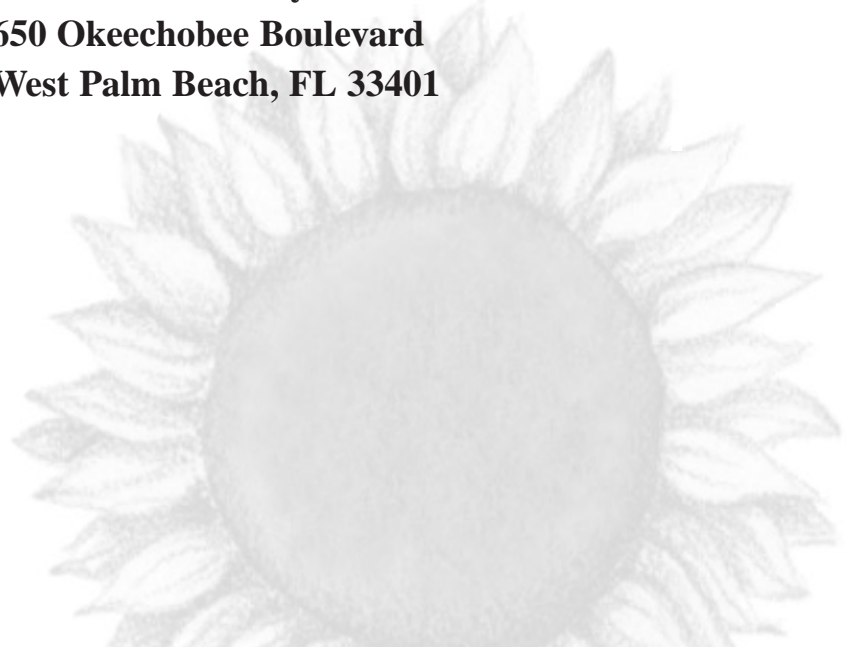
Wednesday, December 13, 2006

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Palm Beach County Convention Center

650 Okeechobee Boulevard

West Palm Beach, FL 33401



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Each year, at least 1.6 million women in the U.S. are assaulted by their partners and over 900,000 children are maltreated. It has been estimated that partner and child physical abuse and maltreatment co-occur in about 6 percent of all U.S. households. In homes where physical violence occurs toward a partner, the incidence of maltreatment of children rises to 40%. Children of battered women have higher rates of internalizing and externalizing behavior problems than do children raised in nonviolent families.

In terms of percentages, 28 percent of married couples in the U.S. experience violence over the entire length of their marriage, and family violence tends to be repeated. What can be done to screen and identify family violence and to prevent its occurrence? How can communities and clinicians respond in an ethnically and culturally sensitive manner to prevent such violence and to provide effective interventions? How can one develop culturally competent intervention programs for victims and batterers? What can doctors, nurses, teachers, clinicians, police and judges do to address the epidemic of family violence?

In order to address these and related challenging questions, The Melissa Institute has assembled leaders in the area of family violence who have expertise in working with various populations. Drs. Fernando Mederos and Etiony Aldarondo are leaders in the field of eliminating domestic violence in Latino populations. Dr. Diane Kelly has an extensive background working with families in Palm Beach County. State Attorney Barry Kirscher is a strong proponent for providing assistance to victims and their families. Dr. Donald Meichenbaum, research director of The Melissa Institute, will complement this distinguished panel by offering practical, research-based ways to intervene.

The conference will highlight the legal ramifications of family violence and the impact of policy decisions. There will be opportunity for discussion and audience participation. Examples of local initiatives in eliminating family violence in the Palm Beach County area will be examined and ways in which they can be more collaborative and effective will be highlighted.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

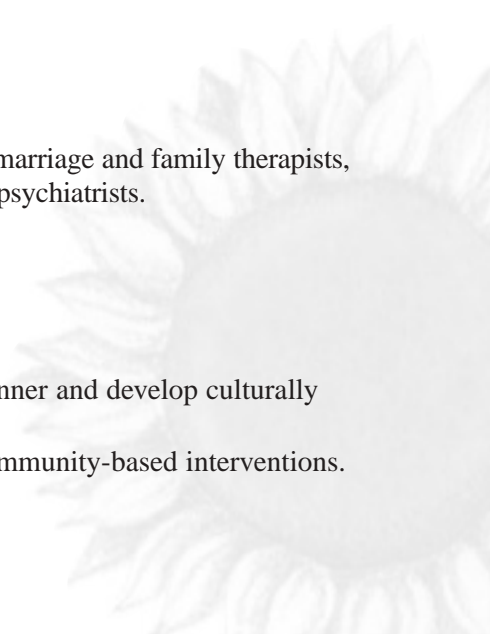
- Plenary sessions, panel discussions and question-and-answer periods.
- Descriptions of ethnically sensitive interventions and prevention programs.
- Detailed handout materials.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Educators, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, mental health workers, marriage and family therapists, social agency personnel, judges, police personnel, pediatricians, family physicians and psychiatrists.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this conference, participants should be able to:

- screen and assess for family violence in victims and their family members.
 - conduct both prevention and treatment programs in an ethnically sensitive manner and develop culturally competent curricula for victims of family violence.
 - implement multifaceted psychotherapeutic interventions, school-based and community-based interventions.
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SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

- 8:30 a.m. **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 a.m. **Opening Remarks and Welcome**
Tony Spaniol, Psy. D., Executive Director, Division of Youth Affairs
Suzanne L. Keeley, Ph.D., President of The Melissa Institute
- 9:15 a.m. **Family Violence: Implications for Children and Families**
Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., Research Director of The Melissa Institute
(Review the nature of family violence and implications for both treatment and prevention.)
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. **The Impact of Chronic Violence: Ethnic and Cultural Influence**
Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D.
(Examine the impact of various forms of violence on families from cultural and ethnic perspectives with implications for treatment and prevention.)
- 11:00 a.m. **What Can a Community Do to Address Family Violence?**
Fernando Mederos, Ed.D.
(How to conduct a needs assessment, highlighting cultural and ethnic differences, with implications for treatment and prevention.)
- 11:45 a.m. **Question-and-Answer Period**
Moderator: Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D.
Panel: Fernando Mederos, Ed.D., Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D., Diane Kelly, Ph.D.
- 12:15 p.m. **Buffet Luncheon**
- 1:00 p.m. **Key Note Address — DOVE Program and Other Initiatives**
Barry Krischer, J.D., State Attorney 15th Judicial Circuit
- 1:30 p.m. **Treatment Programs for Victims of Family Violence**
Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., Research Director of The Melissa Institute
(Consider integrated multifaceted treatment programs for family violence.)
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Community-based Interventions for Both Victims and Batterers**
Co-Presenters: Fernando Mederos, Ed.D. and Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D.
- 3:30 p.m. **Putting It All Together: What You Should Take Home from This Conference**
Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D.
(Local initiatives and ways to improve collaboration and effectiveness.)
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

Suzanne L. Keeley, Ph.D., is president of The Melissa Institute and a psychologist in private practice. She is also affiliated with Baptist Health South Florida. She has had extensive clinical experience treating victims and perpetrators of violence.

PRESENTERS

Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D., is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Waterloo, Ontario, and one of the founders of cognitive-behavior therapy. He has consulted and lectured worldwide on the impact of trauma and has published major clinical handbooks, *Treating Adults with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder* and *Treatment of Individuals with Anger-Control Problems and Aggressive Behaviors* (which often co-occur with trauma reactions). In a survey reported in *American Psychologist*, Dr. Meichenbaum was voted "one of the 10 most influential psychotherapists of the century." He is research director of The Melissa Institute.



Donald Meichenbaum, Ph.D.

Diane Kelly, Ph.D., is currently the Chief of Clinical Services, Education and Training within the Palm Beach County Youth Affairs Division. She develops community-based programs for delinquency prevention and effective parenting. She conducts continuing education training for mental health professionals and serves as training director for graduate students and interns. She is a clinical psychologist who has worked extensively with children and adults with histories of trauma, including sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, witnessing homicide, and natural disasters.



Diane Kelly, Ph.D.

Fernando Mederos, Ed.D., co-author of *Programs for Men Who Batter: Intervention and Prevention Strategies in a Diverse Society* (2002), is a writer, trainer and public speaker on domestic violence. He has consulted internationally on how to develop culturally competent curricula for batterer intervention programs, with special focus on Hispanic populations. He is an expert in developing community-based responses to domestic violence. Currently, he consults with the Domestic Violence Unit of the Massachusetts Department of Social Services, and is a trainer and technical assistance provider for the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Violence Against Women on projects focused on coordinated community responses to domestic violence.



Fernando Mederos, Ed.D.

Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Educational and Psychological Studies at the University of Miami. He is co-chair of the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence. He is also a member of the National Advisory Board of the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center and research consultant to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention. His publications include articles on ethnicity, wife assault, and the clinical assessment of battering. He is co-author, with Fernando Mederos, Ed.D. of the *Programs for Men Who Batter: Intervention and Prevention Strategies in a Diverse Society* (2002).



Etiony Aldarondo, Ph.D.

Registration deadline is is December 1, 2006. Space is limited; register early!

REGISTRATION

Palm Beach County Conference — Intervention and Prevention Strategies in a Diverse Society

Friday, December 13, 2006 ■ Palm Beach County Convention Center

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