

Healing Kids

Answering the Hard Questions:
Sexual Abuse and Self Injurious Behaviors

September 5 - 6, 2013
Comfort Inn Conference Center
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About Three Rivers Adoption Council

Since 1979 Three Rivers Adoption Council (TRAC) has worked so that no child will have to face a life without permanency. TRAC was founded by adoptive parents and professionals and today provides recruitment, information and referral services, counseling, family preparation, post adoption services, and parent and professional education services to achieve and maintain maximum permanency opportunities for children and their families.

TRAC is a multi-service agency serving children who cannot remain with their birth families and the resource families who provide these children Permanence. More than half the children served are African American; many are older and/or are part of a sibling group who need to stay together; others have emotional, physical, or mental disabilities. Most of these children have experienced multiple moves in the foster care system and high percentages have been victims of abuse and neglect.

TRAC works with public and private agencies to implement cooperative, cost-effective programs to meet the placement and post-placement needs of these children.

For more information please visit us online at www.3riversadopt.org

Who Should Attend

- Professionals from the fields of:
 - Child Welfare
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Education
 - Medical Health
 - Mental Health
- Foster/Adoptive Resource Families
- Anyone seeking to increase their knowledge and develop skills through the practice of Trauma-Informed Care

Credit Information

10 credit hours of continuing education is provided through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, a PA-approved provider of social work continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for LSW renewal. For information on social work continuing education call (412) 624-3711.

Certificates of Training will also be available.



Welcome to the 3rd annual conference on Trauma-Informed Care hosted by Three Rivers Adoption Council.

As we are all aware, Trauma-Informed Care is one of the most significant developments in child behavioral health in recent decades. Recognizing that children who have been forced to face challenges due to neglect, abuse, disruptive family relationships, and poverty, are traumatized, Trauma-Informed Care is providing exciting direction for parents and professionals. Increasing our knowledge regarding the effects of trauma on brain function will equip the professional with the tools needed to assist the traumatized child in the healing process.

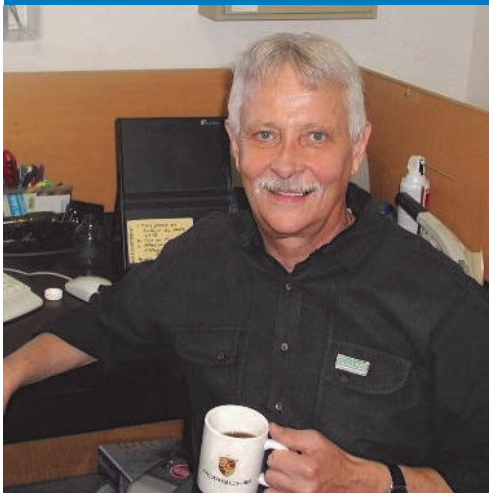
In line with the goals of The National Center for Trauma-Informed Care, this conference continues TRAC's year long training efforts focusing on the effects trauma has on the children we serve, in hopes to continue the shift from the current paradigm of asking "what's wrong with you?" to one that asks, "what has happened to you?"; thus recognizing youth as victims of traumatic life events, and supporting them in their journey of survival

During these next 2 days, you will be challenged to do an inventory of some of the painful events of your own lives and assess how they have influenced your relationships and the ways in which you interact with the children and families we serve. Our goal for this conference is to cross organizational and professional boundaries in order to further advance the systemic change in the way we work with children involved in the child welfare system. This holistic approach of engaging child welfare & mental health professionals, educators and parents, will not only yield a greater understanding of trauma across all facets of a child's life, but will equip each of us with the knowledge to respond to the hurting child with one unified, healing voice.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline D. Wilson, PhD, LSW
CEO, Three Rivers Adoption Council

Wayne D. Duehn, MSW, Ph.D., LCSW



**Professor Emeritus of Social Work
The University of Texas at Arlington, School of Social Work**

Dr. Duehn joined the faculty of the University of Texas, Arlington, in 1970. He is currently engaged in clinical research on sexually abusive parents and juvenile sex offenders. As a national lecturer and trainer, Dr. Duehn is also consultant to many institutions including The Casey Family Programs, National CASA, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Association, National Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, and has conducted training for law enforcement personnel, schools, CASA staff/volunteers, and social service/mental health agencies throughout the United States.

He earned his Master's degree in Social Work from Loyola University, Chicago, and holds a Ph.D. degree in Psychology and Social Work from Washington University, St. Louis. While in St. Louis, Dr. Duehn was a research associate at the Masters and Johnson Institute and has done post-doctoral work and taught at The University of Hawaii. He has written extensively in the area of clinical practice and has presented research findings at the International Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Paris, France; the World Congress of Medical Sexology in Mexico City and Jerusalem; and the United Nations Conference Facilities in Vienna. He has conducted training seminars for Air Force, Navy and Army medical personnel in England, Germany, Guam, Iceland, Japan, Korea, Panama, and the Philippines.

Dr. Duehn is co-author of *Beyond Sexual Abuse: The Healing Power of Adoptive Families*, which is an outgrowth of an ongoing educational program of the Three Rivers Adoption Council, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This project is designed to develop educational materials to assist adoptive families in parenting the sexually abused child. Most recently, Dr. Duehn developed a child abuse prevention program for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools which has been implemented world wide. Dr. Duehn is a cofounder of Praesidium, Inc., an abuse risk management firm for organizations.

Dr. Duehn is a recognized authority and educator in the intervention and treatment of sexually abusive families.

Sharon Sutton, MA

Sharon Sutton, MA is presently in Private Practice as a Psychotherapist/Consultant and Educator. She has worked in the Mental Health Field since 1983 in a variety of positions and since 1991, following completion of her graduate work at Duquesne University in Psychology, as a psychotherapist. She worked as a Psychotherapist in a Partial Program, Wrap around Services and then as the Director of Adult Counseling Services at a Rape Crisis Center.

In addition she has held the position of Adjunct Professor at Carlow University's Graduate School of Professional Counseling. She is passionate about her work with Trauma Survivors and has been fortunate to have the opportunity to train hundreds of service providers in Trauma-Informed Care during the last four years with the support of The Allegheny County Office of Behavioral Health.

At-A-Glance Conference Schedule

Thursday September 5th, 2013

8:00 AM	Registration (Continental Breakfast Provided)
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Welcome/Introduction
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	General Session—Dr. Wayne Duehn
12:00 - 1:15 PM	Lunch (Provided)
1:15 - 2:30 PM	Presentation—Sharon Sutton, MA
2:45 - 4:00 PM	General Session and Q & A—Dr. Wayne Duehn

Friday September 6th, 2013

8:00 AM	Registration (Hot Breakfast provided)
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Welcome/Introduction
9:00AM - 1:00 PM	General Session—Dr. Wayne Duehn
2:00 - 4:00 PM	Networking Session with Dr. Wayne Duehn (Professionals Only - Pre-registration Required)

Facility Information

The "Healing Kids from Hard Places" Conference will be held on site at the Comfort Inn Conference Center on Rodi Road in Pittsburgh, PA. (Penn Hills Area)

Comfort Inn Conference Center
699 Rodi Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235

Reservations: (800) 230-8982
Check in time: 3:00 PM
Check Out time: 12:00 PM

For Overnight Accommodations, please call the reservations line and mention that you are with Three Rivers Adoption Council to receive the special rate of \$75/night (plus applicable taxes) September 4-6th,

The Deadline to receive the Special Room Rate is 08/14/2013. After this date, rooms will be on a space available basis and at the regular rate.