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FAMILY TRAINING SERIES

WALKING ACROSS THE BRIDGE: CLINICAL APPLICATIONS FOR PARENT-CHILD CONTACT PROBLEMS

When a child resists contact with a parent, refuses to abide by their custody schedule, and the coparenting relationship is dysfunctional, clinicians are often court-ordered to address the family discord and even expected to decide when and how the child/ren will begin to see the rejected parent again. This presentation will discuss:

- current research regarding the success of such intractable cases,
- ·necessary approaches to the family system,
- recommendations for a team-based model to treatment of the family,
- ·court-involved clinical work,
- ·treatment planning / billing/ diagnostic refinement,
- ·each parents' role in refuse-resist dynamics,
- ·the child's voice (and their distorted cognitions),
- the importance of assessing parental ability for change.



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DATE/TIME: **2/10/23 9:00-12:00**

OBJECTIVES

Participants will:

- Examine the specific concepts of Parent-Child Contact Problems (PCCPs)/ Resist Refuse Dynamic (RRD) cases.
- 2. Identify specific issues in high conflict coparenting.
- 3. Be introduced to how traumatic stories and negative scripts impact the family narrative.
- 4. Apply best practices for intervention in PCCP/RRD cases.
- 5. Identify needed qualifications and the recommended training for professionals.
- 6. Examine potential hypotheses about parents in RRD cases.
- 7. Identify the importance of multiple perspectives and treatment of anxiety in work with the children.
- 8. Identify court-related components of PCCP/RRD work and necessary involvement for clinicians.
- 9. Discuss applications of Play Therapy to family systems work in PCCP/RRD cases.
- 10. Engage in group work with peers with actual clinical scenarios to practically apply the information and research provided.
- 11. Engage in discussion and questions about their own clinical work and brainstorm new interventions in groups with their peers.



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