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FAMILY INTERVENTION SPECIALISTS, INC.

MESSAGE FROM THE CLINICAL DIRECTOR

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Dear Colleagues;

It is a problem that isn't talked about much in public but Domestic, Family and Intimate Partner Violence is on the rise. As a provider of Mental Health services to children, adolescents and families we encounter it daily. Since the month of October is here and our thought turn to fall festivals and cooler weather I encourage you to take a few minutes and read the following article.

"All over the country, battered victims' advocates, government officials, corporations, unions, health care providers, and faith-based groups will participate in activities and events to raise national consciences about domestic violence. This event takes place throughout the whole of October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Although anyone can become a victim of domestic violence or intimate partner violence (IPV), women are still more likely to ex-

perience IPV than men. People from all economic and cultural backgrounds can be subjected to domestic violence.



Sadly, children are often the direct or indirect victims. Just witnessing violence impacts children's lives, especially as it usually takes place at home, a place where children should feel safe. If children have been exposed to domestic violence, it increases the chances that they will take on the role of either a "batterer" or a "victim" in their adult relationships. Abuse can seem "normal" to youth who witness it in their own homes.

Often alcohol and illicit drugs play a part in domestic violence. The link between substance abuse and violence has been clearly documented in numerous studies. Partner history of alcohol and drug abuse is a

strong risk factor for domestic violence. Violent behavior can also interfere with treatment for substance abuse and substance abuse can impede interventions to change violent behavior. Drugs or alcohol can impair both the batterer's and victim's ability to make sane and safe choices. Substance abuse can distort communication, aggravate resentments, and exacerbate tempers.

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence created Domestic Violence Awareness Day in October 1981. The goal was to bring together advocates working to end violence against women and children. The first observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month took place in 1987, and was subsequently endorsed by Congress in 1989. Every October since then, the issue of domestic violence has been highlighted in local and national venues all over the country..."

David F. Anthony, PsyD

TREATMENT TEAM SCHEDULE

We will like to remind all Lead Therapists and Paraprofessionals that treatment team meetings will be held throughout the month. You are expected to attend the treatment team which has been assigned to you. Here is the schedule for the month of October:

- “Teamwork is the ability to work together to achieve a common vision ... It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results”*
- Andrew Carnegie*
- Monday 10/01/2007 – Gwinnett Treatment Team at 1pm. Buckhead at 5pm
 Tuesday 10/02/2007 – Hiram Office at 6pm & 7pm. Bartow, Carroll & Paulding.
 Floyd County treatment team at 8am.
 Monday 10/08/2007 – Treatment Team at the Hiram Office 11, 6 & 7pm - Cobb & Douglas County.
 Tuesday 10/09/2007 – Treatment Team at the Fulton County Juvenile Court at 3pm, 4pm & 6pm. Spalding at 6pm. Clayton/Henry at 8pm.
 Monday 10/15/2007 – Gwinnett Treatment Team at 1pm. Buckhead at 5pm
 Tuesday 10/16/2007 - Hiram Office at 6pm & 7pm. Bartow, Carroll & Paulding.
 Floyd County treatment team at 8am.
 Monday 10/22/2007 - Treatment Team at the Hiram Office 11am, 6 & 7pm - Cobb & Douglas County.
 Tuesday 10/23/2007 - Treatment Team at the Fulton County Juvenile Court at 3pm, 4pm & 6pm. Spalding at 6pm. Clayton/Henry at 8pm.
 Monday 10/29/2007 – Gwinnett Treatment Team at 1pm. Buckhead at 5pm
 Tuesday 10/30/2007 – Hiram Office at 6pm & 7pm. Bartow, Carroll & Paulding.
 Floyd County treatment team at 8am.
- *Buckhead Library – 269 Buckhead Avenue NE, Atlanta, Ga 30305. (404) 814-3500
 - *Clayton/Henry County – 1882 Hardwood Court, Jonesboro, GA 30236. (404) 309-4806
 - *Fulton County Juvenile Court (F.C.J.C) – At the Mental Health Suite. Court is open 8:30am to 5pm. 395 Pryor Street S.W. Atlanta, GA 30312. (404) 224-4401
 - *Floyd County Library – 205 Riverside Parkway, Rome, GA 30161. (706) 236-4600.
 - *Gwinnett Library – 2780 Five Forks Trickum Road, Lawrenceville, GA 30044. (770)978-5600
 - *Hiram Office – 127 Enterprise Path, Suite 401. Hiram, GA 30141. (770) 222-6622
 - *Spalding County – 333 South 9th Street, Griffin, GA. (478) 731-1850.

WHO'S NEW AT F.I.S.?

F.I.S would like to officially welcome on board our new contractors hired in the month of September/October:

We have recently hired:

- *Sarah Hough – Administrative/Paraprofessional
Hiram Office
- *Jim Morton – Lead Therapist
Rockdale County
- *Misty Gordon – Intern
Rockdale County



Welcome On Board.

OCTOBER 2007 BIRTHDAYS



Wow Birthdays!

The Following employees/contractors have their birthdays in the month of October:

- David Anthony (david.anthony@fisinc.org) – October 8th
- Charles Robinson (crob990@yahoo.com) – October 17th
- Tameka Gardner (tamekavgardner@yahoo.com) – October 19th
- Mary Cowans (marye404@hotmail.com) – October 26th
- Yolanda Washington (msdee20032003@yahoo.com) – October 29th
- Jewell Pope (jewellpoppe@gmail.com) – October 31st

The staff at Family Intervention Specialists would like to wish them a happy birthday.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Psychiatric Appointments:

Our psychiatrist, Dr. Kanawati will be at the **Fulton County Juvenile Court** on Thursday October **4th, 18th** and every other Thursday .

She will be at the **Hiram Counseling Center** on Thursday September **11th, 25th** and **every Friday** this month.

*If you need to schedule an appointment please call Erica: Monday thru Wednesday (770)222-6622

Payroll Concerns:

All concerns and questions regarding payroll should be directed towards Zuzana Horova. She can be reached at (404) 944-7255



TRAINING OPPURTUNITIES

Title: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training (An Introduction)

Presenter: Kevin Wickes, Ph.D.

Date: 10/11/07

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: 34 Peachtree St., NW, Ste 1710, Atlanta, GA 30303

Overview: Participants will gain a general knowledge and understanding of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), skills and techniques and will be able to apply those skills and techniques to their environment and their work with children and families. CBT is a psychotherapy based on modifying everyday thoughts and behaviors, with the aim of positively influencing emotions.

Title: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training (Advanced Techniques)

Presenter: Kevin Wickes, Ph.D.

Date: 10/25/07

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: 34 Peachtree St., NW, Ste 1710, Atlanta, GA 30303

Overview: This workshop presents an alternative to working with difficult clients and their problems, based on a cognitive behavioral approach (CBT), specifically Meichenbaum's model. The presentation will attempt to illustrate how such an approach might be applied by assisting participants to gain a step-by-step process of dealing with difficult clients and their client's problems.

*“I’ve come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you”
- Oprah Winfrey (O Magazine)*

To attend one of these trainings or get rate information please visit:

<http://www.gahsc.org/nm/wor/trcalendar.html>



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F.I.S is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation registered in the State of Georgia. We provide Intensive Family Intervention (IFI) which is an intensive family- and community-based treatment that addresses multiple determinants of serious antisocial behavior in juvenile offenders.

The company was founded in 1998 by David Anthony. In 2003, Family Intervention Specialists, Inc. became approved provider for Georgia Health Partnership (Medicaid).

In June 2004, Family Intervention Specialists, Inc. became certified by Department of Human Resources, Compliance and Certification Unit. September 2006, FIS, Inc. became certified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

S U P P O R T S T A F F

We have our staff to answer any questions or to support you as the need may arise. Whether you email us, call us or walk-In, we are here to answer your questions.

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