

Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Case Western Reserve University
in collaboration with
Adoption Network Cleveland

Post-Graduate Continuing Education and Clinical Supervision
Adoption Mental Health Service

Why attend the post graduate continuing education
and supervision in adoption trainings?

Each year, about 127,000 children are adopted in the United States. While the number of adoptions annually has remained constant, the source of adoptions is no longer dominated by kinship adoptions and private agency adoptions. Public agency and intercountry adoptions now account for more than half of all adoptions (Child Welfare Information Gateway, retrieved February 19, 2007).

As the types of adoption change, so too do the clinical and practice issues presented by adoptees, and their birth and adoptive families. Adoption agencies and the families they serve seek knowledgeable professionals for referrals and to provide ongoing services.

This initiative is funded by a generous grant from the Cuyahoga County Department of Child & Family Services in collaboration with the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University and Adoption Network Cleveland. This program seeks to strengthen the capacity of the Greater Cleveland area therapeutic community to receive referrals to provide sensitive and responsive services to all members of the adoption triad.

The Mandel School's Post Adoption Continuing Education and Certificate program offers two components—continuing education with free CEU's, and clinical supervision. Both are available to mental health providers for only the cost of lunch and refreshments.

Key Issues in Adoption for Mental Health Practitioners Training Series
Sponsored by Case Western Reserve University

Day 1: Clinical Issues in Adoption for Triad Members

Date: May 2, 2007

Time: 9:00AM-4:30PM

Location: Adoption Network Cleveland

4614 Prospect Ave., #550, Cleveland, OH 44103

Trainer: Zoë Breen Wood, MSW, ABD

Day 2: Assessment and Treatment Approaches for Adoptive Families:
Towards Empirically Based Practice

Date: June 1, 2007

Time: 9:00AM-4:30PM

Location: Adoption Network Cleveland

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Trainer: Zoë Breen Wood, MSW, ABD

Day 3: Medical & Psychosocial Issues for Children Adopted Internationally

Date: July 11, 2007

Time: 9:00AM-4:30PM

Location: Adoption Network Cleveland

4614 Prospect Ave., #550, Cleveland OH 44103

Trainers: Victor Groza, PhD, LISW & Anna Mandalakis, MD

Cost: \$15 per day, Boxed lunch and Continuing Education Credits will be available for Social Workers, Counselors, Nurses, Psychologists and Educators.

These three days of training are designed to familiarize clinicians with key issues in adoption that may impact all members of the adoption triad and to review the current state of the empirical literature about assessment and treatment strategies that have been found to be most effective with this population.

Completion of the first two of these sessions is a pre requisite for participating in the clinical supervision groups. The third session is encouraged but not required. Once a clinician has completed the first two continuing education sessions and six months of clinical supervision, he/she will be on a referral list for agencies that work with adoptive families.

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About the Trainers:

Zoë Breen Wood, MSW, ABD

**Instructor and Director of Field Education
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Case Western Reserve University**

Zoë Breen Wood is a social worker who brings over twenty-five years of direct practice, management and professional development experience to her work. Currently the Director of the Office of Field Education and an Instructor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, Zoë also consults nationally with public and private sector human service agencies. Beginning as a child welfare worker in a rural Virginia community, Zoe has worked in direct practice and supervisory positions in local social service agencies, mental health centers, public and private hospital settings and state departments of mental health and of social services. Her major areas of focus has been working with families impacted by the child welfare system as well as providing treatment to adult survivors. At present Ms. Wood is pursuing her doctoral studies with a research interest in factors contributing to positive outcomes for families adopting older children through the public child welfare system.

Victor Groza, PHD, LISW

**Grace S. Brody Professor for Parent-Child Studies
Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Case Western Reserve University**

Victor Groza is a Professor and holds the Grace Brody Chair for child and family studies at MSASS. Professor Groza is a well-known child welfare expert and researcher, who has published extensively on special needs and international adoption. He has been providing technical assistance to the Office of the Director of the DCFS since 1994, and has been a consultant to the Department's Adoption and Permanency Planning Unit since 1994. Dr. Groza also serves as consultant to local private adoption agencies including the Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau Adoption Center and the Northeast Ohio Adoption Services. He is a member of the Research Advisory Committee of the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute in New York.

Anna Mandalakas, MD

Director of Adoption Health Service

Dr. Anna Mandalakas directs the Adoption Health Service and plays an active role in the Northeast Ohio adoption community to support child-centered adoption. In addition to the many clinical services she provides through our Adoption Health Service, she routinely provides lectures to raise community awareness about the special needs of children adopted internationally. Her educational efforts have been directed towards a wide variety of audiences including parents, teachers, psychologists, school administrators, community physicians, nurses, and health care professionals in training.

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CLINICAL SUPERVISION GROUPS:
POST-GRADUATE
CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Dates: TBD

Group will meet once a month for 1.5 hours
from July through December for a total of six sessions

Location: Adoption Network Cleveland
4614 Prospect Ave., #550
Cleveland, OH 44103

Goal & Objective:

To be able to provide child welfare agencies a referral list of clinicians who specialize and are knowledgeable about clinical and practice issues in adoption.

Trainer: Karen F. Rosenberg, MSSA, LISW

Please Note: Applicants must attend the first two continuing education sessions, have an interview, and be accepted into the clinical supervision groups. Only 16 professionals will be selected participate. Upon completion of these sessions, attendees will receive a post-graduate certificate issued from Case Western Reserve University.

ABOUT THE TRAINER:

Karen F. Rosenberg, MSSA, LISW

Private Practice

Karen F. Rosenberg, MSSA, LISW is a clinical social worker who has been in practice for over 30 years. In addition to her therapy practice, Ms. Rosenberg has consulted with private and public mental health and adoption agencies. She has presented adoption-related workshops at national and international conferences and has contributed articles on adoption to professional journals. Ms. Rosenberg is the co author with Victor Groza, of *Clinical and Practice Issues in Adoption*, (Bergin & Garvey, 2001) one of the leading books on working with adoption triad members.

Registration Form

Please fill out the below information and return by **April 27th**.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Check appropriate licensure C.E. requirement:
___ LSW ___ LISW ___ LPC ___ LPCC ___ CNE ___ PSYCH ___ L.P.C.D.

Please circle the training(s) you want to attend:

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***Please note:** Individuals who previously attended one of the Key Issues in Adoption for Mental Health Practitioners sponsored by the Adoption Network Cleveland in 2005 may be exempted from the first of the three days.

Please send completed registration form and check payable to Case Western Reserve University to:

Continuing Education Program Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences
Case Western Reserve University
10900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106-7164
Phone: (216) 368-2274 or (800) 944-2290 ext. 2274 Fax: (216) 368-2836

*Applications for the Clinical Supervision Group Sessions will be available Day 1 and Day 2 at the above trainings.