



**The Shepherd Program**, located at 420 Fruit Hill Ave N. Providence, RI presents a training series focusing on strengthening & supporting children & families. The following workshops are being offered:

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-12:15 pm;  
***Incorporating Family into a Child's Therapy*** presented by Melissa Santoro, LICSW (3 CEU). This workshop will focus on why family involvement is a critical component of a child's success in therapy as well as concrete techniques to use in family sessions & meetings. Training participants will problem solve typical barriers of family participation & will leave with practical solutions to incorporating family members into a child's therapy. This workshop would benefit therapists as well as direct care workers & case managers that support children & their families.

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-4:15 pm;  
***Human Trafficking: Implications for Clinical Staff***, presented by Jessica Clark, LICSW (3 CEU). This course will provide a general overview of the scope of the problem of Human Trafficking with a focus on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). Both national and local data will be reviewed. Exploiter tactics, signs & symptoms of exploitation, and front line response will be covered. We will discuss the broad range of clinical symptoms that can be expected when working with this population and best practices for treatment options.

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 noon;  
***Clinical Supervision***, presented by Robert Cohen, LICSW. This workshop will assist clinical supervisors enhance their supervisory knowledge and skills. Attendees should currently be in a supervisory position and come prepared with their most challenging questions regarding their most challenging supervisees! Topics include how to give constructive feedback; manage countertransference; ethical and cross cultural issues, etc. The format will parallel an effective group supervision. Therefore, there will be an attendance cap in order to keep it small, productive and meaningful.

Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:15 pm;  
***Supporting Families Affected by Sexual Abuse*** presented by Melissa Santoro, LICSW (3 CEU). This workshop will focus on how sexual abuse affects families & ways service providers can provide support & education to assist these families with their needs. Training participants will leave with knowledge regarding "red flags" of sexual abuse as well as practical strategies to use with children in therapy. This workshop would benefit therapists as well as direct care workers & case managers that support children & their families.

Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9-12:15 pm;  
***Interventions for Youth with ASD***, presented by Dr. Kelley Pistacchio, The Groden Center (3 CEU). This workshop will focus on how best to support caretakers of children with ASD; engaging clients in treatment; best practices used at The Groden Center; and interventions for children with ASD and sexualized behaviors. This workshop would benefit therapists as well as direct care workers & case managers that support children & their families.

Light refreshments will be provided at each workshop. To register, please return the back section to Yasmin Heras with your payment. Feel free to contact Melissa Santoro at [MSantoro@smhfc.org](mailto:MSantoro@smhfc.org) with any questions.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Home for Children, Memo line: Shepherd Training Series. Return this portion of the flyer along with payment to:

**St. Mary's Home for Children**  
**Attention: Yasmin Heras**  
**420 Fruit Hill Ave**  
**North Providence, RI 02911**

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Please select the date(s) and fee amount for the workshop(s) you wish to attend:

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The Shepherd Program was established in 1985 to provide outpatient individual and group counseling for children and adolescents who are victims of sexual abuse or have sexual behavior problems. The Shepherd Program employs a clinical team with expertise in sexual abuse evaluation and treatment. The staff is dedicated to helping families heal and stop the cycle of abuse. Services are provided through office, home and community based programs, with various levels of intensity. The Shepherd Program also provides clinical treatment for a variety of mental health issues. Referrals come from individuals seeking treatment, DCYF, physicians, families, schools and other treatment providers.

**Shepherd Clinicians are available to train on a variety of topics related to sexual abuse and other trauma. We would be happy to customize a training to meet your needs.**

**Please contact The Shepherd Program Director, Melissa Santoro, at [MSantoro@smhfc.org](mailto:MSantoro@smhfc.org) to explore further.**