



SUPPORTING CLIENTS IN CRISIS: TRAUMA-INFORMED LAWYER CERTIFICATION COURSE

DELIVERY METHOD:

Two days of in-person training: 9-4 pm each day

PROGRAM DETAILS:

The Trauma-Informed Lawyer Certification is the first of its kind- offering attorneys tools to work with clients in crisis and to safe-guard themselves from the impacts of secondary trauma. This certification blends trauma-informed care theory with real world application customized to the realities of what lawyers and their clients face in navigating legal systems and judicial realities.

Participants can see an increase in client retention, satisfaction, and improved client testimony and mediation outcomes. Lawyers can then advertise themselves as trauma-informed certified, positioning themselves as industry leaders and being the go-to referral for hospitals, crisis centers, and community non-profits.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Upon completion participants will be able to:

- Explain what the neurobiological impacts of trauma are and how they intersect with client response.
- Describe the 5 core tenants of trauma-informed lawyering.
- Use coping and compartmentalizing strategies to improve side-effects from vicarious/secondary trauma.
- Create clear messaging around what being a trauma-informed certified attorney is/is not for marketing, networking, and lead generation purposes.

ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTOR:

Dr. Laura McGuire is a nationally recognized sexuality educator, trauma-informed specialist, inclusion consultant and founder of The National Center for Equity and Agency. She has worked as an instructor, presenter, educator, consultant and trainer. In 2015, she served as the first Sexual Violence Prevention and Education Program Manager at the University of Houston, and in 2017, she became the first Victim Advocate/Prevention Educator at the US Merchant Marine Academy. In both roles she worked simultaneously as a victim-advocate and restorative practice provider for respondents. She utilizes her experience and scholarly expertise to give insight and actionable tools to attorneys and providers across the country.

SCHEDULE

Day 1

9 am -4 pm Welcome, Breakfast
Issues with Supporting Clients in Crisis.
What is Trauma-Informed Care?
How TI can apply to legal systems
Lunch
The Neurobiology of Trauma
Types of Trauma/ACEs
Trauma from Legal Systems
Secondary/Vicarious Trauma
Conclusion

Day 2

9am -4 pm
Recap, Breakfast
Trauma-Informed Lawyering & Therapeutic Juris Prudence
Case-Studies
Lunch
Self-care, Coping, and Compartmentalizing
Advertising and Networking as a TI Lawyer
Q&A
Closing

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