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the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists are pleased to offer a workshop

BIPOLAR DISORDER OR SEVERE MOOD DYSREGULATION IN CHILDREN – A CONTROVERSY

In the last fifteen years, the diagnosis of bipolar disorder, long neglected, surfaced in American psychiatry, particularly in child psychiatry and psychology. Confronted with irritable, difficult children, many therapists and psychopharmacologists decided that these children deserved the label of bipolar disorder and a trial of mood stabilizers. At NIMH, the exponential increase in the diagnosis aroused consternation and alarm as DSM-IV criteria were not followed in making this determination. Ellen Liebenluft, et al questioned the validity of this trend and developed a different model for viewing this group of children. Severe mood dysregulation, or SMD, will very likely offer an alternative to the diagnosis of bipolar disorder in children and adolescents. We will discuss severe mood regulation and make the argument for its entry into DSM-V along with the diagnostic category of bipolar disorder.

Date: Friday, December 7, 2012

Place: Center School
2450 Hamilton Avenue
Abington, PA 19001
(215) 657-2200
www.centerschoolpa.org

Time: 12:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Program

Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be supplied

Tour of the school will be offered following the workshop.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- discuss the differences between the 2 diagnoses
- describe the difficulty of making a diagnosis in a field without objective criteria
- explain the evolution of diagnostic categories in the field

OUR PRESENTER

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CE CREDITS

This session is co-sponsored by the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists (PSCP) and Specialists of Schools. PSCP is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer Continuing Education (CE) for psychologists. PSCP maintains responsibility for the program and its content. This program provides 2 hours of CE credits for licensed Psychologists, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapist.

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This workshop is free for members of SOS, PSCP and staff at Center School. There is a \$15.00 admission fee for others. CE credits are \$20.00 and Act 48 credits, \$25.00. Payment must be by check or money order made out to SOS. No cash please.

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