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For Diverse Treatment Programs, Providers (Mental Health/AODA), Educators

Given your awareness of the need for holistic approaches to serving women, men and families affected by mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) issues, I'm sure you appreciate that social and familial relationships often have a major impact on an individual's well-being and treatment outcomes.

Given my strong professional interest, expertise and credentials related to Co-dependency Issues and Anti-Social Personality Disorders (including Narcissistic Personality Disorder and Sociopathy/ Psychopathy), my small business LeFlore Communications, LLC is offering relevant trainings in 2010 that can benefit your program and designated affiliates.

WHAT MANY TREATMENT PROVIDERS ARE NOT AWARE OF IS A GROWING BODY OF NEW RESEARCH showing that the general public and professionals often minimize or are not fully knowledgeable of how pervasive the impact and damage of an abusive situation is in affecting physical, mental and emotional health in everyday/routine interactions – not just crisis situations -- with a significant other (whether spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, child, relative, friend, co-worker/boss) who is a Cluster B Personality-disordered individual.

Narcissistic Personality Disorder (NPD) and Sociopathy/Psychopathy are two widely-misunderstood categories involving controlling behavior and abuse in social relations and -- along with Co-dependency Issues that often affect how individuals cope with life -- need to be better understood and integrated for improving overall treatment interventions and outcomes.

A number of internet-based websites have evolved in the last decade that show a growing number of people – men and women, heterosexual and homosexual -- who've been victims of NPDs/Sociopaths/Psychopaths. In fact, many who work in the helping professions – nurses, counselors, lawyers and other professionals -- are among individuals who've been targeted by sociopaths and struggled to overcome psychological, sexual, physical or financial abuse resulting from their encounters with disordered personalities in their personal and professional lives.

It is estimated that 1 of 25 persons is a Sociopath, according to Dr. Martha Stout, author of "The Sociopath Next Door."

Experts estimate that 1 to 4% of the population are sociopaths, depending upon whom you ask. That means there may be 3 to 12 million sociopaths in the United States, and 67 to 269 million sociopaths worldwide. What's worse, as adults, sociopathic men and women cannot be rehabilitated. (Source: Lovefraud.com – a website developed by Donna Andersen, a journalist/small business owner and author who was once defrauded by a man she married with a history of conning women and some men).

Abuse is any behavior that is designed to control and subjugate another human being through the use of fear, humiliation, intimidation, guilt, coercion, manipulation etc. Typical Emotional Abuse in Relationships with Personality-Disordered Individual/s include: Abusive Expectations; Constant Chaos; Denying; Withholding; Aggressive/Dominating; Emotional Blackmail; Invalidation; Minimizing; Trivializing; Unpredictable Responses; Verbal Assaults. Over time, these forms of abuse can erode a person's ability to recover from AODA and mental health issues, as well as their very will to live – sometimes resulting in “murder by suicide.”

Research and Case Studies provide Evidence of Destructive Patterns and Disturbing Costs: The similarities of people's experiences who've had relationships with NPDs and Sociopaths across the globe present the best evidence yet of the severe psychosocial costs and damage to social relations, along with the growing body of research on diagnostic criteria and symptoms of personality disorders/Cluster Bs. There is a tremendous opportunity for enhanced public knowledge, professional education and community awareness about this truly unique category of human beings who create chaos and devastation due to predatory and routine abusive interactions that the normal population and average person can not easily fathom. While there are differentiations made in labeling a person who is a pathological narcissist, it is common knowledge that all people with the diagnosis of Sociopath/Psychopath are also Narcissistic Personality-Disordered. Knowledge becomes a power base for preventing victimization.

Fannie LeFlore, MS, LPC,CADC-D, proposes to provide a series of trainings based on:

Major Subject Areas Covered (with different components; various research/case studies)

1) Narcissistic Personality Disorder

2) Sociopathy (also called Psychopathy)

3) Co-Dependency (Family-of-Origin and Other Relational Issues)

4) Women's Treatment Needs: Various Themes for Recovery and Personal Growth

Between 25 and 50 publications and other research-based, clinical and internet site resources dedicated to these topics will be drawn from, including the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders from the American Psychiatric Association and Dr. Robert Hare's book, “Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of Psychopaths among Us.”

General Format for Sessions

Introductions by trainer and participants

Overview: Reasons for this specialized training

Education: Mini-lectures (15 minutes each segment) inclusive overviews from research, statistics, diagnostic factors, impact of issue on human lives, implications for treatment – needs, intervention strategies and services. Case studies: Real-life examples and situations from across the world. Experiential Activities: Role plays; break-out discussions; small groups

Resources: Handouts (including presentation materials and lists of suggested readings, websites).

Project Proposal for Series of Trainings/11-month Retainer Contract Period in 2010

- Series of trainings presented over 11-month Retainer contract period with LeFlore Communications, LLC, with payments in equal installments of \$3,000 per month
- Two (2) all-day training sessions scheduled each month – every other week at your site/s
- Each session will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- with breaks and 1-hr. lunch period
- Each session up to 30 participants. (Please note: Non-Retainer trainings also available).

CREDENTIALS AND RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE/ PROVIDER
NETWORK AFFILIATIONS FOR TRAINER:

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Listing at Lovefraud Professional Resources Guide

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Services and specialties LeFlore Communications, LLC, based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, offers expertise and professional services in the following areas: 1) Research, Writing/Editing and Communications Consulting and 2) Facilitation of Individual Counseling (inclusive of mental health and alcohol and other drug abuse/AODA issues) and Trainings/Workshops/Special Projects for Business and Human Services.

Education and credentials Fannie LeFlore, MS, LPC, CADC-D, is Owner/President of LeFlore Communications. She has over 20 years of combined professional experience in the fields of Writing/Editing/Corporate Communications and Education/Health/Social Services. Fannie LeFlore has a Bachelor's degree in Journalism (1985) from the University of Iowa and a Master's degree in Education/Community Mental Health Counseling (1993) from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She became a Licensed Professional Counselor in 1995 and official Substance Abuse Counselor in 2003. Fannie LeFlore performed research, writing and editing for "The Road Less Traveled and Beyond," (1997) by the internationally-known author, M. Scott Peck, M.D. The book integrates the late psychiatrist's research and practice work related to science, physical and mental health, spirituality, traditional values and societal issues that impact the health and functioning of individuals, groups and communities.

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