

# <u>Developmental Psychotherapy Across the Lifespan</u>

Presented by Georgia DeGangi, PhD and Marc Nemiroff, PhD

Saturday, November 5, 2016

Registration: 8:30-9am Program: 9am-12:30pm Silver Spring Civic Building at Veterans Plaza
One Veterans Place
Silver Spring, MD 20910

This half-day workshop is designed for professionals working in mental health settings who are interested in how developmental psychotherapy is applied to the treatment of adults with disorders of self-regulation and experiences of trauma. These are individuals who are highly sensitive to stimulation from the environment, emotionally reactive, and have difficulty maintaining relationships and an organized, regulated life-style. Child-centered therapy will be introduced: a technique that focuses on the process of self-regulation, affect attunement, emotional communication, attachment, and relational knowing. We will present an example of child-centered therapy as applied to a disengaged mother-infant dyad with a highly irritable infant. Dr. DeGangi and Dr. Nemiroff will each present an in-depth case of adults with severe dysregulation and psychically active childhood trauma. The treatment in both cases exemplifies the application of developmental psychotherapy to the adult population.

#### At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

- 1. Describe the application of child-centered therapy in addressing the constitutional and emotional needs of adults with high irritability and mood dysregulation and the experience of trauma.
- 2. Discuss how developmental psychotherapy facilitates self-regulation, affect attunement, emotional communication, and attachment.
- 3. Discuss modifications in treatment between children and adults using principles of developmental psychotherapy.

This conference is appropriate for clinicians at all levels of experience.

#### **About our Presenters:**

Georgia DeGangi, PhD, OTR, FAOTA is a clinical psychologist and an occupational therapist in private practice at ITS: PALSS (Integrated Therapy Services: Psychological and Learning Support Services), Inc. in Kensington, MD. She has over 30 years' experience working with children, adolescents, and adults. She has extensive experience with diagnosis and treatment of a range of developmental, sensory, behavioral, and emotional problems. Dr. DeGangi has conducted research for many years to examine the most effective ways of treating individuals as well as examining how problems of self-regulation, sensory processing, attention, and social interactions develop over time. Among her publications are *The Dysregulated Adult: Integrated Treatment Approaches*; and *Pediatric Disorders of Regulation in Affect and Behavior: A therapist's guide to assessment and treatment.* She has also recently published a book entitled *Effective Parenting Strategies for the Hard-to-Manage Child* co-authored with Anne Kendall. Dr. DeGangi is internationally recognized as a leading expert in the assessment and treatment of self-regulation, sensory processing, attention, and interactional problems. She was the 1992 recipient of the A. Jean Ayres award from the American Occupational Therapy Foundation and the 2011 recipient of the Reginald S. Lourie Center award. She is on the faculty of the Developmental Psychotherapy Seminar program of the Washington School of Psychiatry.

Marc Nemiroff, PhD is a clinical psychologist in practice for over 40 years. He is on faculty at The Washington School of Psychiatry and affiliated with the Baltimore-Washington Center for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis. He is the co-author of numerous therapeutic children's books published by the American Psychological Association and co-author with Dr. DeGangi of *The Kids' Club Letters: Narrative Tools for Stimulating Process and Dialogue in Therapy Groups for Children and Adolescents.* His most recent book is *Stepping Into the River: An American Psychologist in Mother India*, based on his experiences during nine years (every January) of pro bono mental health work in India, primarily in the slums and with the street children of Mumbai. Dr. Nemiroff has taught and presented at The Washington School of Psychiatry, The Washington Center for Psychoanalysis Film Series on Trauma, The Baltimore-Washington Center for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, The Bombay Psychological Association, and The Washington Society for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis, on such topics as childhood trauma, play therapy, the relevance of child development to adult psychotherapy, the uses of interpretation, termination of treatment, and other topics. During the Gulf War, Dr. Nemiroff served as a representative of the American Psychological Association to the media on the topic of the effect of televised war violence on children.



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Please arrive at least 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of 9:00 am to allow time to check in.

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