

ICP+P Roundtable Series

**Promoting Efficiencies in the Therapeutic Alliance:
Considerations for non-Black Clinicians working with
African-American Clientele
with Marvin Evans, LCPC, CGP#**

It is estimated that 50% of our nation will be diagnosed with a mental illness within their lifespan. Statistics tell us that 25% of Black Americans will seek mental health care compared to 40% of White Americans. And, though there are many variables accounting for this discrepancy, this talk will center what the presenter believes to be the greater variable impacting the Black American decision to access and retain mental health services: the therapeutic alliance.

This relationship is particularly important when non-black clinicians engage Black American clientele.

As an African-American Black male therapist, the presenter will share his thoughts and experiences on the topic based on his perspective as someone trained in the Eurocentric models of psychotherapy, while negotiating models of efficacy drawn from theory as well as cultural ethos. He endeavors to impart information/insight to non-Black clinicians who recognize an ethical mandate to be responsive to - and relevant in - our interventions all client experiences.

*This program is appropriate for clinicians at all levels of experience
There will be no CEs offered*

About our Speaker:



Marvin Evans is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and Certified Group Psychotherapist who has been working in the field of counseling for over 20 years. Mr. Evans is an eclectic therapist with a strong attachment to Reality Therapy. He specializes in working with marginalized populations on issues of trauma, identity, sexuality, and the existential angst implicit in trying to make sense of this thing we call life. Mr. Evans serves as Treasurer for the Great Lakes Group Psychotherapy Society, and he has been heavily involved with the DEI efforts for the American Group Psychotherapy Association, where he holds a Board position. He maintains a private practice in Chicago, Illinois seeing adults individually and in group psychotherapy, and providing consultation to clinicians interested in exploring racism and racialized dynamics in their clinical work.

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