2018 Al Greene Addiction Institute
Conference Sessions – Monday June 4th

9:15-10:45          Dr. Christina Rosen
                      Ed.D., LPCS, CCS, LCAS, NCC, IADC

Enhancing Addiction Client Ability to Make a Choice through Awareness

This session will teach participants ways to enhance clients', who have an SUD, ability to make a choice through being present and self-aware. Gestalt techniques provide simple avenues to enhancing self-awareness and being present. Goal: Participants will learn awareness techniques that increase an individual in becoming present to available choices. Objective: 1) Participants will receive a brief foundational education on awareness techniques, and 2) Participants will apply these awareness techniques during the presentation

[15 minute break @ 10:45 am]

11:00-12:30          Ben Asma
                      NCC, LPCS, LCAS-A

Dynamics of the College Student, a Case Study

The presentation will include case studies of two college students, focusing on the dynamics of the biopsychosocial model of addiction and treatment.

LUNCH BREAK: 12:30 to 1:45

1:45 to 5:30          Ed Johnson
                      M.Ed., MAC, LPC, CCS

An Introduction to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in Addiction Treatment

LGBTQ individuals are a hidden minority in addiction treatment settings. They have issues related to shame and trauma that when left unaddressed result in unsuccessful outcomes. This session will increase participant’s knowledge of the issues of sexual minorities and increase their skills for recognizing and working with this population.

[15 minute break @ 3:45]
A Quiet Storm: Addressing Trauma & Addiction through a Trauma Informed Lens

Trauma informed approaches have been highlighted to address the varied needs of persons who have experienced trauma through abuse and/or neglect, exposure to violence and other experiences including natural disasters. Research demonstrates that unaddressed trauma can lead to lifelong problems including substance use disorders. Practitioners must be equipped to treat substance use disorders through a trauma informed lens with a focus to minimize long-term effects. This training event will bring together trauma informed practice approaches to treating persons with trauma histories and substance use, with effective and practical implications for professionals to use in various treatment settings.

[15 minute break @ 10am]

LUNCH BREAK: 11:45 to 1:15

Veterans, Trauma and Substance Abuse

In this session we will discuss the relationship between trauma and substance abuse/addiction, the impact of historical trauma on Veteran populations, discuss military cultural competence, and will identify practical interventions (including prevention strategies and resilience) to use in therapy with Veterans.

[15 minute break @ 2:45]
LUNCH BREAK: 11:45 to 1:15

1:15 to 5:00

Al Greene
MSSW, LCAS, CCS

Y’uns From Around Here—Si o No?

Emphasis will be given to salient features of the Appalachian, rural southern and Latino cultures with specific focus on essential cultural awareness and sensitivity for counselors working with these folks. Practical, useful approaches will be stressed.

[15 minute break @ 2:45]

Conference Sessions – Thursday June 7th

8:30 to 11:45

Dr. Bailey Macleod
PhD, LPC

Contingency Management in Substance Abuse Treatment

This presentation will provide an overview of the theory and principles of contingency management and how it can relate to addiction from a behavioral perspective. The presentation will discuss the research and evidence behind contingency management in the treatment of substance abuse and ways to implement this approach in existing treatment programs of all levels of care.

[15 minute break @ 10am]

LUNCH BREAK: 11:45 to 1:15

1:15 to 5:00

Dr. Samuel Gladding
LPC

Conducting Effective Groups

Groups are for better or worse. It depends on how they are conducted. This presentation will look at the factors that make groups healthy and productive and some of the techniques that contribute to that well being. Qualities of group leaders will also be examined. Ways that leaders can help individual members of a group and the group at large will be emphasized.

[15 minute break @ 2:45]
Conference Sessions – Friday June 8th

8:30-10:30   Kelly Scaggs
LCSW, LCAS, CCS, MAC, ICAADC

Addiction and the Family System

Just as addiction does not occur in a vacuum, neither does recovery. Family is an integral part of the healing process. This training will focus on evidence-based information that supports the effectiveness of treating addiction from the family systems approach. Attendees will be provided tools and examples of effective family system interventions, explore the importance of boundaries, and discuss common misconceptions of professionals in the field.

[15 minute break @10:30]

10:45 to 12:45   Robert Nesbit
LPC, LCAS

What’s The Harm? Applying Harm Reduction in Substance Use Practice

Harm Reduction is growing movement in the field of substance use treatment services. But it can be a difficult concept for clinicians to apply. “What’s the Harm?” offers practical Harm Reduction skills and strategies to help clients achieve their personal recovery goals.