Session 1:  **Foundation of ethical decision making for helping professionals**

**Paul West**

Professionals in the human services are consistently faced with ethical dilemmas in their practices. Most of these situations are overt and generally addressed in licensure laws or codes of ethics. Less obvious ethical situations are often overlooked because they may conflict with agency policies and procedures or represent a challenge to the professional.

This presentation addresses the six pillars of ethical decision making (autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence, veracity, fidelity and justice) and their application to clinical situations. Case samples will be used as a basis for group discussion.

Session 2:  **Families in crisis: When the veteran returns home**

**Judy Warchal**

Adjustment to civilian life is a major concern for veterans returning home from active duty. However, the veteran’s family must also adjust to the returning service member and reaccimatize him/her into the family structure. A recognition that both the family and the service member have undergone changes throughout the period of deployment is often overlooked. Families and service members equally exhibit unrealistic expectations about “returning to normal” after deployment, frequently causing significant disruption in family life. This program will identify common sources of conflict in family life when the service members return home and recommend counseling strategies to address the issues.

Session 3:  **Blue Ribbon, Pink Ribbon: Gender bias and male breast cancer: An interactive study**

**Veronica Sabater**

Breast Cancer in men, is a relatively unknown entity in the public and professional community. A rare condition accounting for only 1% of all cases in the USA, with an increase of 59% over the last 10 years indicates that it is on the rise. Many treatment providers possess limited knowledge about male breast cancer and the implications of male breast cancer on psychological well being, masculine identity, and male gender roles. Moreover, bias based responses to men having “a women’s disease” has contributed to poor early detection, disparities in treatment and survival and a less than adequate response to the gender specific concerns of this population.

The presentation will underscore the impact of gender bias on conventional care and highlight the important and emerging roles of social workers and other professionals as advocates, educators, and providers of gender sensitive complementary medicine addressing the psychosocial needs of male breast cancer.
cancer survivors. The presenters are a PhD social worker and educator, and a graduate social work student who is a male breast cancer survivor.

Session 4: **Counseling Issues with Lesbian and Gay Families (repeated session)**

**Peggy Lorah**

Lesbian women and gay men form families that often include biological or adoptive children. These families may face special challenges that originate from within their own systems or from societal attitudes, stereotypes, and assumptions. Areas of concern often include school, medical care, faith communities, and friendship networks. This session will focus on issues that these families identify as problematic and will provide affirmative counseling strategies for working with these families and circumstances.

Session 5: **It's in your genes: Integrating genetics into behavioral health care practice. (repeated session)**

**Phyllis Black**

The knowledge explosion in genetics has revolutionary potential for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of medical disorders as well as the prospect for prediction and manipulation of physical and behavioral characteristics. The burgeoning technological/biological advances hold promise for human benefit, but challenge our ability to cope with the psychosocial, political, and ethical sequelae. These issues will engage the expertise of a spectrum of health care practitioners. This workshop will overview evolving developments in genetics and focus on the need for crafting genetic services and public policies that are humane and ethical and have the potential for enhancing individual and societal well-being.

Session 6: **Building competencies around sexuality issues (repeated session)**

**Mary Rita Weller**

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provide the audience with useful information on how to find valuable resources to support client outcomes around intimacy.

Session 7: **Reaching teens through alternative therapies**

**Tom Adil, Alyson Warke, Joanna Groebel**

This training will focus on how alternative therapies may be used to elicit themes and provide effective therapeutic interventions. Specific focus will include an overview of the 3 modalities of art, movement and music, as well as a look at how to intertwine these approaches in a therapeutic setting.

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**Jennifer Eaton**

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Session 9: **Ethical use of technology and information processing in the counseling process.**

**Richard Kovalesky**

The program presents and discusses current issues about the ethical use of technology and information processing in the counseling process. Ethical use of technology and information processing in counseling is addressed as well as the potential future use of technology and information processing in the counseling process. The presentation provides a PowerPoint supported lecture discussion using an experiential vignette addressing individual experiences about the art and science of technology in counseling.

Session 10: **Making schools and communities safe and affirmative for LGBT youth**

**Connie Matthews**

This presentation will address the challenges and opportunities facing LGBT youth and those who wish to support them in schools and communities. It will examine the developmental tasks facing LGBT youth and the challenges that can interfere. The presenter will offer resources available for helping counselors in schools and communities to respond to these challenges and create environments that are safe and affirmative for LGBT youth. Participants will be encouraged to apply the information to develop action plans in their own settings.
Session 11: Trauma: Assessment through treatment

Ann Gaulin

Assessment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder with various populations. Symptom presentations in these populations will be explored. Trauma informed treatment will be reviewed, addressing the particular needs of individual clients.

Session 12: Motivational Interviewing: In action

Cheryl Yates

Motivational interviewing (MI) is an evidence-based approach that, since its introduction in the 1980s and with the initial publication of Motivational Interviewing: Preparing people to change addictive behavior (Miller & Rollnick, 1991), has become a widely used and researched method in the addictions field. It is now being used in the medical, psychiatric, and health field in general for numerous conditions, disorders, and life-changing decisions. This presentation will provide a brief overview of MI, how it is used, role play, video clips with the masters, and where to find resources to help with one's learning and application of MI.

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