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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



CIP connects to our community in many ways, primarily through our clinical services that provide a vital safety net for Marin families, cou-

Dr. Robin Joy Berenson ples, and individuals. Our intern-therapists value the opportunities a community-based organization offers to work with clients of all ages and diverse backgrounds and through outreach programs, in a variety of settings. Additionally, client referrals come from public and private agencies, organizations, and professionals throughout the Marin community.

Beyond our clinical services, we know that community education and continuing education for professionals are key strategies for prevention and effective treatment of mental health disorders. So this year we look forward to increasing our contact with the public through our "CIP News & Notes" email updates. Each month this brief newsletter provides useful information on issues that affect families and individuals in all walks of life.

Similarly, our monthly "Professional Development Update" emails keep professionals throughout the Bay Area informed of upcoming programs and opportunities. Even this newsletter, now in its 19th year, is available online. We encourage you to receive subsequent issues via email or to access it on our website. Visit www.cipmarin.org today to sign up to receive any or all three of these email communications.

Most of all, we appreciate your interest and look forward to staying connected.

Announcing

LOVING SPOONFULS Marin's Soup and Dessert Challenge

You won't want to miss this fun and scrumptious CIP fund raising event in which restaurants, service groups, clubs, and corporations will chop and dice their way to compete in the first annual LOVING SPOONFULS, MARIN'S SOUP AND DESSERT CHALLENGE on Saturday, January 22, from 12 noon to 3 PM at the Mill Valley Community Center. (Thank you **Bank of Marin** for signing up and participating with a table. You are Loving Spoonful's first **Early Bird Sponsor**!)

Culinary professionals and non-professional Foodies will be judged separately;* awards will be granted to the top three Best Soups and the Best Dessert submitted by professionals as well as to the Foodie winners of The People's Choice Awards in each category. Judges will be **Pat Fusco**, Restaurant Reviewer and Food Columnist for the *Pacific Sun* and **Mike Weller**, Program Director for the California Culinary Academy and Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts. More will be announced.

Community members of all ages are invited to attend and enjoy Marin's culinary best. For information about Sponsorship Benefits and Opportunities, please see page 5.

* Participant tables are extremely limited and assigned on a first come basis.

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OPENINGS AVAILABLE FOR NEW CLIENTS

September brings new clinical openings. CIP welcomes referrals of individuals, couples, and families for short- and long-term counseling and psychotherapy, adult therapy groups, and psychological testing. Our comprehensive services are available on a sliding scale basis, and Medi-Cal and other insurance is accepted.

Services are provided by our intern-therapists, each of whom brings a broad range of skill, expertise, and experience to their work with clients. Among their specialties are working with families around parenting issues, depression, anxiety, disordered eating and body image issues, couples work, life transitions, coping with chronic pain and disability, and substance abuse, among others. We stress cultural sensitivity and care for the whole individual, enabling clients to embrace their strengths and resolve problems in order to live with more purpose and passion.

For more information about our programs, please see page 5.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES 2010-2011

See page 4 for the fall schedule of the Seminar for Professionals and Study Groups and Classes. See the complete schedule online at www.cipmarin.org.

STAFF

Introducing New Core Staff Member Dr. Cynthia Kessler



CIP Core Staff (left to right): Cynthia Kessler, PsyD; Robin Joy Berenson, PhD, MFT; Paula Sitelman, PsyD; Karen Weinberger, LCSW.

All of us at CIP are delighted to welcome new Assistant Clinical Director Cynthia Kessler, PsyD. In response to our request, Cynthia has provided this brief introduction to her professional background and personal interests.

I've been in private practice in San Francisco for many years. I have a general adult psychotherapy practice, as well as a specialization in ADHD. I also work with cancer patients and others living with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Through the years, I've also usually kept some part time involvement in community mental health. I was a clinical supervisor of doctoral interns at Haight Ashbury Psychological Services for 10 years

My first real exposure to the field of psychology was as an undergraduate in the late 1960's, during a time when there was a burgeoning movement to open community mental health clinics. I did my first practicum in an inner city clinic in my hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. I firmly believe that as a private practice psychotherapist, I have to also assume some responsibility for helping make therapy more accessible and affordable to the community, so I was drawn to CIP's strong mission and long-standing reputation in this regard. On a more personal level, I have really been appreciating the opportunity to work with my new CIP core staff colleagues, all very strong, dedicated women.

As a graduate of the Wright Institute, I've had extensive psychodynamic training and favor the earlier Object Relations theorists such as Kernberg, Kohut, and Winnicott, as well as their more relational oriented psychoanalytic predecessors, Erich Fromm, Karen Horney, and Harry Stack Sullivan. I've also had extensive training in Gestalt Therapy.

What grounds me the most is the outdoors. I hike, I camp, I garden. I'm also on the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Psychological Society, and serve on the CLASP (Colleague Assistance and Support Program) committee. In this way I've been able to bridge my personal and professional interests in cultivating mind/ body resiliency across the lifespan. My greatest teacher in living mindfully was my late husband, who lived with cancer for many years. My greatest teacher in living joyfully is my 11 year old grandson, who lives to play.

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PROGRAM NEWS

Newest CIP Outreach Program Serves Seniors

It is well documented that Americans are living longer and remaining active and independent well into their seventies, eighties, and beyond. Yet as individuals grow older, they are susceptible to emotional and psychological stresses more common to their time of life, including grief, loss, depression and anxiety. By addressing emotional stressors, counseling can significantly improve individuals' overall quality of life.

This month, CIP will begin providing weekly counseling services for seniors at Senior Access in San Rafael. The mission of Senior Access is to provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life and independence of older adults through structured and creative daytime programs.

The Senior Access Program is one of six off-site programs offered by CIP: The Schools Project, Canal Alliance Youth Counseling, the Ritter Center Program for homeless and near-homeless individuals, the Helen Vine Detox Center Program, and EmBODY Power, an eating disorders education and prevention program in Marin middle and high schools.

Increased Hours for Successful Youth Program

CIP's Canal Alliance Youth Counseling program, founded in 2007, provides youth with an opportunity to discuss the issues and problems they confront at home and/or at school in a safe environment with trained and trustworthy adults. During 2010-2011, this proven program will expand from two to three CIP intern-therapists providing counseling each week.

For many children, CIP's Canal Alliance program helps them in dealing with cultural conflicts and difficulties of assimilating into another culture. Treatment approaches include sand tray, play therapy, dream interpretation, and bonding time with therapists. Demonstrated benefits to participants include improved school performance, greater self-esteem, and better relationships with peers and family.

High Marks for 2009-2010 Schools Project

Founded in 1991, The Schools Project provides weekly therapy in Marin public schools for students identified by school staff to be at high risk for academic and social failure due to emotional problems. In 2009-2010, CIP intern-therapists served approximately 150 students and their families, all of whom have made substantial progress. Students gained greater understanding of their own resiliencies, and enjoyed enhanced emotional and physical well being, and greater self-esteem. All are doing better academically and will progress to the next grade level.

Ted*, a middle-school student, was referred when he was caught with marijuana. His mom is alcoholic and abusive, and his stepfather is abusive. Ted is disconnected from his birth dad, and he is struggling with depression and the loss of his father. Therapy has provided Ted a safe place to express his sadness to a consistent, sympathetic adult, and he is forming a positive relationship with his therapist.

(*Please note that the name and personal details of the child have been changed to ensure confidentiality.)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES 2010-2011

CIP is proud to announce our 2010-2011 Professional Development Program offerings, including seminars, study groups, and classes by outstanding clinicians on a wide range of topics. See below for our Fall 2010 schedule and view the entire schedule online at www.cipmarin.org.

Seminar for Professionals



ancient Zen pond, shrink jumps in...plop! Shame, Vulnerability and Beginner's Mind with A. Raja Hornstein, PsyD; Arlene Bermann, LCSW; and Chris Fortin, MFT Saturday, October 30, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM; Town Center Community Room, 770 Tamalpais Drive, Corte Madera

Fees: CIP Members: \$100 or \$120 after October 16; Non-Members: \$120 or \$140 after October 16

STUDY GROUPS & CLASSES



Expressive Therapies: Integrating Mind/Body Therapies into Practice with Ilene A. Serlin, PhD, BC-DMT Fridays 10:00 AM - 12 noon: September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10; February 18 and May 13 CIP, 1330 Lincoln Ave, San Rafael, Room 203 Fees: CIP Members: \$180 or \$200 after August 27; Non-Members: \$200 or \$220 after August 27



Widening the Royal Road

Saturdays 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM; September 25, October 9, November 13, December 11 CIP, 1330 Lincoln Ave, San Rafael, Room 201 This course may be attended on a per session basis. September 25, *The Dream Group* with Meredith Sabini, PhD; Terry Ebinger, MS; Richard Russo, MA October 9, *Finding Our Way in the Dark* with John Beebe, MD

November 13, *Extraordinary Dreams and How to Work with Them* with Fariba Bogzaran, PhD December 11, *Graceful Exits* with Meredith Sabini, PhD Fees: \$100 per session or \$375 for the entire series.



Neuro-Science of Attachment in Relationships

with Linda Graham, MFT Wednesdays 9:00 – 11:00 AM; October 6, 13, 20, 27, and November 3, 10 CIP, 1330 Lincoln Ave, San Rafael, Room 203 Fees: CIP Members: \$180 or \$200 after August 27; Non-Members: \$200 or \$220 after August 27



Dream Consultation Group

with Meredith Sabini, PhD Fridays 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM: October 15, November 19, December 17, January 21 CIP, 1330 Lincoln Ave, San Rafael, Room 203 Fee: \$50 per session

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Send us your email address and receive future schedules and updates online!

- Professional Development Update
- CIP News & Notes
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CIP MEMBERSHIP BRINGS BENEFITS ...

Founded in 2004, CIP's Professional Development Program offers Bay Area professionals the opportunity to become nonvoting members of the agency.

Members receive reduced member rates on all seminars, classes, and study groups. They are also eligible to submit articles for our "Professional Insight" column in CIP's print and online publications, and to share news of their practice, publications, or workshops with other Bay Area professionals through our "Members Update."

Membership Fee: \$50 Membership for licensed professionals; \$30 Associate member (unlicensed).

Become a member or renew your membership today at www.cipmarin.org.

Member Updates

We are sad to note the passing of Sheila A. Propheter, MFT. In 1977, she was among the co-founders of CIP, the purpose of which was to train budding therapists and provide lowfee therapy. Sheila saw low-fee clients, and taught and supervised interns for many years. She was proud that CIP still flourishes.

Sheila loved being a therapist and was an active member of several CAMFT committees, including the Scholarship and Conference Committees, and Marin Mental Health Disaster Committee. Sheila devoted much of her practice to breast cancer patients and their families.

Sheila loved to dance and was an avid Dixieland band fan, as well as an avid reader who regarded libraries as a chief blessing in life. Sheila wants to be remembered for living her life in Technicolor.



Openings in private practice. An experienced psychotherapist, **Stephen Schoen**, **MD**, works with individuals facing difficulties in living: anxiety, depression, life transitions with career, intimate relationship, loss through illness or death. He is also an experienced couples and family therapist. Auxiliary medication can be prescribed when needed. Contact (415) 472-2780.

Kristine Duffin writes, "I want to share some good news. I applied to the SF Jung Institute for analyst training, and was accepted, so I will become a preliminary candidate in the fall! I'm very pleased and looking forward to a lot of work and a lot of growth."

All of us at CIP wish to congratulate Debbie Bauer on the birth of her son, Michael, born March 1, 2010, weighing 8 pounds. LOVING SPOONFULS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Sponsor Benefits & Opportunities

Sponsors of LOVING SPOONFULS receive public recognition, marketing benefits, and tickets to the event. Sponsor commitments received by November 1 will be acknowledged on the flyer, in the media, and pre- and post-event newsletters, and during the event. Commitments received by December 15 will be acknowledged in the media, during the event, and post-event Newsletter. Payment is due January 10, 2011.

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CIP provides a full range of psychological services. For more information, visit www.cipmarin.org. To make an appointment, call (415) 459-5999, ext. 102.

- Individual and Family Therapy. Affordable, comprehensive services to resolve problems and restore emotional well being.
- **Couples Therapy Program.** Support to enhance and deepen relationships, improve communication, and end repetitive conflicts.
- Eating Disorders Therapy Program. Comprehensive, effective treatment for individuals struggling with food issues, disordered eating, and/or body image and weight.
- **Psychological Testing.** For adults to enhance the quality and effectiveness of individual therapy.
- Support for Single Parents and their Children. Counseling to improve home environments, strengthen child-parent bond, maximize children's healthy development, school readiness and performance, and prevent long-term problems.
- Support for Survivors of Childhood Abuse. Healing from trauma and help to overcome intimacy issues, substance abuse, and other problems.
- Adult Therapy Groups. Opportunities for self-exploration and interpersonal learning to enhance communication skills and the ability to set and achieve personal goals.

CIP COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Timely attention and early intervention can minimize the impact of emotional problems and restore well-being to families, couples, and individuals. As part of our ongoing community outreach, CIP offers complimentary initial sessions throughout the year.

Upcoming free screenings and consultations:

September 2010 Child Assessment and Parent Consultation

- October 2010 Screening and Consultation for depression, anxiety, or other concerns.
- December 2010 Consultation on Holiday Stress
- February 2011 Eating Disorders Awareness Month
- March 2011 Couples Assessment and Consultation

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Autodesk also plays an important role right here in Marin. "Autodesk believes in being a responsive community partner," states **Julie Wilder**, Manager, Worldwide Community

Relations. "Through our products, values and actions we strive to build and foster healthy, sustainable communities. The mission of Community Relations is to improve and enrich the lives of those in need by supporting vital community programs. We care. It's what we do."

The Autodesk Community Relations program offers assistance to nonprofit organizations through monetary donations, in-kind contributions and volunteerism among its employees.

Autodesk has been a strong and generous supporter of CIP since 1993, providing grants for program services, and more recently, sponsorships of its annual fundraiser, including this year's *Ticket to Ride*!

Thank you, Autodesk, for your ongoing support!

Julie Wilder, Autodesk Community Relations Manager.

Sponsors and Auction Donors Bring Success!

The Board of Directors of Community Institute for Psychotherapy extends their thanks to our generous *Ticket to Ride* Sponsors and Auction Donors for their outstanding support of our successful 2010 *Ticket to Ride* benefit in providing vital funding and lending visibility to our work in the community serving disadvantaged families, adults, and children. Thanks, too, to all those who participated in our *Ticket to Ride* auction.

Thank you! to Our 2010 Silent Auction Donors

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Thank you! Your support has made a tremendous difference at a time when our safety-net services are more important than ever for our community!

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We at CIP believe that through psychotherapy, training, education, and prevention, we have a vital role to play in personal and global change. We believe the healing of the individual and the healing of the planet are inseparable.

Our work is accomplished in cooperation and coordination with a wide variety of public and private agencies and individuals throughout Marin County.

Visit us at www.cipmarin.org

Il Davide Restaurant & Starry Night Winery Team Up to Present A Winemaker Dinner

Join us for a very special fund raising event on Monday, October 4 at 6 PM, when **David Haydon**, Il Davide Chef/ Owner, prepares a masterful, multi-course, gourmet dinner to pair with Starry Night Winery's award-winning wines (**Wayne Hansen**, Winemaker).

From hors d'oeuvres through the "Chocolate 3 Ways" finale of the four-course dinner, each luscious dish will be matched with an incomparable selection from Starry Night Winery. Proceeds will benefit CIP's services for at-risk families, couples, and individuals. See the full menu and wine pairings at www.cipmarin.org.

Reserve now! Seating is very limited. \$60 per person, gratuity not included. Reservations can be made through Il Davide (901 A Street, San Rafael) at (415) 454-8080, or through CIP at cipmarin@aol.com or (415) 459-5999 extension 101.



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