

CIP COMMUNITY NOTES

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends: Happy New Year!

As we look back

over this past, most difficult year, it is gratifying to see that while it has been

Dr. Robin Joy Berenson

a time of many challenges, it has been a time of opportunity as well.

I feel grateful that CIP was able to overcome multiple barriers so that we could safely offer the care and support so needed in these stressful times. I continue to be inspired by the courage I witness among our clients who work so diligently to improve their lives and those of their families.

Transitioning from all in-person therapy to all tele-therapy required our clinicians to learn new ways to provide the container – the deep therapeutic relationship – via a new medium. At the same time, the transition to tele-therapy has increased options available for clients and flexibility for therapists.

Our transition to Zoom technology for our Raising Healthy Families Community Education events and Professional Development Series has similarly brought benefits—greater access for more attendees as well as the ability to archive presentations, and thus expand the reach of the important information presented. We look forward to several outstanding programs in each series in the months ahead. Read more about these in this newsletter.

We wishing you all health and happiness in 2021.

Between their cost-efficiency and widespread collaboration with other safety-net providers, CIP plays a key unduplicated role in the continuum of care for Marin's most vulnerable families and individuals.

Katie Rice, President, Marin County Board of Supervisors

January 2021

Dear Friends

All of us recognize that this is a time like no other, one of unprecedented uncertainty and upheaval.

It has been our primary goal at CIP to address the tremendous increase in demand for affordable mental health care by the most vulnerable in our community. They include those already struggling with anxiety, trauma, relationship and parenting issues, but additionally, adolescents, people living alone, individuals in recovery, and others.

As a safety-net provider, CIP remains committed to providing the clinical support and healthy tools at-risk families, children, and adults need to weather this time with resilience and hope.

Since the outset of the pandemic, CIP has

- 1) transferred all services to tele-therapy in order to provide safe, secure access to care.
- 2) reduced our sliding scale fees by establishing the CIP Client Emergency Fund to make services accessible to those experiencing economic hardship.
- 3) expanded our clinical capacity to help meet the increased demand for services.

It remains as true as always that early intervention and clinical support means easier, faster resolution of problems, creating safer families, and healthier, more resilient children and adults. CIP services continue to strengthen our community for the benefit of all.

To meet our goal of providing greatest access to care, we need your support. Please help us through your tax-deductible donation.

Sincerely,

Sharon Delfino Green CIP Board President

Robin Joy Berenson, PhD, LMFT Executive & Clinical Director

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P.S. We are all feeling our way in these difficult times. Your help today is more important than ever. Please give as generously as you can.

CIP IS OPEN FOR TELE-THERAPY

Our outstanding clinical staff has experience and expertise in a wide range of issues and diverse populations. Our services are provided by 22 to 24 pre-licensed therapists, including Pre-Doctoral Students, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapy and Licensed Clinical Social Work Associates, and Practicum Students. (Therapy with licensed therapists is also available.)

We offer long-term depth psychology as well as short-term counseling, adult therapy groups, and psychological testing. We work with depression, anxiety, trauma, PTSD, co-occurring disorders, addictions, and in-depth work with clients with axis II disorders.

Among the issues we can help with:

- Child and adolescent concerns, school related issues
- Domestic violence
- Eating disorders and body image issues
- Gender issues
- Health Concerns
- Loss, grief and bereavement
- Major life changes and transitions
- Work and career issues

Appointments are available six days a week, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

To make an appointment, visit www.cipmarin.org or call (415) 459-5999 #102

Onsite Programs

Individual and Family Therapy:

Affordable, comprehensive services to resolve problems and restore emotional wellbeing.

Adult Therapy Groups:

Opportunities for self-exploration and interpersonal learning.

Couples Emotionally Focused Therapy Program:

Support to enhance and deepen relationships, improve communication, and end repetitive conflicts.

Psychological Testing:

To enhance the quality and effectiveness of adult individual therapy.

Support for Separated and Divorcing Families:

Help with the issues involved in separation and divorce.

Support for Single Parents and their Children:

Counseling to improve home environments, strengthen child-parent bond, maximize children's school readiness.

Support for Survivors of Childhood Abuse:

Healing from trauma and help to overcome intimacy issues, substance abuse, and other problems.

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"A TIME LIKE NO OTHER"

Nearly half of Americans report the coronavirus crisis is harming their mental health, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll. A federal emergency hotline for people in emotional distress registered a more than 1,000 percent increase in April compared with the same time last year.

—The Washington Post, May 4, 2020

For those struggling with emotional distress, access to professional care today is more important than ever before. CIP's safety-net services provide the clinical support and healthy tools at-risk individuals and families need to overcome problems, regain hope, and live healthier, more fulfilling lives.

Here are some of the stories we hear every day.

- Suddenly unemployed, Danielle feels such loneliness and isolation she thinks of suicide several times a week.
- Working from home, Steve finds that he is drinking more than ever before; his supervisor has warned him about his deteriorating job performance.
- Since her divorce, Ellen struggles daily with severe depression and overwhelming feelings of hopelessness.
- A freshman in college beginning his first semester from home, Bobby is so worried about not being able to join with fellow classmates that he can't concentrate or learn.
- Stuck in an abusive relationship, Karen feels she has no option other than to risk staying where she is.
- Ashley, 16, has been cutting herself since Middle School and has recently begun vaping cannabis.
- With no income, three children at home, Marta and Sam are exhausted by their never-ending arguments. They are ready to sell their home and separate.
- Grieving the recent death of her husband, Jessica finds the tasks of parenting her three-year-old to be more than she can handle many days.

In these difficult times, it's important to remember that while we are all in this together, each person's experiences are different, with different levels of stress and loss. Don't make assumptions as you reach out to others. Be curious and listen to what they have to express.

With your support, CIP is here to help.

Each year, CIP provides more than 8,000 hours of direct services to more than 750 individuals and families. We serve clients from throughout Marin, including the underserved communities of East San Rafael, West Marin, Marin City, and Novato. Some learn of CIP through our outreach programs; others are referred from public and private agencies, including Child Protective Services, Marin Community Clinic, and Community Mental Health, and many others. In 2019, 76% of clients had monthly household incomes under \$2,400.

Professional Development Series 2021

For more information on the topics, learning objectives, and presenter bios, or to register for an event, please visit our Professional Development page at www.cipmarin.org or call (415) 459-5999 x101. All events will be available via Zoom.

SEMINARS FOR PROFESSIONALS

6 CEs for LMFTs & LCSWs and 6 CEs for Psychologists

CIP Member Rate: \$100 early registration, up to 10 days prior to seminar, \$120 after Non-member Rate: \$130 early registration, up to 10 days prior to seminar, \$150 after



Deeper Impact, Wider Reach: Re-Imagining Kleinian Psychoanalysis Jennifer Kunst, PhD Saturday, February 20, 2021 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



Surprise and Delight: How Family Play Therapy Can Create Positive Family Engagement Eliana Gil, PhD Saturday, March 6, 2021 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm



JUNGIAN WORK AND THE APOCALYPSE: WORKING WITH BOYS AND MEN TO ADDRESS ALIENATION AND CYBERSPACE Robert Tyminski, PhD
Saturday, April 17, 2021 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

CLASSES

4 CEs for LMFT & LCSWs and 4 CEs for Psychologists CIP Member Rate: \$75 early registration, up to 10 days prior to class, \$90 after Non-member Rate: \$100 early registration, up to 10 days prior to class, \$110 after



What Every Psychotherapist Needs to Know About Divorce: The Factors that Create Good Break Ups Stephen H. Sulmeyer, JD, PhD
Saturday, January 23, 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Creating Triangular Space and Promoting Symbolic Thinking in Psychodynamic Therapy Helen Schoenhals-Hart, PsyD Saturday, April 3, 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



WHITE PRIVILEGE AND RACISM: How to Address It in the Therapy Room Lane Arye, PhD Saturday, May 1, 2021 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Community Institute for Psychotherapy is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Community Institute for Psychotherapy maintains responsibility for these programs and their contents.

Accommodations will be made wherever possible for those with disabilities. Please let us know of any disabilities upon registration to ensure proper accommodations are put in place prior to the workshop/training.

Cancellations must be received in writing 10 business days prior to the seminar or class for a refund minus a \$25 cancellation fee.

Healing at the Edge: Conscious Living, Conscious Dying

Co-Sponsored with the Living Dying Project

Two-Day Workshop – January

Presented by Dale Borglum, PhD Saturday, January 30, 2021 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday, January 31, 2021 9:00am - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$290 early registration, \$310 on day of event

CEs: 16 CEs for LMFTs, LCSWs, and Psychologists. Certificates issued after completion of both sessions.

ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

Presented by Dale Borglum, PhD Saturday, February 13, 2021 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Cost: \$175 early registration, \$195 on day of event CEs: 8 CEs for LMFTs, LCSWs,

and Psychologists

Two-Day Workshop – February

Presented by Dale Borglum, PhD Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 28, 2021 9:00am - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$290 early registration, \$310 on day of event

CEs: 16 CEs for LMFTs, LCSWs, and Psychologists. Certificates issued after completion of both sessions.





2021 Raising Healthy Families Community Education Series

Remote via Zoom!

Co-hosted by Community Institute for Psychotherapy & The Marin County Office of Education

Join us for this FREE informative education series as we examine important issues facing today's families. Presentations by noted Bay Area experts will offer tools and strategies to empower you to help raise children who are curious, compassionate, and resilient.

For more information or to register visit www.cipmarin.org or call (415) 459-5999 #101.



CÓMO ENTENDER LA SALUD MENTAL EN LA COMUNIDAD LATINA PARA CREAR FAMILIAS FUERTES [UNDERSTANDING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE LATINX COMMUNITY TO CREATE STRONG FAMILIES]

A Spanish language presentation by Angela Arenas, LMFT & Juanita Zuniga, PsyD

When: Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 6pm – 8pm Where: Albert J. Boro Community Center



Esta presentación de dos horas impartida en español le ayudará a conocer más acerca de la enfermedad mental y cómo el hecho de poder reconocer los signos en su hijo(a) puede ayudarle a éste/ésta y a su familia a recuperar la salud.

Angela Arenas, LMFT, y Juanita Zúñiga, PsyD, explicarán el daño que puede causar el no reconocer los síntomas de salud mental en nuestros hijos, lo que puede llevar a un aumento de la ansiedad, la depresión, el daño a sí mismo, el suicidio y el uso de drogas.

This two-hour presentation will help you learn more about mental illness, and how being able to recognize the signs in your child can help them and your family to return to health.

Angela Arenas, LMFT, and Juanita Zuniga, PsyD, will explain the potential harm that is caused by not recognizing mental health symptoms in our children, which can lead to increased anxiety, depression, self-harm, suicide, and substance use.

RAISING RESILIENT KIDS: TEACHING KIDS TO BOUNCE BACK FROM STRESS AND DIFFICULTY Presented by Mark Edwards, LMFT

When: Tuesday, March 9, 2021, 6pm – 8pm Where: San Rafael Community Center

This class will outline current discussions about resilience in children and adults, and suggest strategies and techniques for parents of K-12 children. The presenter will outline research describing characteristics of resilience, protective factors, the "Seven C's" of resilience, and practical strategies to encourage and enhance resilience in our children.

RAISING WISE GIRLS: HELPING DEVELOP SELF-ESTEEM IN THE AGE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Presented by Sierra Dator, LCSW

When: Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 6pm – 8pm

Where: San Rafael Community Center

As parents, educators, and community leaders, we can empower girls to grow into strong, confident young people when we understand teen development; know the signs of depression and anxiety; and see the unique challenges they face through social media and the changing world. With this understanding, we can gain the tools to build connection and conversation. Please join Sierra Dator in a conversation on how to best support and empower teen girls in our community during the sacred and rocky time of adolescence.



PREVENT ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE AND BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS USING SYSTEMIC APPROACHES TO PROMOTE HARMONY AND SAFETY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Presented by Kenneth Perlmutter, PhD

When: Tuesday, March 30, 2021, 6pm – 8pm

Where: San Rafael Community Center

This presentation will offer attendees insight into the influences and dynamics within families that put children at risk for addictive behaviors; provide a general understanding of what helps to prevent addiction in the first place; and offer systemic approaches to proactively prevent drug and alcohol use and abuse, and other addictive behaviors in adolescents.

All events are free, but you must pre-register to attend. For more information and to register, visit www.cipmarin.org.

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Healing families,
Strengthening
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Dr. Robin Joy Berenson Nominated for "Heart of Marin" Award

This autumn, CIP Board Member Beth Case nominated Dr. Berenson for the "Excellence in Leadership Award" category of the annual Heart of Marin Awards from the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership.

In answer to the final question, "How has the nominee exemplified excellence in leadership and served as a role model?"

Ms. Case wrote:

Dr. Berenson is a true nonprofit entrepreneur, having developed a unique business model that brings together development opportunities for both professionals and interns while providing critical care to our community. In addition to decades of service development and delivery, this year she has demonstrated her true leadership skills by her innovative and effective adaptations for the delivery of high-quality mental health services in the time of COVID.

Exhibiting visionary and problem-solving skills, in 2020 Dr. Berenson has transformed CIP through her embrace of teletherapy and remote access technology, positioning all agency operations for the challenges of the pandemic and into the future, thus assuring that CIP's critical role in our community is stronger and better able to meet the needs of Marin County families, children and adults than ever before.

Awards will be announced at the annual **Heart of Marin** luncheon on January 7, 2021.

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The bank has supported many of Marin County's nonprofit organizations and civic groups that impact our communities through initiatives such as education, social services, and affordable housing.

"Our Union Bank teams are proud to support the Community Institute for Psychotherapy and we applaud its important work," said Vince Fucci, Union Bank managing director and regional manager for the East Bay and Marin region. "We are especially excited to sponsor CIP's Raising Healthy Families Conference that supports mental health across age groups. It's a great way for all of us to come together to build our community."

We thank Union Bank for their generous support!

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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.

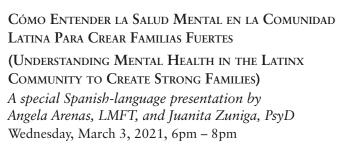
Our work is accomplished in cooperation and coordination with a wide variety of public and private agencies and individuals throughout Marin County.

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Raising Health Families 2021 Schedule

Via Zoom

All events are free but attendees must pre-register at www.cipmarin.org.
(For more information see page 5 or visit our website.)



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