

THE WORKING MODEL OF THE CHILD INTERVIEW (WMCI): CLINICAL APPLICATION

**Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health
Tulane University School of Medicine
New Orleans, LA**

June 7, 2015 - June 8, 2015

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The Working Model of the Child Interview (WMCI), created by Charley Zeanah and colleagues almost 30 years ago, is a semi-structured interview designed to assess caregivers' internal representations, or working models, of their relationship with a particular child. The WMCI has been used for clinical and research purposes in the United States and other countries. It is most often used with high-risk samples, and we have extensive experience in its clinical use and interpretation. This training will focus primarily on the Modified WMCI developed in 2014, but participants will be able to administer and use the original version after the training has been completed. .

This training is intended for mental health professionals who work with young children and their caregivers. *Please note that this training will not cover coding the interview for research purposes.*

Participants will learn:

- 1) Administration of the WMCI for clinical purposes.
- 2) Clinical interpretation and applications.
- 3) Integration of the WMCI with interactional assessments to understand parent child relationships.

The Working Model of the Child Interview:

- Is a method for systematic assessment of a parent's perception of his/her child and the relationship with the child.
- Focuses on the parent's subjective experiences of their relationship with the child.
- Takes approximately one hour to administer, but the modified WMCI takes about 30 minutes to administer.
- May be videotaped for later review and clinical use with the parent/caregiver.
- We will cover but not train on the formal coding system including eight scales, each anchored on a 5 point continuum, as well as scales to assess affective tone, and three classifications of representations: balanced, disengaged, or distorted.

The 2015 Working Model of the Child Interview Training will take place at Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans, LA, June 7, 2015 – June 8, 2015. Training will begin at 1 p.m. on the 7th and end at 5 p.m. on the 8th.

Tuition per participant: \$600.00 (US Dollars)
(Payment should be made by check by May 22, 2015).

Participants will receive a copy of the interview and related materials after paying the deposit. It will be helpful if you can practice at least one interview with a parent whose child is less than 5 years old before the training.

Schedule: Sunday, June 7, 2015, 1-5 pm
 Monday, June 8, 2015, 8:30 – 5 pm

Lunch will be provided on Monday, June 8th. Dinner Sunday evening and breakfast Monday morning are on your own.

Application for CE for social workers has been submitted.

For further information contact: Linzi Connors at lconnors@tulane.edu or (504) 988-7829.

FAX REGISTRATION

To reserve a spot for the June 7, 2015 – June 8, 2015 Working Model of the Child Interview training, please fax/mail in the following information. Training spots will be held in the order they are received.

Tuition per participant: \$600.00 (US Dollars—includes lunch on Monday)
*(Payment must be made by check **by May 22, 2015**).*

Make checks payable to: Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Mail to:
Linzi Conners
Tulane University School of Medicine
1430 Tulane Avenue #8055
New Orleans, LA 70112

Your Name: _____

Credentials: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Participants will receive a copy of the interview and coding manual after paying the deposit. Read both carefully, and before June 7th, practice at least one interview with a parent whose child is less than 5 years old.

Fax to: Ms. Linzi Conners (504) 988-4264. For questions or hotel information, call Ms. Conners at (504) 988-7829 or lconners@tulane.edu.