

Familylinks Training Institute

January / March
2023 Trainings



Ethics (In Person)

January 19, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Mike Palladini

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

This training will address ethical considerations in addiction and Mental Health treatment. In protecting the client, the agency and the counselor from litigation, the counselor must have knowledge and understanding of State and Federal laws and regulations governing treatment of the client. The PA Certification Board and National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics will be reviewed, as well as general concerns about counselor/client limitations and boundaries.

Suicide: Prevalence, Prevention, and Intervention (In Person)

January 19, 2023

1:30 – 4:30

John Amato

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

Research published from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that suicide rates increased by 25 percent across the country over nearly two decades. More than half of those who died by suicide had not been diagnosed with a mental health condition, CNN reported. Carefully review medical records and conversations with family members of the victims, this study also reveals that 90 percent had evidence of a mental health condition. In this training, participants will gain an understanding of many of the factors that contribute to suicide, including risk and protective factors, warning signs, and lethality. Assessment and intervention strategies will also be discussed.

The Birds and the Bees (Virtual)

January 23, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Melissa Perkins

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

This training will review the components of puberty and adolescence. Participants will become familiar with the prevalence of domestic abuse/dating violence in LGBTQ relationships and will learn about adolescent relationship abuse. The dynamics of healthy relationships will be reviewed. Lastly, ways in which staff can make sex education lessons inclusive for LGBTQ individuals will be discussed.

For registration information, email; dmurphy@familylinks.org

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Autism Series:

Autism And the Types of Services Available for Educators and Families (Virtual)

January 24, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Patty Maxwell

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

There is no “one size fits all” when it comes to Autism. This training will support educators and families to better understand the many types of services and interventions available for children diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. We will dive into specific examples with discussions and support what best suits kids of all developmental levels and ages. Participants will gain a better understanding of the many faces of autism and take a closer look into numerous options available for treatments with educational and home-based services.

Managing and Preventing Harassment in the Workplace (Virtual)

February 10, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

John Amato

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

Discover how to deal with the variety of illegal harassments that occur in the workplace based on an employee’s race or color, religion, national origin, or disability. Harassment training is not required under federal law, but it can play a critical role in people’s ability to deal with it. While many states have enacted legislation specifically requiring sexual harassment training, none have mandatory training for other types of illegal harassment. Even if not required by law, court decisions, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Guidelines make clear that training for all types of harassment may be critical in raising a defense and avoiding punitive damages in harassment lawsuits. Learn what behaviors are associated with different types of harassment as well as effective ways to confronting and resolving them.

Developing & Sustaining Dynamic Communication (Virtual)

February 22, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Amato

\$60 – (Includes LSW/PCB credits)

Learn how to become a leader who explicitly articulates the vision of an organization and how the work of all employees fits with that vision. Develop the skills required to become someone who can be responsible for communicating effectively to the people they lead. Develop effective leadership skills, including learning about the critical role the leader plays in using, modeling, and instructing employees how to effectively communicate within the team and how to hold all members accountable to sustaining this level of communication.

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Autism Series:

Autism And Behavioral Techniques (Virtual)

February 28, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Patty Maxwell

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

Navigating the world of Autism is not an easy task. We will look at some of the medical issues, conditions, and other diagnoses that a child with Autism could be facing. During this training we look at medication management as well as alternative approaches and the pro's and con's associated with these choices.

Women in Addiction and Recovery (Virtual)

March 10, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Lori Abbott

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

Enhance your skills as a service provider for women confronting addiction and recovery. Discuss the myths and issues surrounding women and addiction and also discuss the specific needs of this population. Discover effective strategies for addressing those needs as we focus on barriers to treatment as well as the challenges women face in committing to recovery after treatment.

Leadership and Managing Change (Virtual)

March 15, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

John Amato

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

Learn how to lead an organization effectively amid significant change. The typical response to this transformation is resistance on the part of employees and leaders can inadvertently add to this resistance. This session will provide leaders with the skills to provoke organizational change and become "change agents" within their workplace.

Autism Series:

Autism and Sensory Integration (Virtual)

March 21, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Patty Maxwell

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

We hear the word "sensory" quite a bit when working with a child on the Autism Spectrum. Why does my child cover his ears? Why is my child banging her head? What exactly does "sensory" mean? This training will help professionals and families find the answers to some of these questions and gain a better understanding of the sensory processing system. We will look at why it plays such a big part in our lives and explore sensory integration techniques that may help your kiddo find more comfort and happiness.

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Working with Parents and Families (In Person)

March 23, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

Melissa Perkins

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

This training is designed for workers who interact with families and adolescents in their work. The training provides information on the impacts of family rejection of LGBTQ adolescents and the consequential health disparities. The training helps workers understand the sources of family rejection and provides strategies to join with families and to help them develop skills to support their children.

Managing Time Effectively (Virtual)

March 31, 2023

9:30 – 12:30

John Amato

\$60 – (includes LSW and PCB credits)

Discover new ways to manage yourself—and your time—in order to significantly reduce stress and feelings of being out of control. In today's busy world, it's easy to feel as if there are never enough hours in the day to complete tasks. Although time is not adaptable, human behavior can be changed. This session provides the tools needed to organize and simplify workloads.

**All In Person Training will be held at:
The Familylinks Training Center
401 North Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh Pa, 15206**

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About the Presenters



Lori Abbott, MA, LPC, is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC). She is an Associate Program Implementation Specialist in the Program Evaluation and Research Unit (PERU) of the University of Pittsburgh's School of Pharmacy. Within PERU, Ms. Abbott has worked across several programs providing technical assistance in establishing both SBIRT and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) in primary care and single county authority (SCA) settings. Additionally, Ms. Abbott has provided over 50 trainings to both PERU staff and stakeholders. Ms. Abbott has worked for over 25 years with children, adolescents, adults, and families experiencing both mental health and drug and alcohol issues. Ms. Abbott brings with her extensive history and expertise to both areas. Ms. Abbott has over 15 years of training experience with stakeholders and clinical staff. She has been able to utilize this expertise to provide clinical support to the PERU team and stakeholders.

John Amato, M.Ed., is the Director of Training and Consultation Services at Familylinks. He has over 40 years of clinical, managerial, and training experience in social services. He is a certified trainer for the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center. Since 1994, John has delivered hundreds of workshops and has provided consultation and training in the areas of leadership, and team development. He has also provided trainings on chemical dependency and recovery and at-risk youth related issues. John earned his master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1980. In February 2014, John became a Certified Situational Leadership Experience trainer. In October of 2015, he became a Predictive Index Analyst. In June of 2020 John earned his certification as a Modern Classroom Certified Virtual Trainer (MCCT).

Patty Maxwell is a licensed Behavior Specialist (BSL) with over 20 years of experience working throughout the mental health field in various positions including wraparound, intensive case management, family based mental health services and Early Intervention. She is the owner of *Engage Kidz LLC* and currently supports children and families virtually, in-home, school and in communities. Patty also supports teachers and professionals by coaching them through tough behavioral challenges and offers small and large group trainings. Her various educational background and experiences have allowed her to work with a wide range of ages (birth through adulthood) and supporting an array of learning abilities including individuals with autism, learning disabilities, behavioral challenges, intellectual disabilities, and emotional disorders.

Melissa Perkins, MEd, MPPM has over 25 years of experience working in social services. She has provided direct care to adolescent youth in residential programs; managed a youth residential program; provided individual mental health and drug and alcohol therapy; provided drug and alcohol group therapy; facilitated court ordered Batterer's Intervention Groups; and, most recently she has focused on providing training focusing on LGBTQ+ issues. Melissa holds two master's degrees: one in Education (Counseling) from Duquesne University and the other in Public Policy Management from the University of Pittsburgh.

Michael Palladini has over 20 years of work experience in hospital, retail, and long-term care pharmacy. He is currently the Clinical Educator at Alosa Health. He has helped to develop and instruct in pharmacy technician programs, has been involved in action committees to address prescription drug abuse, and has been a certified trainer for PA Certification Board and the PA Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs for many years. He is the founder of Three Suns Publishing; a sole proprietorship developed to educate and inform interested parties in the areas of drug addiction. He has published 2 books: *"Drugs of Abuse: From Doctors to Dealers, Users and Healers"* and most recently, *"Spellbound and Sensationless, A Drug War Vision."*