

Summer Newsletter



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Collaborative Problem Solving With Dr. Ross Greene

CCGC is pleased to announce its collaboration with world-renowned Child Psychologist Ross W. Greene, Ph.D. Dr. Greene, an Associate Professor in the Psychiatry Department at Harvard Medical School, is the founder of Collaborative Problem Solving, a therapeutic approach best used with children displaying challenging behaviors. Dr. Greene's concept centers on his idea that "Children Do Well If They Can" and that these children require their caregivers' help to distinguish which "lagging skills" (i.e. difficulty following instructions) they are presenting with which is resulting in an "unsolved problem" (i.e. child never cleans his/her room).



This past June Dr. Greene presented a day-long conference to the clinicians of CCGC. As part of his ongoing collaboration, Dr. Greene will be personally training 4 clinicians (Rita Amodeo, MSW; Carla Corcione, Ph.D.; Carolyn Frye, LCSW; and Mary Machell, LCSW) in how to implement his Collaborative Problem Solving Approach. Over a 17-week time period beginning this September these clinicians will be receiving instruction from Dr. Greene on a weekly basis on how to implement his technique. After training is complete these clinicians will then be training the CCGC staff in how to apply this new approach with the children and families on their caseload. The Clinic is excited at the opportunity to work with Dr. Greene and our staff is anxiously waiting to see the positive outcomes that will occur as a result of Dr. Greene and our staff's partnership and hard work. ~Carolyn Frye, LCSW



CCGC Fall Dinner, Dance & Silent Auction

Please join us for the Fall Dinner Dance and Silent Auction on Friday, October 28, 2011, at 6:00 at Maneeley's, 65 Rye Street, South Windsor, CT. This exciting event expands on last year's silent auction by featuring Connecticut's good time party band, Full Krew and family style dinner. Proceeds support Clinic programs including the Autism Assessment Program. Tickets for the event are \$60 per person. Last year's event raised approximately \$8,000. This year, the Clinic hopes to raise even more funds so that it can continue to provide quality programs. To purchase tickets or make a donation, please call (860) 643-2101, or email law@ccgcinc.org.

Thank You

The CCGC held two events during the summer months. The first was a Children's Fair held at Northwest Park and included activities such as face painting, bracelet making, t-shirt tie dying, and finger painting. More than 400 children from Manchester and the surrounding communities came to enjoy the moonbounce and play games. The second event of the season was CCGC's 4th Annual Golf Tournament held at Manchester Country Club. Ninety seven golfers played in this year's tournament which raised \$12,000 for our programs. Thank you to all who participated in our events and we hope to see everyone again next year!

A Fond Farewell

When I reflect about why so many decide to stay and continue to work at our Clinic with longevity, it comes down to the support of the co-workers that you spend so much time with day to day. This year our Clinic lost a clinically solid social worker who provided not only great support to her clients but also to her co-workers. Susan Ballard, LCSW has been a social worker with our clinic for 13 years. She began working part time in our WATCH Program. Soon her position developed into working as a mobile social worker in the public schools as well as a social worker in our clinical school. She taught our divorced parenting class on the weekends. What will be missed about Sue is her sense of humor, infectious laugh and support and consultation to some of the most challenging families. She was able to lead by finding strengths in every situation, go above her role and outreach to families by visiting their



homes, and building strong alliances with the school systems in the community. She regularly volunteered to help out with agency fundraisers. Sue should be recognized for all she has contributed to here at the Clinic. Her flair will be missed but not forgotten.

~ Tanja Larsen, LCSW
Senior Supervising
Social Worker



Emily Dart
IFP Coordinator



Larry Kristoff
NorthStar Associate

CCGC Staff Promotions

The Clinic would like to recognize the following employees in their new positions



Tanja Larsen, LCSW
Senior Supervising Social Worker



Liane Lussier-Smith, LCSW
Senior Psychiatric Social Worker



Lauren Schempp, LCSW
NorthStar Program Coordinator

Congratulations!

In June, after 14 years at the Community Child Guidance Clinic, Martha Freimuth, LCSW retired from her full time position. Martha was hired initially as a home-based clinician in the Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services program. When the Clinic no longer carried that program, Martha became our first Urgent Care clinician, available to evaluate clients within 48 hours of contacting the Clinic. In addition, she carried a number of outpatient children and their families on her caseload.

However, Martha's role providing Urgent Care and outpatient therapy does not begin to summarize all she offered to the Clinic. Her other responsibilities included clinical supervision, support of the group therapist in the outpatient program, overseeing Manchester parochial school social workers, representing the agency at community advisory groups, serving as HIPAA Officer and assisting in the development and refinement of the current outpatient intake



process. Martha cultivated supportive relationships with staff members across various Clinic departments. This made her the 'go to' person for many of us in need of consultation, advice and a listening ear. Her relationships with others served to strengthen the overall functioning and morale within the agency. Martha will be remembered for her humor and wit and her investment in the people and programs of the Clinic.

~Robin Entress, LCSW IICAPS Coordinator

New Faces at CCGC

The CCGC School and Clinic is pleased to welcome six new members to our CCGC family:



Tamika Brock, MSW
IFP Clinician



Steven Graham, MSW
EDT Program



April Lange, MSW
IFP/IICAPS Clinician



Ian MacDonald, BS
IICAPS Counselor



Kimberly Piccolo, MSW
Psychiatric Social Worker



Michelle Rabinowitz, LCSW
Psychiatric Social Worker

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