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2011 DAMFT Programs

April 1, 2011

Counseling Same Sex Couples

Presenter: Mary Sue Green, Ph.D., LMFT

May 6, 2011

The Art of Graceful Change

Presenter: Rick Carson, LMFT

September 2, 2011

Re-Familying in Group Therapy

**Presenters: Susan Swank, LMFT &
Anita Titone, LSCW**

October 7, 2011

**Attraction, Flirting and Emotional
Neediness**

**Presenter: Dr. Harold Duncan, Ph. D,
LMFT, LPC**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Gloria Martin

This morning I am writing from the beautiful Pacific Northwest. I can see the gorgeous Snoqualmie Falls from my breakfast table window. A bald eagle just flew by - breathtaking! Making space for rest, relaxation, and time to be with my only brother is priceless. Every time I am away I am reminded of the importance of self-care in my life as a therapist

I hope that you are staying current on all that is happening in our profession. My awareness has been heightened over the last few months as I attended a TAMFT seminar led by Sandra DeSope, current president of the licensing board and spoke to a Dallas therapist that is dealing with licensing board issues. New rules were passed and put into action so please visit the website to see all the changes that have taken place. These can all be found on the state Marriage & Family Therapy website at www.dshs.state.tx.us/mft.

I look forward to seeing everyone on April 1, 2011. Please spread the word about DAMFT and bring a colleague.

Gloria

Next Meeting: Counseling Same Sex Couples

April 1

1:00 – 3:00

Presenter: Dr. Mary Sue Green, LMFT, is an Assistant Professor in the Family Therapy program at Texas Woman's University. She received her doctorate from Iowa State University and served on the Board of Directors and Ethics Board for the Iowa Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Dr. Green is a Clinical Member of AAMFT, a member of the American Family Therapy Academy, and a AAMFT-Approved Supervisor in training. Dr. Green has conducted research and published on sexual minority issues in therapy, feminist collaborative research, feminist mentoring, and attending to diversity in clinical supervision.

Program Description: Same sex relationships are often invalidated and marginalized by society. Therapists are not immune to societal messages about lesbian and gay male relationships. As the number of gay and lesbian clients increase, it is imperative that clinicians be prepared to work effectively and ethically with sexual minority clients. In this interactive presentation, therapists will gain an understanding of the multiplicity of factors that influence therapist and client comfort working together in clinical practice.

Membership Renewal Time!

*Our annual membership renewal begins in January each year.. It is never too late to RENEW your DAMFT Annual Membership Dues. Remember you must be a current member of TAMFT to be a voting member of DAMFT. Choose the application that fits your needs and bring your completed application along with your membership dues to our next meeting! Applications are available on our website:
<http://www.damft.com/>*

Not a member of TAMFT?

*No Problem! We welcome you to DAMFT and offer you the opportunity to satisfy your CEU requirements at the incredibly low cost of \$10.00 per meeting (2 CEU's), or \$70.00 per year for the total 15 CEU's required for the LMFT licensure. Great Programs! Wonderful opportunities to network with your peers! And you can't beat the price!
Plan to join us at our next meeting and attend all year long!*

The caterpillar does all the work but the butterfly gets all the publicity. ~Attributed to George Carlin

Editor's Comments

Sidney Starling

Conference attendance and the enjoyment of any conference are often dependent upon where we are in our lives. Our priorities change, our interests change and sometimes we find ourselves attending for reasons that did not exist years ago. Thus, I found myself enthralled for 2 days as Ross Green and Russ Barkley presented on "The Explosive Child" and "ADHD".

The conference this year was personal for me as I wanted to learn as much as possible to help and better understand my 7 year old granddaughter. What I learned from both these men at this conference has already proved to be invaluable to me and my daughter and her family. It has even helped me explain ADHD to our 9 year old granddaughter, in a way that will better help her to understand her little sister. I feel blessed to have been a part of all this.

The conference was wonderful, fun, entertaining – and I even won a rice steamer; though I use it to steam vegetables. I had so much fun connecting with everyone, going to dinner and laughing and talking. A conference is truly a way to rejuvenate. For all of you who didn't make it – we missed you! Maybe we can try again in September in Ft. Worth.

If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. ~ Anne Bradstreet

CEU REMINDER

DAMFT is required to award one hour of credit for one hour of attendance. The DAMFT Board has adopted the following policy:

If you arrive more than 15 minutes late or leave 15 minutes early, only 1.5 CEU's will be awarded.

This policy was adopted by the board in order to stay within the bounds of what is required. Please plan to arrive on time and stay until the end of the program. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding

It is every man's obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it. ~Albert Einstein

Save the Date

AAMFT Annual Conference
September 22 – 25, 2011
Ft Worth, Texas
The Science of Relationships

Update: Texas Medical Assoc. VS Texas Board of MFT Examiners

Many of you are aware The Texas Board of MFT Examiners has been sued by the Texas Medical Association, alleging that MFTs should not have the authority to make diagnoses of mental illnesses. The case has the potential to set a dangerous precedent for mental health care nationwide. At issue is a proposed Texas rule that would simply make MFTs' ability to diagnose explicit. Other states have explicit terminology, while Texas does not.

The status of this suit was addressed at the TAMFT Conference. To date AAMFT has spent over \$160,000 in Texas to defend this suit, and it has yet to go to court. It does not appear there will be a settlement and this suit is expected to proceed to court.

If ever there was a time to reconsider your contributions to PAC, this is the time. We must vigorously defend this lawsuit.

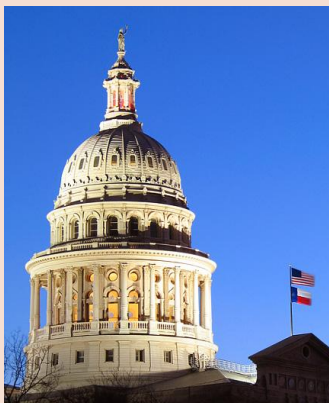
INVESTMENT + COMMITMENT = RESULTS

FamilyPAC is the political action committee for TAMFT. It is the political muscle for MFT professionals before the Texas Legislature and state government.

The Texas Legislature convenes every odd year for five months, but critical issues loom for your clients, your profession and the way you conduct business every day. Let's make a difference and increase our political power to help stem the rising tide of legislation and regulations that threaten the MFT profession.

INVESTMENT: The level of influence we can exert on the legislative/regulatory process depends directly on our finances and grassroots support. We need to financially support the election of lawmakers who support marriage and family therapy and client welfare.

COMMITMENT: To be a powerful, unified voice for Texas Marriage and Family Therapy in the legislative and regulatory process, we need MFT professionals to carry our message straight to elected officials.



Show your commitment to Texas Marriage and Family Therapy.

Invest in **FamilyPAC** Today!

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May the wings of the butterfly
kiss the sun
And find your shoulder to light
on,
To bring you luck, happiness
and riches
Today, tomorrow and beyond.
~Irish Blessing

2011
Membership Fees

Annual DAMFT Membership Fee	\$40.00
Annual Non-Member CEU Fee (15 annual CEU's includes Ethics)	\$70.00
Annual Ethics Meeting Fee	\$30.00
DAMFT Student Membership Fee	\$10.00

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