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The Newsletter for Addiction Professionals



President's Message

By Ron Chupp

I have two wonderful children. They have very different personalities. My daughter is very easy-going, level headed, and approaches everything with a "no-holds-barred" attitude. She is always trying to be the first, or the fastest, or the highest on the swing. She has no fear, and lets nothing stop her or stand in her way. It takes a great deal to "ruffle her feathers." My son, on the other hand, approaches everything with caution, trepidation, and a great deal of anxiety. He hates to go first (or even second), hates to have attention focused on him, and hates to "mess up." It takes very little to upset him, and often a great deal of effort to calm him down. Once he does actually start something, however, he enjoys it immensely and is very capable of doing well at anything he tries.

My children love each other, and my wife and I really enjoy hearing them playing and laughing together. They can literally spend hours in each others' company thoroughly enjoying being together. In doing so, they bring my wife and I a great deal of joy along with the affirmation that we are doing something right in our parenting. However, as you may imagine, there are times when they fight. Sometimes the fights are over quickly with no real harm done. Sometimes, the fights get nasty and last for hours. Once in a while they may not speak a civil word to each other for several days. When this occurs, my wife and I try to mediate their conflict and differences, to help them reconcile and return to cooperation and happiness.

We, as an organization, have been at odds with our sibling, ICAADA, for several years now. There have been hurt feelings, ill will, insults, misunderstandings, and uncivil words exchanged by both. I admit that I have been guilty of this from time to time. However, if we are to present a united voice for the new addictions

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profession, we need to begin to take a look at the possibility of reconciling with our sibling. This is especially poignant when considering issues related to Health Care Reform legislation and NAADAC's push for a National Addictions Counseling License. Both NAADAC and DMHA are strongly urging us to look into the possibility of reconciliation.

I am keenly aware that any attempt at reconciliation will be difficult and time-consuming. We would need assurances that our values and ethical standards would not be compromised. We will probably need professional intervention and mediation if it is to occur at all. It may not even be possible. However, in this era of rapidly diminishing resources, we need to attempt to expand our capacities to do the most good for our new Profession. We need to strongly consider extending an olive branch to our sibling to see what it attracts. I would greatly appreciate your input as we contemplate pursuing this possibility.

I also want to extend a hearty "Thank you" to all those who have answered the call to participate in Board and Committee activity in the coming year. I appreciate your willingness to serve our members. Of course, not all the leadership positions are yet filled and we continue to seek additional participation. Please consider joining the IAAP leadership team.

Only our best,

Ron Chupp, LCSW, LCAC, NCAC-II, ICAC-II
IAAP President

Certification Committee Update

The Certification Committee continues its diligent task to screen and determine eligibility for APIT, ICAC I and ICAC II. We have certainly been busy, as many of you are trying to gain certification prior to the July 1, 2011 deadline for licensure. Please know that if you qualify for certification there is still time to be approved. We are meeting Jan 29th and again in March. Licensure is handled by the Professional Licensing Board. IAAP will send notification of your certification credential to Professional Licensing Board, but does not make any eligibility determinations.

You may be interested to know that the certification committee is working on establishing a partnership with the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board. This certification board approached IAAP about partnering and assisting their counselor approval process. This means IAAP certification committee would review, determine, and issue certification to persons desiring certification as a Nationally Certified Gambling Counselor.

We are also evaluating our own certifications of APIT, ICACI, and ICACII and how those credentials will change once licensure is established. Look in following issues for more information.

As always your certification committee is devoted to ensuring protection for our consumers in qualifying professionals in the Addiction Counseling Field.

Respectfully,

Dr. Katti J. Sneed PhD, LCSW, MSW, ICACII

CCS Expiration Date Extended

This notification is to inform you that your certified clinical supervision credential expiration has been extended until June 30th, 2011. I am pleased to announce that NAADAC President, Don Osborn has agreed to present at our Annual Clinical Supervision Training. However, due to scheduling challenges in securing such an excellent and high-demand speaker, the training which is normally held in February has been moved to June of 2011. Exact dates and times will be settled prior to the Spring Conference, and registration forms will be made available at that time. Cost will be the same low price as always for IAAP Conferences. If you have any questions, please feel free to call IAAP Central Office at 317-481-9255.

Only our best,

Ronald A. Chupp

IAAP President

In Memoriam of IAAP Member



Nimal G. Fernando, 47, of Fort Wayne, was called to rest on Thursday, December 30th, 2010, at this home. Born July 12, 1963, he was the son of Albert Fernando, and the late Agnes Peries. He was employed as a therapist at Park Center for ten years. He is survived by his devoted wife, Shanthinie Fernando; and his loving sons, Nathan Fernando and Nelig Fernando. Service is schedule for 10:30 a.m., Monday, January 3, 2011, at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services. Calling also from 3 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan 2, 2011, with vigil service at 4:30 p.m., at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St., Fort Wayne. Burial in Catholic Cemetery. Preferred memorials to the family.

Test Taking Strategies Workshop

"Learning to Take a Standardized Exam"
By Dr. Sophia Dziegielewski, LISW-S

This workshop will assist the participant in the following ways:

- (A) Identify your own learning style IN TERMS OF TEST-TAKING ABILITY
- (B) Utilize test-taking strategies to maximize success with standardized tests SUCH AS licensing exams
- (C) Utilize the Social Work Licensing Exam as a Model for Learning Test-taking strategies; and
- (D) Apply this knowledge to improve your own test-taking ability.

when: Saturday February 5th, 2011
8:00AM TO 5:00PM

Location: Indiana University Northwest
Savanna Auditorium

PARKING: Main or north lot
Directions are available upon request

RSVP: Immediate Registration is REQUIRED
Contact Ms. Kesha Hearn-King
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COST: \$75.00 for current students
\$100.00 for professionals

Cash, Check, or money orders will be accepted. Checks and money orders can be made out to: The division of Social Work. Registration is limited.

Please confirm your attendance by forwarding the below registration form and payment to: Kesha Hearn-King, Division of Social Work, 3400 Broadway, Gary, Indiana, 46319. Or payment can be made in person to office 3186 of the Dunes Medical Professional Building.



Board Member Spotlight



Brent Stachler is employed by Park Center, Inc., in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as the Gambling Addiction Treatment Program Coordinator. He has over fifteen years of experience as an Addictions Professional and holds both national and state credentials as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), a Master Addiction Counselor (MAC), a National Certified Gambling Counselor (NCGC I), and an Indiana Certified Addiction Counselor (ICAC II). Brent, a member of the Board of Directors for The Indiana Association for Addiction Professionals (IAAP), is the Immediate Past President and former Certification Chairperson and also serves as Board member for NAADAC, The Association for Addiction Professionals. He obtained his Masters of Science in Education specializing in marriage and family therapy from Indiana University in June 2001 and began specifically working with problem and pathological gamblers and their families in October 2002.

The Board of Directors has voted in favor of being a host of the NAADAC conference in 2013!
The next step consists of NAADAC accepting bids from other states followed by an actual selection.
However, if you are someone that is willing to commit to this venture, please forward your name and input to Brent Stachler at brentstachler@msn.com

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BENEFITS OF NAADAC/IAAP MEMBERSHIP

- 9 free CE's via NAADAC's web-site: www.naadac.org - (*Medication Management for Addiction Professionals: Campral Series and Blending Solutions*).
- Free access to NAADAC's online Career Center at www.naadac.org.
- Assistance with referrals concerning ethical or legal questions or complaints and two free hours of help on a Legal Assistance Hotline provided by NAADAC's liability company with malpractice insurance available through the Van Wagner Group.
- Free subscription to NAADAC's official magazine, *Addiction Professional*, which is published six times annually.
- Peer support and network opportunities through national and state conferences and workshops.
- Reduced rates for continuing education including the qualification course for the U.S Department of Transportation's Substance Abuse Professional.
- Reduced rates for publications such as the *Basics of Addiction Counseling: A Desk Reference and Study Guide*, used by experienced professionals and as a guidebook for preparation for certification exams.
- Access to the *NAADAC News*, the association publication only available to NAADAC members.
- Substantially reduced rates for professional Certification and re-certification as National Addiction Counselor (NCAC) or Master Addiction Counselor (MAC). *Please note that certification is not included in NAADAC membership but is a separate process. (Certification is not a requirement of membership in NAADAC.)*
- New avenues for job opportunities and advancement with higher levels of certification.
- A 20 percent discount on all Hazelden Publishing and Educational Services (PES) resources.

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SAVE THE DATE!

*IAAP Spring Conference
April 15-16, 2011
Indiana Wesleyan University
More information coming soon!*