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**Title: Ethical Considerations in the Treatment of Abusive Partners**

**Date: February 1, 2019 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

Where: Rodin Place, 2000 Hamilton Street, Suite 304, Phila, PA 19130

Cost: \$100, Early Bird registration \$85, Pre-registration required

3 Ethic CE's available to meet the State Board requirement

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Many helping professionals have developed some level of training and comfort screening for clients who have experienced domestic abuse. Fewer, however, feel as proficient screening or responding to a client who discloses having physically or emotionally harmed an intimate partner. As communities become increasingly coordinated in their response to domestic abuse as a public health concern, best practice suggests that therapists and social workers work to become more comfortable and knowledgeable about effective and ethical interaction with both abused and abusive partners.

Drawing on a lively mix of story and case examples from several decades of clinical practice as well as a developing body of research, this training will examine practice considerations for intervention with people who abuse their intimate partners and families. Among topics to be covered will be ethical considerations for intervention, risk assessment and ongoing treatment. There will also be opportunity to discuss screening and response to disclosures of abusive behaviors that minimize risk of harm to partners and children.

Objectives:

1. Identify tactics, common and uncommon, used by abusive partners.
2. Describe common childhood precursors, including issues of gender training, that can lead to the development of adult patterns of abusiveness.
3. Discuss factors linked to positive and negative responses to intervention, and techniques tailored to different scenarios.
4. Identify the ethical considerations for treatment of abusive partners
5. Identify the ethical considerations for communication with partners of abusive individuals.

6. Practice basic techniques for screening and response to disclosures of abusive behavior in a variety of practice settings and identify ethical considerations for screening protocol implementation and documentation.
7. Identify community resources that employ best practice models for intervening with people who abuse their intimate partners and develop ethical practice for creating coordinated interventions in partnership with these resources

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Space is limited. Please pre-register at [www.menergy.org](http://www.menergy.org)

Early bird registration is available through January 18, 2019 for \$85.00 After January 18, the cost will be \$100.00.

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