

Toronto Regional Conference

Time Effective Intervention Techniques for Crisis Management in the Treatment of Dissociative Disorders

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Presenter Biography: Peter Maves, PhD is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, practicing in Longmont, Colorado since 1982, specializing in the treatment of complex trauma and dissociative disorders. He completed his PhD in Clinical Psychology at the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1982 and is the former Assistant Director of the Emergency Psychiatric Service of Boulder. He was the Clinical Director of Adams Community Mental Health Center and developed and was the Clinical Director of Centennial Peak's Hospital's Trauma and Dissociative Disorders Treatment Program. He was the Clinical Director of Columbine Hospital's National Trauma Center. Dr. Maves has served as a Practice Monitor for the Grievance Board, State of Colorado and was an oral licensing examiner for the Colorado State Board of Psychologist

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Content Level: Intermediate

Potential to Distress: No

Abstract: The treatment of dissociative disorders is a complex endeavor which requires the application of specialized techniques and an understanding of an elaborate sequence of defensive behaviors. While ongoing weekly sessions with dissociative disordered clients usually present unique and compelling treatment conditions, the intensity of these conditions typically magnify under emergency and crisis situations. This presentation will provide a number of crisis intervention techniques to assist in not only managing the emergency but promote productive treatment progress.

Objectives

Upon Completion of this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Explain the distinction between emergency feelings and true emergencies
- Describe data on the epidemiology of DID
- Discuss the key aspects of crisis management for dissociative disorders
- Describe the dynamics of suicidal behavior and how to work with high level suicidal intent
- Explain the meaning of triggers and trigger management in crisis intervention
- Recognize how ACT principles can be effectively applied to crisis management

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