



Announcing the

South Carolina Learning Collaborative on Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy - 2017

Project BEST (www.musc.edu/projectbest) will conduct the **SCLC-2017**, a 9-month clinical learning collaborative on TF-CBT for mental health clinicians and senior leaders serving abused and traumatized children in South Carolina.

Who:

The learning collaborative is intended for **therapists** and **clinical supervisors** possessing a clinical masters or doctoral degree in a mental health profession who do psychotherapy with abused and traumatized children and youth in South Carolina, and **senior leaders** from their participating agencies. Participants may include clinical social workers, professional counselors, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, marriage and family therapists, clinical nurse specialists, and other mental health professionals. The **SCLC-2017** is limited to **60 participants**.

What:

Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) is the most well-supported, evidence-based treatment for children/youth and their caregivers who have been exposed to abuse, violence, and other potentially traumatic events, and who have clinically significant problems as a result. Participating clinicians will learn to deliver TF-CBT with high clinical competence and adherence to the treatment model. Agency senior leaders will learn to support the learning, implementation, monitoring, and sustained use of TF-CBT within their organizations and community. The **SCLC-2017** will consist of multiple training activities, components, and modalities, including:

- 1) Self-directed readings and online training courses prior to in-person training (pre-work learning activities),
- 2) **2** two-day in-person learning sessions (4 days total),
- 3) **14** clinical case consultation calls over 7 months on TF-CBT training cases (7 calls for senior leaders), and
- 4) Collection and use of clinical assessment, delivery, fidelity, and implementation metrics.

All clinical training is conducted by nationally approved TF-CBT trainers.

Participants completing all clinical training requirements will:

- 1) Receive a **Certificate of Completion** for their track from Project BEST,
- 2) Receive up to **30** continuing education contact hours,
- 3) Be listed on the Project BEST **Roster of Trained Professionals**, and
- 4) For clinicians, have met the training and clinical consultation requirements for **National Certification in TF-CBT** (see www.tfcbt.org for more information).

When:

December 1, 2016 – Registration opens; **January 16, 2017** – Registration closes.

January, 2017 – Pre-work learning activities are completed.

February 9 & 10, 2017 – Learning Session 1 (2 days of in-person training).

May 18 & 19, 2017 – Learning Session 2 (2 days of in-person training).

September 30, 2017 – **SCLC-2017** is completed.

Where:

Learning Sessions 1 and 2 will take place at the **Bill Rogers Community Connections Center**, SC Department of Juvenile Justice, 4800 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212.

Project BEST

Project BEST is a statewide collaborative effort using innovative community-based dissemination, training, and implementation methods to increase the capacity of every community in South Carolina to deliver evidence-supported mental health treatments to every abused and traumatized child who needs them. The mission of Project BEST is to ensure that all South Carolina children/youth and their families who have experienced or been exposed to abuse, violence, or other potentially traumatic events receive appropriate, evidence-supported mental health assessment and psychosocial treatment services. The National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina (www.musc.edu/ncvc) and the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center (www.dnlcc.org) in Charleston, SC serve as the coordinating centers for Project BEST. Since 2007, Project BEST has conducted 13 Community-Based Learning Collaboratives and 4 clinical Learning Collaboratives on Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) in partnership with children's advocacy centers and child-serving agencies throughout the state of South Carolina. The training and implementation projects have involved nearly 1,300 child abuse professionals in South Carolina, including 449 therapists who have been fully trained in TF-CBT. As a result, TF-CBT is now available to abused and traumatized children in all 46 counties in South Carolina. Project BEST is supported by The Duke Endowment and participating agencies and professionals. To learn more about Project BEST, TF-CBT, and the SCLC-2017, go to the Project BEST website at www.musc.edu/projectbest.

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Additional Information

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