



Palm Beach County
Youth Services Department
Residential Treatment and Family Counseling Division
Education and Training Center



Incorporating Evidenced-Based Practices in Treating Young Children with Disruptive Behaviors: Using Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Skills

Presented by Laura Cruz, Ph.D.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

9:30 am - 11:30 am

Location: Zoom Remote Video Conference

Once registration is confirmed, link to access the training will be provided

Registration Fee:

There is no cost associated with this presentation

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2 CE credits will be offered

Registration Link:

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Registration closes at 3:00 pm on October 26, 2021

Description:

Most children are referred to mental health providers due to disruptive behavior problems (Kazdin & Weisz, 2017). Disruptive behaviors in children can negatively influence their academic achievement, familial relationships, community inclusion, social interactions, and overall functioning across settings. In this training, participants will learn about Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), a highly efficacious didactic behavioral parent training approach that significantly reduces disruptive behavioral problems in children while strengthening the parent child relationship. Lastly, participants will learn practical and evidenced-based, behavioral strategies that they can incorporate in the treatment planning of children with behavioral concerns.

Learning Objectives:

1. Summarize the efficaciousness of Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT).
2. Explain the utility of PCIT in treating disruptive behaviors in young children.
3. Identify PCIT skills that can be used across therapy sessions to improve child behavior.

Presenter:



Laura Cruz, Ph.D. earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in psychology at the University of Florida (Gainesville, Florida) and her Specialist of Education degree in school psychology at Florida International University (Miami, Florida). After completing her school psychology internship with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and working as a school psychologist in various counties throughout the state of Florida, Dr. Cruz completed her doctorate in combined counseling and school psychology, with a specialization in child clinical psychology at Florida State University (Tallahassee, Florida). She completed her doctoral internship at Jackson Behavioral Health Hospital (Miami, Florida) in the crisis stabilization unit and Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Program (SIPP) for children and adolescents. Later, Dr. Cruz went on to complete a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Miami, Mailman Center for Child Development, specializing in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). Formerly a psychologist at the Youth Services Department of Palm Beach County, Dr. Cruz now works as licensed psychologist for the City of Pembroke Pines, overseeing their mental health program. Dr. Cruz also serves as adjunct faculty at Nova Southeastern University in their School Psychology specialist and doctoral programs. She is recognized by PCIT International as Certified PCIT Therapist and Within Agency Trainer and has expertise in the areas of behavioral parent training, treatment of disruptive behaviors, neurodevelopmental disabilities, and best practices in assessment.

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Space is Limited: Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Only the first 200 registrants will be able to access the training link.

What to Bring: A pen and paper for taking notes. You may wish to use your personal headsets/earbuds for enhanced audio quality.

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Registration contact person: Jose Garcia at (561) 233-4460 or JMGarcia@pbcgov.org

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 - **Individual attendee** – Only the selected organizer or attendee will receive the private message.
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