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A Message from Our President Dana Heller Levitt
Professional Identity: Who Are We As Counselors?

This December, I had a life-changing experience. Never had I expected my personal priorities to shift so dramatically, nor that I would find enjoyment and love in the seemingly mundane activities that suddenly filled my life. We have all had some such event: the birth of a child, moving to a new home, loss of a loved one. Our lives may change, but our identity remains constant and stable.

Thus is the nature of professional identity. We vary in work settings, populations, and theoretical orientations. The shared goal to assist clients with the challenges they face remains at the heart of the work of all counselors. Some may argue that these goals are similar for other helping professions. So what makes counselors unique?

Our professional identity holds through our actions. Ted Remley and Barbara Herlihy (2005) remind us that counselor identity rests in the philosophy of the profession: a wellness model of mental health, developmental nature of life's problems, focus on prevention and intervention, and empowerment of individuals to find solutions and apply them in future situations.

We had choices in our professional preparation to be counselors, psychologists, social workers, or any one of the worthy helping professions. It is much more than our formal graduate preparation that allows us to call ourselves counselors. We must ask: "Why am I a counselor? What makes me the counselor I am?"

If we are true to our professional and personal philosophies, we will find consistency and stability. Professional identity is what makes counselors stand apart, not better than, as good as, or superior to other professions. It is who we are, not just what we do.

It is our collective professional responsibility to be clear in our identity and how we present this to clients, students, colleagues, and the general public. Talk to clients about your philosophy and the approach you take to counseling, how this is consistent with your beliefs about human nature. When students comment that they never thought about the profession they are entering, engage them in conversation about our history and professional identity. When colleagues from other disciplines label themselves as counselors, discuss the roots of the counseling profession and what makes each of us uniquely able to handle situations differently. We are not in competition.

Perhaps most importantly, take the time to consider your personal and professional philosophy, how your identity has been shaped over time, and how this influences your work with clients. You may be pleasantly surprised to see that you embrace your counselor identity more than professionally.

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Nominate a Counselor for an OCA Award

Jake J. Protivnak, Ph.D.

OCA Awards Chair

Do you know a professional counselor who provides exceptional service as a practitioner? Do you know a counselor educator who is an excellent mentor or extraordinary scholar? Do you know an individual who has provided distinguished service to the counseling profession?

If you answered "YES" to any of the following questions, please take some time to nominate a colleague for one of the following awards to be presented at the 2005 All Ohio Counselors Conference.

1. **CHARLES "CHUCK" WEAVER**: An individual who has provided long and distinguished service to the counseling profession and exemplary care for people.
2. **DAVID K. BROOKS, JR.**: An individual who is willing to serve, teaches responsibility, and creates new paths in the counseling profession.
3. **HERMAN J. PETERS**: An individual who promotes innovative ideas and theories in the counseling profession and has a significant impact on future trends.
4. **SUSAN J. SEARS COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR**: An individual who has gone beyond the call of duty by demonstrating exceptional service as a practitioner and/or counselor educator, through the application of OCA goals.
5. **RESEARCH & WRITING**: An individual who has demonstrated extraordinary research and writing ability, as evidenced by journal publications for the counseling profession.

Include the following information in your nomination:

1. Your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address
2. Nominee's name, address, phone number, and e-mail address
3. A supporting statement for the award of no more than 250 words
4. A current vita and/or brief biographical sketch of the nominee

The deadline for submissions is Friday, September 23rd. Submit the nomination or questions via e-mail to jprotivnak@yahoo.com or by mail to:

Jake J. Protivnak, Ph.D.

OCA Awards Chair

3326 State Route 225

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Senator Kevin Coughlin Named the New Chairman of the Senate Health Committee

Senator Kevin Coughlin (R – Cuyahoga Falls) has been named the Chairman of the Senate Health Committee. He will be replacing Senator Lynn Wachtmann (R – Napoleon), who was removed from this position by Senate President Bill Harris. Senator Coughlin has served in the Ohio Senate for the last three sessions. He was formerly a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Prior to his appointment, Senator Coughlin was the Chair of the Senate State and Local Government and Veteran Affairs Committee. Senator Tom Niehaus (R – New Richmond) has replaced Senator Coughlin as Chair of that committee.

House Bill 66 – Provisions of Interest

House Bill 66, the state's budget bill and tax reform package, has passed the legislature and became effective July 1, 2005. Below are provisions of interests for the Ohio Counseling Association.

Umbrella Boards

As enacted, a transition team is to be appointed to make recommendations on consolidating most health care licensure boards under the Ohio Department of Health. The Executive Directors of the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board, the Respiratory Care Board and the Embalmer Board have been appointed to the transition team to represent the affected regulatory boards. The transition team is to develop a plan to ensure the smooth and timely consolidation of the boards into the respective departments. The transition team may recommend additional regulatory boards or commissions to be consolidated and may recommend modifications to the planned consolidations. The bill requires the transition team to submit a report containing recommendations and the details for the consolidations not later than December 31, 2005, to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate. The bill expresses the intent of the Ohio General Assembly to introduce a bill in fiscal year 2006 that will include the necessary statutory changes to effect the consolidations and that will include revised appropriations for the departments and the consolidated boards and commissions for fiscal year 2007.

Community Alternative Funding System (CAFS)

The CAFS enabled county boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD), school districts, and others to access federal Medicaid matching dollars for certain habilitative services provided to Medicaid-eligible children and adults with MR/DD. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has determined that CAFS is non-compliant with federal requirements and required that Ohio take down this program by June 30, 2005. Some services currently provided through CAFS may be transferred to waiver services; others may be migrated to Medicaid card services, which are funded through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Disability Medical Assistance Program

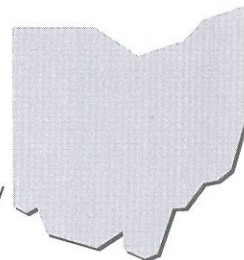
The Disability Medical Assistance (DMA) Program will continue in some form and the bill creates a Disability Medical Assistance Council. The Council has already begun meeting and will continue to meet throughout the summer. They are charged with making recommendation regarding the future of DMA. This program provides prescription drug, physician, clinic, dental, and durable medical equipment services for a non-Medicaid eligible population.

Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) and Other Tax Provisions

This tax reform package is intended to reform Ohio's tax code to improve economic competitiveness and foster job retention and creation, thus making Ohio a more attractive place to live and do business. The main component of the tax reform package is a Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) which is a gross receipts tax on your business entity's gross proceeds. If your business's gross receipts are \$150,000 or less you will not owe any CAT tax; gross receipts from \$150,001 to \$1 million will be taxed \$150; and gross receipts of over \$1 million will be charged a CAT tax of \$150 plus .26% on the amount over \$1 million. The tax base does not include sales made by Ohio companies to out-of-state buyers; but does include sales made by out-of-state-companies to Ohio buyers. All Ohio businesses are required to register with the State of Ohio. You may do so on-line by going to the website of the Department of Taxation www.tax.ohio.gov.

The Corporate Franchise Tax will be eliminated over a five year period; taxation of all general business tangible personal property will be phased out evenly over four years; and the Inventory

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(continued from page 4) Tax will be eliminated by dropping the assessment rate from 21% in 2008 to 14%; 7% in 2009; and 0% in 2010. The 1% temporary sales tax increase from FY 2005 has been replaced with a .5% permanent sales tax increase. Personal income tax will be reduced 21% across the board and phased in over five years.

Parity Bills Have Sponsor Testimony in the House and Senate

Representative Jcn Peterson (R – Delaware) has introduced House Bill 180 and Senator Bob Spada (R – North Royalton) has introduced Senate Bill 116. These bills are identical to the mental health parity legislation, HB 225, in the 125th General Assembly. The Senate Bill has been referred to the Senate Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee and the House Bill has been assigned to House Insurance Committee. Both of these bills have had sponsor testimony, but no further hearings have been scheduled as the legislature is adjourned until mid-September. We are hopeful that these bills will receive additional hearings in the Fall. Towner Policy Group will continue to work with the Coalition for Healthy Communities to promote the benefits of these bills to the legislature.

All members of the Ohio Counseling Association are urged to please contact your State Senator and State Representative to urge his or her support for Senate Bill 116 and House Bill 180. Grassroots efforts are extremely important to getting this legislation passed and your legislator needs to hear from you. If you are unsure of who your Senator/Representative is, visit the legislature's website at www.legislature.state.oh.us and type in your zip code to locate your Senator/Representative.

Letters can be sent to the following address:

The Honorable _____
Ohio Senate
Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

The following are talking points, which may be used to help formulate your letter:

- Passage of Senate Bill 116/House Bill 180 will help many families access appropriate mental health needs in a timely manner, before crisis escalates.
- Basic health care is mandated in Ohio and should cover all the major organ systems in the human body; however, it does not. Ohio leaves major systems of the human brain uncovered, excluded or poorly covered.
- The treatment of mental illnesses is an essential component of basic health care.
- The lack of insurance coverage for the mentally ill is a form of discrimination. These individuals are Ohio's most vulnerable.
- Senate Bill 116/House Bill 180 seeks coverage for only the most severe of mentally ill individuals and does not seek to mandate coverage for treatment of individuals with substance abuse problems.
- Senate Bill 116/House Bill 180 has an opt-out provision for insurers, if they can prove their premiums have risen more than 1% in a period of six months due to mental health parity.

Senator Clancy to Reintroduce Mental Health Legislation

State Senator Patty Clancy was the sponsor of House Bill 571 from the last General Assembly, when she was a State Representative. Senator Clancy intends to introduce this legislation again this year in the Senate. This bill is in the process of being drafted by the Legislative Services Commission (LSC). The bill will receive a bill number upon introduction in the Ohio Senate.

The bill would amend the section of law currently only applicable to psychiatrists, psychologists, physicians, health officers, parole officers, police officers, or sheriffs to allow a licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC) to take a person into custody and immediately transport the person to a hospital where the person may be held for a period of time as specified in Ohio law if the LPCC believes the person is mentally ill and represents a substantial risk of physical harm to their self or others if allowed to remain at liberty pending examination.

OCA'S 2005 Leadership Training at the Buxton Inn

By: Sarita M. Sankey

The Executive Council of OCA and its respective Divisions, Chapters, and Committees gathered at the historic Buxton Inn located in Granville, Ohio on July 14th and 15th. The leadership training opened with the new Director of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board, James Rough, offering information and feedback regarding Counselor Licensure and the improvements that have been made regarding the Board.

Dana Levitt took on her role as the new President of OCA with great enthusiasm and was a great leader in helping to facilitate tasks and goals for the upcoming year for OCA. Particular attention was paid to the recruitment of new members and enhancing the promotion of OCA. A publicized mission statement, a redesigned website, and an increased participation in April's Counselor Awareness Month are some of the activities that will be used to fulfill these two initiatives.

The Buxton Inn was the perfect backdrop to formulate ideas in order to promote the profession of Counseling and improve OCA as a whole. But, most importantly, the two-day leadership training was the opportunity for the leaders of OCA to come together and share ideas that will in the end benefit the growth of OCA. I must say that I learned a great deal during my stay in Granville. In the end, the meeting was a great success and the OCA members who were able to attend were able to feel comfortable in sharing ideas, since the main goal was to "Promote OCA and exemplify an Organization that would benefit all Counselors in Ohio"■



THE OCA DONOR ROLL UNDERFER LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jean Underfer-Babalis, 2004 & 2005
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The **Underfer Scholarship Fund** is the legacy left by OCA Past-President, Jean Underfer-Babalis to honor the ideals of leadership instilled in her by her parents, Jerry and Jane Underfer. The first applications will be determined by the Awards Committee in 2005. Scholarships and grants will be awarded to assist both students and professional members of OCA in education, training, research and other related activities that will advance client welfare, strengthen the professional identity of counselors, and promote effective leadership. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to OCA. Checks should be made payable to OCA or the Ohio Counseling Association.

Upcoming Events

October 2005
20—23 Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference, Pittsburg, PA

November 2005
2-4 All-Ohio Counselors Conference, Hilton at Easton Hotel, Columbus

March 2006
30—April 3
American Counseling Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada

OMHCA: Celebrating the Mental Health Counselor

Amy Freadling, PCC, OMHCA President

The Ohio Mental Health Counselors Association is looking forward to celebrating the practice of mental health counseling during the All Ohio Counselors Conference this November. During the conference, OMHCA representatives will be present at a booth to discuss the work of the organization, which includes a campaign for the creation of a mental health awareness postage stamp. Attendees who visit the booth may enter a free raffle for professional materials to be awarded during the OMHCA reception, scheduled for the evening of Thursday, November 3rd.

OMHCA's reception will serve as an excellent way to network, to relax with light refreshments, and to continue the learning process. All counselors, educators, and students are invited to attend. Ohio's Chi Sigma Iota chapters have been called upon to nominate student poster sessions to be exhibited during the reception and all presenters will receive special recognition for their research on clinical issues and emerging best practices. OMHCA leaders will be present to listen to counselors' needs, and to determine how OMHCA may better serve clinical counselors in the year ahead.

OAMCD Round Table Discussion Set for AOCC

Carmella Hill

The Ohio Association for Multicultural Counseling and Development (OAMCD), a division of OCA, is in the process of being revitalized. All current members interested in helping please contact Carmella Hill at Carmonhill1@aol.com with any ideas or suggestions. Also, OAMCD will be facilitating a round table discussion/interactive lunch at this year's AOCC. The round table discussion is entitled "Multicultural Counseling and the Professional Counselor: Where Do We Go from Here? (A discussion of the current issues in multiculturalism and how the counseling profession can best address those issues.) Please see the AOCC program and register for this interactive lunch. All are welcome to come and discuss these issues and more. We look forward to seeing you there!



OASERVIC CALL FOR PROGRAMS

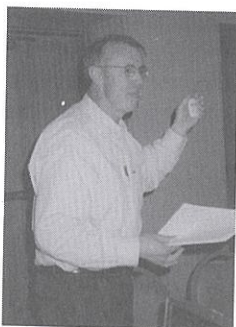
OASERVIC has placed a call for programs for the Wellness training room for the All-Ohio Counselors Conference. Programs would be brief, mini-workshops with discussion, of approximately a half-hour and focused on some aspect of spirituality, ethics or religion. Please forward your designs for programs to Donna Menigat, OASERVIC President, DonnaMenigat@columbus.rr.com or Jake Protivnak, OASERVIC President-elect, at jprotivnak@yahoo.com.

A Visit from ACA President Sam Gladding

At its April meeting, the OCA Executive Council was honored to hear ACA President Dr. Sam Gladding speak on "Words of Encouragement and Challenge: ACA Reflections on ACA Activities and Leadership." He was kind enough to travel to Columbus straight from his attendance at the International Counseling Association's meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, just to be with our Executive Council! Three ACA activities Dr. Gladding reported on were (a) the successful ACA Convention in Atlanta in April, with over 3,500 in attendance; (b) ACA's new public service announcement featuring Christopher Knight of "The Brady Bunch" TV show; and (c) the new ACA Ethical Standards published in July of this year. We thank Dr. Gladding for his presence in the Buckeye state and his continued leadership in the counseling profession.



With Dr. Gladding (L to R) are 2004-05 OCA leaders: Jean Underfer-Babalis, Past-President, Cynthia Osborn, President, and Dana Heller Levitt, President-Elect



Tim Luckhaupt, coordinator of the All Ohio Counselors Conference (AOCC), displays for OCA Executive Council members at their April meeting a "thank you package" he received from a counseling student who attended her first AOCC last November 2004. This student was clearly impressed with and grateful for Tim's fine leadership of our annual state conference.



OCA Executive Council members in thoughtful deliberation at their April meeting.



“Meet the Devil in the Details: Ethical Decision Making and the 2005 ACA Code of Ethics”

Vilia M. Tarvydas, Ph.D., LMHC, CRC

Professor and Program Coordinator, The Graduate Programs in Rehabilitation

The University of Iowa

Today's practice of counseling demands that counselors take their responsibilities to know and apply the most current ethical best practices seriously. They must use ethical practices that avoid poor outcomes for their clients and potential ethical grievance actions for themselves.

The first portion of this session will highlight the new 2005 ACA Code of Ethics that was effective July 1, 2005. The relationship between risk management, ethical grievance experience, and ethical standards and decision making will be traced. Several activities will be utilized to highlight particularly important ideas presented in this material. The second portion of the session will overview the importance and utilization of ethical decision making models. The Tarvydas Integrative Model of Ethical Decision Making will be presented in more detail and participants will be provided with several case scenarios to discuss based on application of this model. Dr. Tarvydas has had almost 30 years experience as a counselor, working as a counselor educator for 25 years and as a practicing mental health professional. She has been prominent in leadership of the major professional organizations in counseling and rehabilitation, having been active in ACA and as President of ARCA. Her service to ACA has included serving on its Licensure Committee (1985-1991), Liaison to the National Academy of Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselors (1991-1994), Ethics Committee (2001-present), and Awards Committee (2003-present). She served for eight years on the national certification body Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification. She chaired their Executive Committee, served on the Examination and Research Committee, and was their representative to several prominent national counseling groups such as AASCB and the national Counseling Credentialing Summit with AASCB, NBCC, CORE and CACREP. She currently serves as Chairperson of the Iowa State Board of Behavioral Examiners (1999-present) that licenses mental health counselors. In that capacity, she also chairs the Board's Disciplinary Committee. She has chaired several ethics committees in medical facilities and for rehabilitation counseling. She is currently a member of the ACA Ethics Committee and the ACA Taskforce on Revision of the Code of Ethics that produced the 2005 revision of the ACA Code of Ethics, and the American Occupational Therapy Association's Judicial Council.

“Redesigning Your School Counseling Program: Using ASCA's National Model”

Barbara Blackburn

President

American School Counselor Association



By developing and implementing a program that is integrated with the mission of school, professional school counselors partner as leaders in systemic change and advocate for every student. The American School Counselor Association's National Model for School Counseling Programs, built on ASCA's National Standards, is a results-oriented model that can help allocate counselors' time efficiently to accomplish your school's goals, increase student achievement and evaluate the results of your efforts. By implementing the model you become part of the school team. Instead of working in isolation the school counselor assumes a leadership role to partner with other stakeholders in education to enhance the students achievement through addressing the academic, career, and personal/social needs of EVERY student.

Barbara Brady Blackburn is President of the American School Counselors Association which has more than 16,000+ members. Barbara has been a practicing high school counselor for 20 years. She has worked with multi-levels and served as Department Chair at Greenbrier East High School, Lewisburg, WV. She held various leadership positions in the West Virginia School Counselors Association over a 20-year period. Ms. Blackburn was President of WVSCA from 1999 to 2000, and named West Virginia Counselor of the Year in 2002. She also serves as a consultant to the West Virginia Department of Education. She is co-author of the WV School Counselor Resource Manual that will be distributed to every WV school counselor at regional trainings in the Fall, to help counselors implement the National Model as required by Policy 2315 of which she assumed a leading role in getting legislation passed to mandate this.



“Attachment Trauma and its Effects on Brain Development: Self-Regulation and Stress Management”

Barbara E. Oehlberg

Foster Parent Training, Cuyahoga County Family and Children’s Services



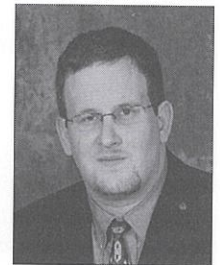
This presentation will introduce the research of Allen Schore on how early relationships and attachments affects the development of pre-frontal cortex and ultimately the child’s capacity for self-regulation, empathy, and stress regulation. Stressed children downshift from their neocortex to their limbic system and/or midbrain when they sense being threatened or shamed, and the learning process shuts down. The classroom and after-school activities of play, art, and creative writing offered in this presentation provide students opportunities to transform experiences of helplessness and anxiety into coping skills, hope and resiliency. These activities fit into existing crowded curriculums, add no costs, and require no special equipment. Barbara Oehlberg MA, is an education and child trauma consultant in the state of Ohio. She has been a presenter and keynoter for the Harvard School of Public Health, New York State University and a long list of organizations throughout the country. She received the 1997 Humanitarian Award from the Center for Prevention of Domestic Violence and 1997 Volunteer Award from the NW Ohio Chapter, National Social Workers Association. Barbara’s career spans many levels, including: Working as a college instructor, she taught a course on Family Dynamics: How it effects students’ behaviors and ability to learn. She has acted as a CO-investigator for a conference on Violence and Childhood Trauma: Understanding and Responding to the Effects of Violence on Young Children. She has been a in-service Instructor on the topic of: Responding to the Needs of Young Children in a Hostile World. She has been the project coordinator for Partners in Prevention for the Cleveland Public Schools and has served as a consultant for the Ohio Department of Health.

“Counselor Advocacy at the State and Federal Level”

Scott Barstow, Director of Public Policy & Legislation, American Counseling Association

Carolyn Towner, Legislative Representative, Ohio Counseling Association

Andrew Burck, Doctoral Student, University of Toledo



Andrew Burck

State and federal laws and policies present both obstacles and opportunities for professional counselors. Counselors should understand the importance of engaging in the policymaking process, both as human services professionals and as concerned citizens, and know the basics of how state and federal policies impact their practice, and how to help change and shape those policies. The program will help demystify the legislative and regulatory process, and show how easy—and important—it is for counselors to get involved.

Scott Barstow is the Director of Public Policy and Legislation for the American Counseling Association, and has been with ACA for almost ten years. Prior to joining ACA’s staff, Scott did government relations work for the National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association, and worked on Capitol Hill for Oregon Representative Mike Kopetski. A native of the Pacific Northwest, Scott has a bachelor’s degree in math/computer science from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. This shows that government relations work can be done by graduate-trained counselors.

Carolyn Towner, the owner of Towner Policy Group (Columbus, Ohio), has lobbied the Ohio General Assembly since 1984 when she was the Associate Director of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA). In 1989, Carolyn left the OSMA and became an independent lobbyist representing a variety of clients. Prior to lobbying, Carolyn was the first Executive Director of the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (1979 to 1984) and also served as the Registration Officer for Legislative Agents. Carolyn was the first female lobbyist to receive the Lobbyist of Year Award from the Ohio House Republican Caucus in 1993. She also received the Distinguished Service Award from Ohio Youth in Government in 2003.



Carolyn Towner

Andrew Burck, M.Ed., PC is a doctoral candidate in the Counselor Education and Supervision program at The University of Toledo. Andrew has presented at various professional counseling conferences at the state and national level. He is the co-chair for Division E (Counseling and Development) for the Mid-Western Education Research Association. Andrew is also a counselor at Rescue Mental Health and Unision Behavioral Health Group in Toledo, Ohio. He was an attendee of the 2005 American Counseling Association Legislation Institute.

Professional Liability Insurance Program

From the American Counseling Association

Professional liability insurance protection is available to members of the Ohio Counseling Association. The program is administered by the Healthcare Providers Service Organization, Inc., and was designed specifically for counselors and social workers who are members of ACA or OCA. It continues to be offered at competitive rates coupled with excellent service and responds to the needs of OCA members.

Here are a few of the benefits.

- Policyholders in the program have access to the ACAIT risk management help line when faced with a situation that could become a licensing board complaint or a claim or lawsuit.
- Protection of up to \$10,000 per proceeding for your defense of disciplinary charges and other covered expenses arising out of a covered license protection incident.
- Coverage for legal expenses for covered claims, in addition to your liability limits-win or lose.
- Policyholders get occurrence based coverage. This means you are protected for covered claims made even after the policy expires, provided the policy was in force at the time of the incident.
- Personal injury protection, which covers against claims arising from charges of privacy violation, slander, libel, assault and battery and other alleged personal injuries committed in the conduct of your professional services.

Call 1-800-347-6647 extension 342 for further information and an application, or go on line to www.hpsoc.com for a quick quote. You will not be under any obligation to purchase the insurance. You may also contact the ACA Insurance Trust to ask for a copy of the free audiotape, or CD, which explains the ways to reduce legal exposure in your practice

Join OCA for Life!

Effective July 2005, a **Lifetime Membership in OCA** is available. This new membership category was approved by the OCA Executive Council and voted on by OCA membership in the spring of this year. The OCA Finance Committee has set the Lifetime Membership fee at \$500.00 for 2005-06. This will provide members with the opportunity to be members of OCA for life, without ever needing to renew their membership! Please obtain the new OCA Membership Form by accessing the OCA website at www.ohiocounselingassoc.com

Another new OCA membership category is **Legacy Member** (what had previously been referred to as Lifetime Member). This is an honor extended only by the OCA Executive Council and reserved for those OCA members who have demonstrated outstanding service and leadership to OCA during their careers

Save these dates, March 30 – April 3

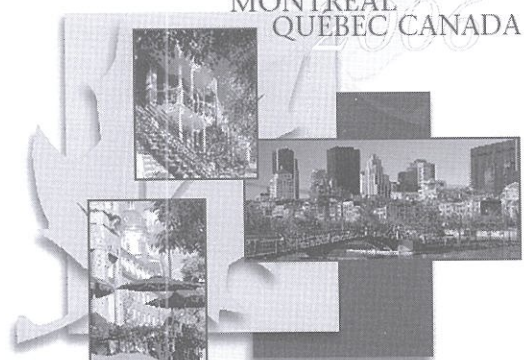
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[Theme]

Culture-Centered and Diversity Counseling Empowers All Families

*Le counseling axé sur la culture et la diversité facilite le pouvoir d'agir de toute famille
La consejería centrada en la cultura y en la diversidad fortalece a todas las familias*

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| Professional/Regular \$235 US | General Attendee \$430 US |

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Keynote Session

Thursday, November 3

9:15 am—10:15 am

"Working Together for Student/Client Mental Health: Ingredients for Successful Collaboration"



Georgette Marie Psarras Constantinou, Ph.D.
Pediatric Psychologist, Akron Children's Hospital

The focus of the keynote address will be on the essential ingredients which make for successful collaboration when a student/client is manifesting behavioral and emotional problems. The presentation will explore how to bring schools, families, mental health professionals and hospitals together to prevent more serious problems from occurring. References to the recent ABC initiative regarding unmet mental health needs of youth in Ohio will be included as well as several case studies of successful collaborations to use as a role model.



Dr. Constantinou is the Administrative Director, Divisions of Pediatric Psychiatry, Child Neurology, Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at Akron Children's Hospital. She is also Associate Professor of Psychology, Department of Psychiatry at the Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine. She earned her undergraduate degree Summa Cum Laude from Vassar College and completed her graduate work at The Ohio State University.



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