



PHILADELPHIA AREA GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY SOCIETY
12th ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MOVING CONVERSATIONS FORWARD:
HOW TO INTERVENE WHEN A GROUP IS TALKING IN
CIRCLES

Friday, December 1, 7:15 – 9:15 p.m.
410 Baird Road, Merion, PA

This program is free, and guests are welcome, but reservations are requested because space is limited. Please contact Elsa Efran (215-242-4234, pagps@att.net) by November 30.

- 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. Networking time, with delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts provided by the PAGPS Board! We'll have a table where you can display your business cards and other materials promoting your practice.
- 7:45 – 9:15 p.m. Presentation and discussion

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Have you ever noticed a conversation where the more we talk, the worse things get? Even when a group of people has great intentions, there are times when they get stuck. Whether it is a psychotherapy group, a family deciding where to go on vacation, or a staff meeting at a large company, groups can say an awful lot without moving forward. This happens because how we say things is often more important than what we say. This program will introduce ways to shift communication patterns in groups so that speakers are more likely to be heard and listeners are more likely to be receptive to what is being said.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Laura Silverstein, LCSW, is a clinical social worker in private practice with over ten years of experience providing group, family, and couples therapy. She has received advanced training in SAVI® System for Analyzing Verbal Interaction and applies it to her therapy work as well as in coaching parents in high-conflict separations and divorces. She is the current president of the Philadelphia Area Group Psychotherapy Society.

CE CREDITS

Attendance entitles psychologists to 1.5 CE credits. PAGPS is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. PAGPS maintains responsibility for this program and its content. All attendees will also receive 1.5 recertification credits, useful for individuals listed in the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists. (Because of the program length, social work credits are not available for this event.)

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

- To gain an overview of SAVI® System for Analyzing Verbal Interaction, a model of communication developed by Yvonne Agazarian and Anita Simon.
- To identify communication patterns that are moving a group toward its goals and those that are preventing it from reaching its goals.
- To learn two interventions a group therapist can use to redirect a pattern of communication.

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Directions to 410 Baird Rd., Merion, PA (home of April Fallon)

From the Schuylkill Expressway, take Route 1 South. Pass St. Joseph's University and Episcopal Academy on the right. The numbered streets on the left will be going up. Pass 63rd St. on the left. At the next light, turn right onto E. Wynnewood Rd. (at the corner is a sign for St. Charles Seminary). If you get to Route 30 you have gone too far. On E. Wynnewood Rd., go to the first light and turn right onto Bowman Ave. Go past the first traffic light; the next street on the right is Baird Rd. Take a right onto Baird Rd. and go to the second white house on the right (410). The house is Country French style, white with dark teal shutters. Park on the right side of the street.

From Widener University, take Route 320 to Route 1 North. Travel on Route 1 North past Springfield, Pilgrim Gardens, past Route 3 and Route 30. At the next light past Route 30 (Lancaster Ave.), take a left onto E. Wynnewood Rd. (at the corner is a sign for St. Charles Seminary). If you get to Merion Rd., you have gone too far. From E. Wynnewood Rd., follow directions above.

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