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# Bullying: Helping to Create an Inclusive Community

Presented by Megan O'Connor-Szuma, Ph.D.

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

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

## Continuing Education:

2 CE credits will be offered

## Registration Link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8SR55JR>

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Registration closes at 3:00 pm on May 28, 2024

In order to receive a certificate you must be present for the entire training. Zoom monitors attendance from the time each participant logs in and out of the training. Exceptions will not be granted.

## Description:

Bullying is a form of aggressive behavior in which someone intentionally and repeatedly causes another person injury or discomfort (APA, 2024). It can occur in a variety of social settings and even over the internet. Research shows that bullying is a prevalent problem with one in five of high school students being bullied (CDC, 2023). As mental health professionals and members of the community, we commonly work with individuals who have been bullied. In many situations, bullying can have a lifelong impact and be a source of trauma for the individual. The purpose of this intermediate-level presentation is to inform professionals about bullying, how to identify it, understand its impact, and how to help manage its impact in our community and clinically with our clients.

## Learning Objectives:

After completion of this presentation, participants will be able to name the following:

- 1) Identify what bullying is and the signs of bullying
- 2) Discuss the impact of bullying and its warning signs
- 3) Identify ways to help in the community as well as clinically.

## Presenter:



**Megan O'Connor-Szuma, Ph.D.** is a postdoctoral fellow with the Palm Beach County Youth Services Department, currently providing family, group, and individual therapy services at Highridge Family Center. Megan earned her Bachelors in Human Biology and Psychology from Michigan State University. She received her Master's Degree and Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the University of Detroit Mercy. She has a background in working with youth and their families in a variety of settings including a child psychiatric inpatient facility, a university counseling outpatient clinic, and in a medical outpatient facility. Her research interests include the impact of trauma, body image, and attachment on individual functioning.

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**All mental health professionals will receive two (2) continuing education credits for the workshop. Full attendance is required. No partial credit will be awarded. Check your licensing state's rules and regulations for more information regarding your continuing education requirements.**

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1. Click the Chat icon in the top toolbar.
2. Use the "Send to" drop-down menu to select the recipients of the message.
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  - **Organizer(s) only** – All organizers will see the message in their Chat pane.
  - **Individual attendee** – Only the selected organizer or attendee will receive the private message.
3. Type your message in the text field, then click **Send**.

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