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Asylum Evaluations Continued: A More In-Depth Look at Evaluating Special Populations

Elizabeth Carll, PhD, Roy Aranda, PsyD, JD, and Jennifer McQuaid, PhD

This skill building webinar will take a more in-depth look at cultural competence and difficult revelations when evaluating two frequently encountered asylum seekers: Hispanic populations and survivors of gender based violence. Information about participating and being listed in the Refugee Mental Health Resource Network will also be discussed. The first portion of the webinar will focus on culturally competent evaluations of Hispanic immigrants including vulnerable children. The Hispanic population of the United States is almost 57 million. Presently, the U.S. has become the second largest country in the world with an Hispanic population and requires sensitivity to diversity because of the many cultural backgrounds (there are 20 Spanish speaking countries plus Puerto Rico). Discussion of the evaluation will include the necessary information to provide in the asylum report including the legal standard that must be met, background information, collateral

sources, hardship statements, use of psychological tests, and working with attorneys. The special issue of unaccompanied minors will also be discussed. The second portion of the webinar will take an in-depth look at some of the challenges faced by psychologists when evaluating female asylum seekers. This group consists predominantly of survivors of gender-based violence at the hands of intimate partners, immediate family or community. Discussion will include the multiple ways a history of trauma impacts the evaluation, exploring the sensitive topics around intimate partner violence, and specific issues related to survivors from West Africa (i.e. forced marriage, FGM) and Central America (partner violence within the context of pervasive gang violence). Using standardized measures to anchor the evaluation and promote an understanding of the client's experience will be discussed.



Elizabeth Carll, PhD is president of the APA Trauma Psychology Division and chairs the APA Interdivisional Refugee Mental Health Resource Network. She serves

on the executive committee and is a former chair of the United Nations NGO Committee on Mental Health, and has developed various disaster/crisis management programs and is in private practice.



Roy Aranda, PsyD, JD is President of the Association of Hispanic Mental Health Professionals and Past-President of the New York State Psychological Association.

He is in private practice and has worked with a richly varied Hispanic population for three decades providing treatment and evaluations in several immigration-related contexts.



Jennifer McQuaid, PhD is a clinical psychologist in private practice. For the past decade, she has served as the Consulting Clinical Psychologist to Sanctuary for Families,

which provides services for survivors of domestic violence, sex trafficking and related forms of gender violence. She frequently evaluates and provides expert witness testimony for asylum applicants.

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