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## *Examining the Multisystemic Dynamics of Families, Communities, and Policies Influencing Adolescent Delinquency: An Interdisciplinary Framework for Social Change*

**Presenter: Lucas Volini, DMFT, LMFT**

**Date: Friday, September 13, 2019**

**Time: 8:30am - 4:00pm**

**6.0 CEUs**

### **Training Description**

Individuals involved in the criminal justice system demonstrate a disproportionate prevalence of mental health issues in comparison to the general public. When examining the influential factors that correlate with the psychological struggles of those engaging delinquent behavior, we discover the complex and multisystemic interactions between the individual's family, community, and social system. Most notably, research demonstrates the relationship between adolescent delinquency and family systems exposing youth to the following aversive developmental experiences: child abuse/maltreatment, witnessing intimate-partner violence, insecure attachment styles resulting from physically and/or psychologically absent parents, negative parental involvement, and most significantly, being rejected by one or both parents. Such strained family dynamics are compounded by community factors (e.g., joblessness, housing density, and poverty) as well as social factors (e.g., lack of socially acceptable opportunities which influence engagement with delinquent peers). In our shared efforts to effectively prevent and disrupt adolescent delinquency, the ways in which family, social, and legislative systems influence one another must be carefully examined and understood. Informed by seminal research filtered through multisystemic conceptual frameworks, this training will demonstrate how the family system, community system, and legislative policies dynamically interact with one another to influence the mental health of individuals, families, and societies. In doing so, a collaborative framework is presented for human service workers, researchers, educators, and legislators to integrate multidisciplinary knowledge in ways that strategically aim to improve systemic health across communities while innovating the criminal justice system. Focused discussion will emphasize the understanding of family systems as they influence the etiology of delinquency, the relationship between family systems and their immediate community, strategies for both clinical and non-clinical intervention by human service workers and educators, and how all of which exist within a multicultural context. The training will conclude with a discussion on interdisciplinary considerations for legislative reform through the lens of the presenter's original research on developing empirically-informed and politically-differentiated legislative policy.

### **Training Objectives**

1. Identify the distinct identities and interactional dynamics of family systems, community systems, and legal systems.
2. Identify the distinct roles and relational responsibilities to effective collaboration between human service workers, researchers, educators, and legislators.
3. Review the multisystemic conceptual frameworks of cybernetics, general system theory, and global systems theory to organize the complexity of larger social systems.
4. Provide strategies for direct intervention of individuals, families, and communities involved with the criminal justice system.
5. Informed by interdisciplinary empiricism, define a politically-differentiated framework for legislative reform related to the prevention and rehabilitation of criminality.

### **Presenter Biography**

Lucas Volini, DMFT, LMFT is an assistant professor at St. Cloud State University in the Department of Community Psychology, Counseling, and Family Therapy with a current appointment as Clinical Director of the graduate program in Marriage and Family Therapy. Dr. Volini's research focuses on the development of Global Family Therapy and Global Systems Theory which examine the relationship between an individual's self-esteem as it relates to the cultural standards and expectations of his or her family and social system. Dr. Volini's research is published in peer-reviewed academic journals and he is the independent author of a textbook on the theory and practice of marriage and family therapy, currently in its second edition. Further, Dr. Volini has been developing the framework of macrosystemic assessment and intervention to inform his method for constructing politically-differentiated policy. His writings on influencing Family Policy informs the official position statement of the American Family Therapy Academy's Human Rights and Family Policy Committee and has been presented on nationally. Most recently, Dr. Volini serves as a founding Chief Editor of Gray Dialogues, an online community generating educational resources with the overall mission to rehumanize multicultural and political discourse. With a diverse background in clinical practice, Dr. Volini maintains part-time private practice at Lorenz Clinic in Victoria, MN where he sees individuals, couples, and families.

**LOCATION: Mall of America, Parkview Meeting and Event Center, 5204 Center Court Bloomington, MN 55425**

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**Location:** Parkview Meeting and Event Center (first floor-inside Nickelodeon Universe), 5204 Center Court Bloomington, MN 55425. Open to the public at 7am. Enter WEST Parking Ramp, accessible from Killebrew Drive. Park on Street Level 1. Enter main mall entrance, proceed straight ahead into Nickelodeon Universe, past the Ninja Turtles Ride and towards the Hard Rock Café. Parkview Meeting and Event Center is located between Flyover America and Hard Rock Café in the southwest corner of Nickelodeon Universe.

### Training Schedule:

7:45am-8:30am – Sign in/Registration	1:00pm-2:15pm – Training
8:30am-10:00am – Training	2:15pm-2:30pm – Break
10:00am-10:15am – Break	2:30pm-3:45pm – Training
10:15am-12:00pm – Training	3:45pm-4:00pm – Questions/Post-Test
12:00pm-1:00pm – Lunch (On Your Own)	4:00pm – Adjourn

**Attendee Contact Information    Adolescent Delinquency    09/13/2019    8:30am-4:00pm    Cost: \$99.00**

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