

IPDC WEBINAR
TRAUMA TRAINING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERS

Friday April 30, 2021

Via Zoom

12.00-1.00 Trauma's Effects on the Brain and Behavior, Part 1

1.05-2.05 Trauma's Effects on the Brain and Behavior, Part 2

Description:

Participants will learn the following:

- 1) Risk factors for psychological trauma
 - a) Signs of PTSD in criminal defendants
- 2) Effects of childhood abuse and neglect on the brain's development
 - a) Focus on effects on brain's centers for impulsivity and control
 - b) Resulting behaviors in criminal defendants
 - i) How these structural changes cause long-term psychological issues such as substance use disorder, impulsive and self-destructive behaviors, and inability to make healthy life and work choices.
- 3) Differentiating antisocial behavior from trauma-based behavior
- 4) The role of genetics in PTSD and antisocial behavior.
- 5) Implications for culpability
- 6) Effective treatments for PTSD

Dr. Robert Kaplan, Clinical & Forensic Psychologist, Ph.D.

Dr. Robert G. Kaplan, President of Kaplan Consulting & Counseling, Inc., is a clinical and forensic psychologist who specializes in trauma, psychological disability evaluation, workplace violence, sexual harassment and substance abuse prevention. He is an experienced crisis manager who has successfully helped employers and individuals resolve several hundred crises involving, suicidal, homicidal, intoxicated and psychotic individuals without the loss of a single life or lawsuit throughout his career. He also advises employers on the development of policies and prevention strategies in his areas of specialization.

As a Certified Forensic Examiner, and Board-Certified Level I Telehealth Professional, Dr. Kaplan serves as an expert witness on behalf of employers and individuals in criminal and civil matters. He has been an expert witness in criminal and civil cases for the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office (Cleveland, OH.) and a consultant to the Erie County Prosecutor's Office (Buffalo, NY). He was appointed to be a defense expert by the U.S. Federal District Court of the Northern District of Ohio in a capital murder case. His reports have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court and a

Governor of Indiana. He also serves as an independent examiner for employers in cases involving fitness for duty, including several police and fire departments.

As an expert in traumatic stress, Dr. Kaplan developed a protocol for Critical Incident Stress Debriefing which is used to help employees who are victims of criminal or catastrophic workplace events such as bank robberies. He developed a training program that was used by many major insurance carriers, which taught claim representatives and adjusters how to work with victims of catastrophic events. He is certified in Critical Incident Stress Debriefing.

Dr. Kaplan was a founding member of the Cuyahoga County Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Organization for emergency responders (i.e., police, fire, EMS). Dr. Kaplan also served as Co-chair of the American Red Cross Mental Health Disaster Team in Cleveland, Ohio. Additionally, he served as a consultant to several county disaster agencies, advising them on the development of mental health response teams, and training mental health professionals for disaster work. Dr. Kaplan is a member of the Ohio Psychological Association Workers' Compensation Task Force. He serves as a consultant for the Ohio Lawyers' Assistance Program for impaired attorneys and is also a lay volunteer arbitrator for the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Fee Dispute Resolution Committee.

Dr. Kaplan has also served as a consultant and expert witness for the Ohio Attorney General, the Canadian Departments of Defence and Justice, the Public Defense agencies for Indiana, Ohio, Oregon, Kentucky, and the Federal government. Additionally, he served as a mediator for the City of Lakewood, Oh. Prosecutor's Office. He has worked as a consultant for the Social Security Administration, Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Dr. Kaplan was a President and Treasurer of the Cleveland Psychological Association and headed its Public Relations Committee. He also served as Chief of the Cleveland Psychological Association Information and Referral Service and Speaker's Bureau. Dr. Kaplan served on the advisory boards of the Adam Walsh Foundation for Missing Children, Glenbeigh Hospital Chemical Dependency Program, and the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. Dr. Kaplan further served on the program committee for the Employee Assistance Professionals Association.

Dr. Kaplan has been a guest speaker at meetings of contingency planners on the topic of managing employees through workplace disasters. He was the featured Behavioral Health Speaker at the Hearing Officers' Conference for the Industrial Commission of Ohio in September of 2013. He has presented his work on workplace violence to a number of organizations, including the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, Ohio State Bar Association, Institute of Business Law and the Midwest Labor Law Conference. His work on workplace violence prevention was published in the *'97 Best of the Midwest Labor Law Conference*. Dr. Kaplan also presented his work on chemical dependency to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association and the Ohio Drug Studies Institute.

In his private practice, Dr. Kaplan specializes in psychological assessment, depression, and traumatic stress reactions for airline disaster survivors, crime and accident victims, combat veterans, and emergency responders.

Dr. Kaplan is a clinical instructor for graduate clinical psychology students at Cleveland State University and Walden University, and has been a guest lecturer for faculty and students at Cleveland State University on psychological trauma and critical incident stress debriefing. He was an instructor in behavior modification to medical personnel at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio, on behalf of Ursuline College. Additionally, he taught management of traumatized patients to medical staff and residents at the Cleveland Clinic Fairview General Hospital.

Dr. Kaplan also developed and taught programs in Workplace Violence Prevention, Sexual Harassment Prevention, Substance Abuse Prevention, and Diversity for employers.

In addition to a chapter in *Psychotherapy Supervision: Theory, Research and Practice*, Dr. Kaplan has done interviews on psychological topics for local and national TV, radio, and print media such as the *Wall Street Journal* and *Inside Business*. He was named a member of the “America Responds” Team of experts for the Cleveland CBS television affiliate (WKJW-TV8) for features on coping with terrorism. He also served as the spokesperson for the American Red Cross on a telethon that was hosted by all of the Cleveland television news affiliates for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Kaplan received his Bachelor’s degree in Psychology, Cum Laude, from the University of Pennsylvania and received his Masters and Doctoral degrees in Clinical Psychology from Case Western Reserve University.