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## **Applying a Trauma-Informed Approach to Forensic Mental Health Assessment: Practical Considerations and Ethical Tensions**

**Presenter:** Julie Goldenson, Ph.D., C.Psych.

**Date:** June 3rd, 2022

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET (*All times East Coast USA Local Time*)

### **I. 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

- The relevance of adverse childhood experiences and trauma exposure in forensic assessment work
- The drama with trauma: competing diagnostic frameworks
- Beyond a buzzword: what does trauma-informed mean for FMHA

### **II. 12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

- Break

### **III. 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

- Interpersonal considerations and ethical tensions related to TI-FMHA
- The Interview: observing and managing arousal and distress
- Psychological screening and psychometric testing

### **IV. 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

- Break

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**V. 2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

- Synthesizing the data: TI formulation and recommendations
- TI-FMHA and the provision of feedback
- Managing vicarious trauma and self-care

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