

# Southern Alameda County Sexual Abuse Consortium

## WORKING WITH ADOPTION IN THERAPY

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Adoption creates complex family structures and charged dynamics. Adoptive parents, birth parents, and people who were adopted have many stories of therapists' misdiagnosing or missing their concerns altogether. If you treat one of 8 eight million Americans with first-hand adoption connections, this is an opportunity to enhance your awareness of adoption-related issues. Topics to be covered include the experience and ongoing impact of placing a child for adoption, key issues in working with birth and adoptive families, and attending to the unconscious material that is particularly stimulated by the adoptive situation.

**Melissa Holub, Ph.D.:** Dr. Holub began her training in psychoanalytically-oriented psychotherapy twenty years ago, and has specialized in adoption-related education and treatment for the past seven years. In addition to helping individuals, couples and families address dynamics specific to the adoptive scenario, Dr. Holub provides adoption education and training to clinicians throughout the Bay Area and nationally. She is particularly interested in the interplay of external and internal relationships constellated through adoption. Dr. Holub is on the clinical faculty of the Wright Institute and the Women's Therapy Center in El Cerrito. Dr. Holub is the President-Elect of the Northern California Society for Psychoanalytic Psychology (NCSPP), the local chapter of the Division of Psychoanalysis of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Holub has a practice in Berkeley, California.

**Thursday April 3, 2008**

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

8:30 to 9:00: Coffee and Registration

**Marina Community Center**

15301 Wicks Blvd., San Leandro

Registration: **\$20.00** if received by **March 27, 2008**  
**\$25.00** for late or at-the-door registrations (if space available)  
Refund Policy: No refunds after March 27, 2008.

Participants with disabilities will be accommodated whenever possible; applicants with special needs should contact Rebecca Cannon at Girls Incorporated of Alameda County, at number listed below, as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

This course meets the qualifications for three hours of continuing education credit for **MFTs and LCSWs** as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (provider approval #: PCE9). SACSAC is approved by the MCEP Accrediting Agency to offer continuing education credits for **psychologists** (MCEP provider#: SOU041). MCEP course # is SOU041-0013-000.

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### REGISTRATION FORM (Required by **March 27, 2008**)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need to be added to the SACSAC mailing list? Yes No

**If you need a certificate of completion for M.F.T. or L.C.S.W. or Psychologist CE hours please list your license type and license #:**  M.F.T.: # \_\_\_\_\_  L.C.S.W. # \_\_\_\_\_  PSY #:: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a **\$20.00** registration fee per person, payable to **SACSAC** and send to:

**SACSAC:** 13666 East 14th Street, San Leandro CA 94578, (510) 357-5515, ext. 216