

The mission of the *Parent Child Center of the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia* is to facilitate growth promoting parenting practices in order to enhance the lives of children and their families. The *Parent-Child Center* provides Parenting Education and Child-Care Consultation Programs. Child analysts use their understanding of how past thoughts, feelings and experiences impact present attitudes, responses and actions to help parents better understand the needs of their children in order to promote healthy development. They offer groups for parents and infants, parents and toddlers, parents of children with learning issues, chronic illnesses and other special needs. In addition, they organize at least one conference for parents and/or professionals each year.

The *Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia*, a not for profit organization, promotes psychoanalytic thought, knowledge and clinical practice throughout the Philadelphia area. The Center provides community education and service, and it participates in the education of physicians, mental health workers, and other professionals. It has developed training programs for psychoanalysts and psychodynamic psychotherapists.

#### EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES:

1. Participants will acquire specific knowledge about the emotional challenges and issues facing parents who are raising children with a chronic illness or condition.
2. Participants will have a greater awareness and better understanding of the impact of a chronic illness on the child's emotional development in general and specifically on the separation individuation process.
3. Participants will learn how a child's chronic illness impacts the child's family.
4. Participants will learn new skills for helping children and their families deal with issues around treatment compliance and overall adjustment, and will be better able to incorporate an understanding of their child's age and stage of development into their relationships.
5. Participants will be better equipped to both understand and help children and their families adjust to and manage the numerous emotional challenges facing them.

#### CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION/CONTINUING EDUCATION

**Continuing Medical Education (CME):** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essentials Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the American Psychoanalytic Association and the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. The American Psychoanalytic Association is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for the physicians and takes responsibility for the content, quality, and scientific integrity of this CME activity.

The American Psychoanalytic Association designates this education activity for a maximum of 4 hours in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spends in the educational activity.

**IMPORTANT DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR ALL LEARNERS:** None of the planners and presenters of this CME Program have any relevant financial relationships to disclose.

**Continuing Education for Psychologists (CE):** The Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor Continuing Education for psychologists. The Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

**Continuing Education for Social Workers (CE):** In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth of PA dated 12/23/06 [49 PA. CODE 47—49], the American Psychological Association is a pre-approved provider for social workers and clinical social workers in the State of Pennsylvania and the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia is approved to sponsor continuing education credits by the American Psychological Association.

**Continuing Education Credits for Public School Personnel (Act 48):** For individuals holding Pennsylvania Public School Certification (pending).

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## UNSPOKEN TRUTHS

THE EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES OF  
PARENTING A CHILD WITH  
CHRONIC ILLNESS

AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP  
FOR PARENTS AND CLINICIANS

*Sponsored by*

**The Parent Child Center of  
The Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2009  
9am – 1pm

*Raising a child with a chronic illness poses many unique challenges to parents and clinicians. From the moment of diagnosis, and even before if the child has been suffering or struggling in some unexplainable way, many conflicting feelings emerge within both the parent and the child. Emotions play a profound role in the course of any illness or disease. The focus of this workshop is to foster a greater understanding of the emotional impact of chronic illness on parenting and the parenting process.*

**This will be an opportunity to learn about  
the many educational training programs  
in psychodynamic psychotherapy and  
psychoanalysis at PCoP**

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**MODERATORS:**

*Dr. Corinne Masur and Dr. Fran Martin,  
Co-Directors of the Parent Child Center of PCOP*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*Congratulations; You have a boy...There's a problem:  
One therapist's journey through birthing and  
parenting a child with an illness.*

- Meredith Barber, Psy.D.

*What Children can teach Parents: Development in the  
Context of Chronic Illness*

- Theodore Fallon Jr., MD, MPH

*Negotiating Identity, Independence and Illness:  
Challenges Facing Adolescents/Young Adults and their  
Parents*

- Abigail Huntington, OTR/L, LMFT  
and Rebecca Mueller, BS

*Through the Eyes of a Pediatrician: Challenges of  
Coordinating Care*

- M. Bidi McSorley, MD

**PANEL:**

Corinne Masur, Fran Martin, Meredith Barber,  
Theodore Fallon, Abigail Huntington, Rebecca  
Mueller, Bidi McSorley, Rob O'Donnell, Laura  
Lipkin, Gina Gallo, Jill Plevinsky

**Moderators:**

Corinne Masur, Psy.D. is a clinical psychologist and  
psychoanalyst with more than 25 years experience  
working with children and families. Dr. Masur  
specializes in the treatment of early childhood  
bereavement. She is in private practice in Center  
City Philadelphia and Chester Springs, PA and  
is Co-Director of the Parent Child Center of the  
Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. She is a  
member of the PCOP Faculty and runs a group for  
children with juvenile diabetes in Chester County,  
PA. Her 11-year-old son was diagnosed with diabetes  
when he was 10.

Fran Martin, Ph.D. is a psychologist and psychoanalyst  
with more than 25 years experience working with  
children and families. She maintains a private

practice in Elkins Park and Center City Philadelphia  
and is Co-Director of the Parent Child Center of the  
Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. She is also Co-  
Director of Child and Adolescent Training at PCOP.  
She runs support groups for children and teens with  
Inflammatory Bowel Disease and their parents. Her  
23-year-old daughter was diagnosed with Crohn's  
Disease at age 12.

**Speakers:**

Meredith Barber, Psy.D., maintains a private practice  
in Penn Valley, PA and specializes in treating people  
who have eating disorders. Her interest in the  
conference arose after many nights of despair and  
revelation while her son spent 10 weeks at Children's  
Hospital after his birth.

Theodore Fallon, MD, MPH is a Child Psychiatrist  
and Psychoanalyst. In addition to his private practice,  
he is Director of Training in Child and Adolescent  
Psychoanalysis at the Psychoanalytic Center of  
Philadelphia. His 11-year-old son was diagnosed  
with Diabetes at age 10.

Abby Huntington, OTR/L, LMFT is a licensed  
marriage and family therapist and a licensed  
pediatric occupational therapist with over 20 years of  
experience. She is in private practice in Wyndmoor,  
PA where she works with children and families, with  
a focus on optimizing relationships in families living  
with medical or developmental disorders in children.

Rebecca Mueller, BS is a certified clinical research  
coordinator with experience in translational research  
on Type 1 Diabetes and organ transplantation. She is  
pursuing a Master's Degree in Genetic Counseling at  
Arcadia University. The daughter of Abby Huntington,  
she was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at age 2.

M. Bidi McSorley, MD is a practicing general  
pediatrician in Center City at Advocare/Society Hill  
Pediatrics. She is a graduate of the Child Psychotherapy  
program at PCOP and has been in practice for twenty-  
four years. She provides care to many children and  
teens with varied chronic health issues. Dr. McSorley  
has a special interest in the psychological health and  
development of children and teenagers.

**Panelists:**

Rob O'Donnell is a retired New York City Homicide  
Detective who was injured and disabled in the line of  
duty. His daughter Kayle was diagnosed with Type  
1 Juvenile Diabetes in December 2007 when she  
was four years old. He has completed the American  
Diabetes Association Advanced School Advocacy  
Training and has testified before the PA House  
Education Committee for better diabetes school care  
and has become a National advocate for students  
with diabetes. With his family he has developed a  
website specific to promoting diabetes school care in  
PA: <http://www.pasafeatschool.webs.com/>.

Laura Lipkin, Ph.D. is a psychologist in private practice  
in Bala Cynwyd. She is also a candidate at the Institute  
for Relational Psychoanalysis in Philadelphia. She has  
spent many an hour in medical settings as a clinician  
or as a care-giver. Her areas of special interest in  
working with families who have a chronically ill child,  
are management of anxiety, sustaining the parental  
dyad, and addressing the needs of well siblings as well  
as the child who is chronically ill.

Gina Gallo completed her Bachelor's Degree in Interior  
Design from Marymount University in 2007. She  
was diagnosed with Crohn's disease at age 13, and has  
been a counselor at Camp Oasis, run by the Crohn's  
and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) where she  
mentors younger children with Inflammatory Bowel  
Disease. She is in the process of applying to graduate  
schools.

Jill Plevinsky is completing her Bachelor's Degree  
in Psychology and Health Sciences at the George  
Washington University. She was diagnosed with  
Crohn's Disease at age 7 and through both local and  
national levels of the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation  
of America (CCFA), she has been working with other  
youngsters with the disease for a number of years.  
She has been a counselor at Camp Oasis, serves as  
the co-chair for the CCFA National Youth Leadership  
Council and is in the process of applying to clinical  
doctorate programs specializing in research on how  
to better help children growing up with a chronic  
illness.

**SPACE IS LIMITED -- REGISTER EARLY!**

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$75 Clinicians - Physicians, Psychologists, Social Workers
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 Parents
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Students - Include a copy of current student identification

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to: The Parent-Child Center of PCoP and mailed with this registration form to:

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**SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE**

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