

Crime-Related Trauma Affects More Than Just Victims, Says Albany Expert

MIAMI, MAY 28, 2008 -- In discussions of crime, most people recognize its traumatic impact on victims. What's not as well recognized is that long-term crime-related trauma can affect anyone associated with crime and/or violence, such as law enforcement and prison officials, clinicians, perpetrators, and military personnel, as well as the families and close friends of all these parties. The good news is that the traumatic effects of violence and crime on all parties can be reduced and healing is possible.

This is the subject of three presentations this week by the nationally recognized expert on long-term trauma and healing, **Patricia A. Fennell**, MSW, LCSW-R. She will be speaking at the American Association of Community Justice Professionals' Third Annual International Conference and The Institute of Evidence-Based and Best Practices this weekend in Miami.

- On May 31 - June 1, she will offer the two-day Tier 1 Certification Program in the Fennell Four Phase Model. Joining her as speakers during the workshop, titled, "Looking at Long Term Trauma from all Perspectives: The Fennell Four-Phase Treatment (FFPT™)," are **David Kaczynski**, brother of the Unabomber, and **Gary Wright**, a surviving victim of the Unabomber.
- On June 2, she will present a keynote address, "The Long-Term Effects of Trauma on Offenders, Victims and Their Families."
- Also on June 2, she and fellow Albany, N.Y. clinician Jon Rice will present the workshop "Corrections to Connections: Addressing Trauma's Aftermath through Fennell Four Phase Treatment Model and Restorative Justice Practices."

The American Association of Community Justice Professionals' Third Annual International Conference and The Institute of Evidence-Based and Best Practices will be held from May 31 to June 4 at the Hyatt Regency Miami at 400 S.E. Second Avenue. AACJP is an international group of individuals and agencies involved in the broad professions of offender treatment and victim services. For more information about the conference, visit www.advocateprogram.com/aacjp.

Ms. Fennell, President and CEO of Albany Health Management Associates, Inc., is the creator of the Fennell Four-Phase Treatment (FFPT™) model, a highly practical, internationally utilized and empirically validated approach to clinical management of chronic illness, trauma and emotional loss. It addresses the complexity of these conditions by matching best clinical practices to four phases – crisis, stabilization, resolution and integration -- and identifies the most appropriate and effective interventions for each phase. The FFPT model provides a narrative framework and cognitive map for all persons affected by a crime, helping them describe, understand and adapt to life following a trauma-producing event or condition.

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