

Beyond the Basics: Advanced Training in Gender Affirmative Care for Mental Health Clinicians

PRESENTED BY:
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9AM - 12PM | IN-PERSON
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Only \$100
3 CEs upon completion



Course Description: This training looks to meet the needs of clinicians who are working with transgender and gender diverse clients and would like to deepen their understanding of how to support clients through technical aspects of transition as well as clinical needs unrelated to transition. The training includes a focus on clinical examples, as well as dedicated space for consultation and resource building, and instruction on writing surgery letters and accessing legal name change support. Additional topics may also include: neurodiversity, gender diversity and familial relationships, supporting clients in relationship building or family creation, and detransition.

Learning Objectives:

- Increase competence in understanding and addressing the mental health needs of TGD clients
- Understand how to write surgery letters in line with WPATH guidelines and how to support clients through transition related resources.
- Build deeper knowledge and understanding in the fluidity of gender diversity

Presenter Bio: Melisa B Bailey (she/her/hers) is the owner of Forest Path Therapy, inc, a therapy practice in Chicago that specializes in LGBTQ+ and TGD affirming care. Throughout her career, Melisa has focused on both clinical work and also on the training and development of early career clinicians, and spent the majority of that time at Howard Brown Health. Melisa received her PsyD in Clinical Psychology from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology and has worked in community mental health, college counseling, and private practice. She has been affiliate faculty at The Chicago School and adjunct faculty at Adler University and has taught Diversity, Systems Theory, and coursework in LGBTQ care. Clinical interests include working with folks around change, parenting and family creation in queer relationships, mental health care and support for Trans and Gender Diverse folks, supporting families during transition, as well as training and supervision of new and early career clinicians. A career goal is to increase the number of LGBTQ competent clinicians in the world so that clients in these communities can get good care wherever they go.