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The Clinical Division presents...

**“The Crisis of Infertility:
What Are the Issues & How Can We Help”**

Presenter: Carolyn Berger, LCSW

April 23, 2010

9:30-11:00am.

Pace University • Marks Hall • Pleasantville NY 10570

Directions: From Bedford Road/Rte 117, Enter the campus from entrance #1. Marks Hall is directly in front when you enter the campus. Parking is available on the right. Once in Marks Hall, proceed to the Psychology Department on the 3rd floor; conference room is on the left at the top of the stairs.

This workshop will focus on the issues faced by couples and individuals who are diagnosed with infertility, and how we can support them through the family building process to a resolution, which could mean using IVF; using donor egg, donor sperm, or surrogacy (3rd Party Reproduction); adoption; or deciding to be "child-free," which is not to be confused with "childless." Building a family through medical technology or adoption involves mourning the loss of the "fantasy child" conceived "the old-fashioned way" and embracing the child who is ultimately created or adopted.

Carolyn Berger, LCSW, has been helping people build families for over 20 years. She is a Founder of The American Fertility Association, an active Board Member of The AFA, and Chair of its Adoption Advisory Council. Carolyn is a professional member of The AFA Mental Health Group, The American Society for Reproductive Medicine, ASRM's Mental Health Professionals Group, NASW, NYSSCSW-Westchester, and The Westchester Therapists Network. She received a Post-Graduate Certificate in Adoption Therapy from The Hunter College School of Social Work in 2008 and her MSW from NYU in 1986. Carolyn writes and speaks widely on both infertility and adoption.

Carolyn's private practice is devoted to Fertility, All Family Building Options, and Adoption. She assists couples and individuals in making decisions about which family building route to take and provides the support and information they need to succeed. Carolyn provides singles and same-sex couples with additional resources created especially for them. Reproductive Technology is learning about the importance of disclosure—something Adoption learned generations ago.

Please RSVP by April 16, 2010 to (914) 723-3030 or e-mail: WCPA4U@verizon.net

This program is designed for those working or training in the mental health professions.
Admission is free to WCPA members and \$20.00 for non-members