

# Ψ Westchester County Psychological Association

School Division *co-sponsored with* Chapter L of NYASP presents:

## *Estimation of Violence Risk in Adolescents*

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**Friday November 1, 2019**

Little Theater at Scarsdale High School from 8:00-10:30

(8-8:30 coffee and schmoozing)

This presentation will review the issues surrounding the prediction of violence in adolescents. An overview of the issues in prediction of violence will be presented and a discussion of the pros and cons of various approaches to risk assessment will be offered. The specific advantages of structured clinical judgment tools will be reviewed and one instrument, the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) will be presented in detail as an example.

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Non-member fee \$20.00 (Cash or checks only)

This presentation is designed for school psychologists and other mental health professionals.

**2 hours of CE credits will be offered through WCPA**

**David L. Pogge, Ph.D.** is Director of Psychology, Director of Outcome Research, and Director of Training in Psychology at Four Winds Hospital. In the 20 years he has worked at Four Winds he has performed or supervised more than 7,000 psychological evaluations and published more than 70 research articles, abstracts, and book chapters in the areas of psychopathology, neuropsychology, and assessment. Dr. Pogge also teaches graduate courses in neuropsychological and diagnostic assessment. He currently is a Lecturer at the School of Psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University and a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. In addition, Dr. Pogge is a Special Master for the Regional Family Trial Docket in Connecticut and a psychological testing consultant for the New York Mets.

## **Learning Objectives:**

At the conclusion of this presentation participants will:

- 1) Understand the actual risk for different kinds of violence by adolescents.
- 2) Understand the problems in predicting violence created by the low base rate of most kinds of violence.
- 3) Understand the nature and advantages of structured clinical judgment tools.
- 4) Understand the SAVRY as an example of a structured clinical judgment tool for estimating violence risk among adolescents and understand how that instrument, or its basic principles, can be utilized by mental health professionals and others to identify adolescents who are at higher risk for violent behavior.

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