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Open Dialogue: Learning From the Finnish Experience

Dr. Jaakko Seikkula & Dr. Mary Olson

Wednesday, June 10th, 2015

8:30 am – 4:00 pm | Holiday Inn, Rutland

476 Holiday Drive, Rutland, Vermont



Jaakko Seikkula, PhD

Open Dialogue is an innovative, network-based approach to psychiatric care that was first developed in the 1980s by Jaakko Seikkula, Birgitta Alakare, Markku Sutela and their multidisciplinary team at Keropudas Hospital in Tornio, Finland. In contrast to standard treatments for early psychosis and other crises, Open Dialogue emphasizes listening and collaboration and uses professional knowledge with a “light touch” – rather than relying solely on medication and hospitalization. It comprises both a way of organizing a treatment system and a form of therapeutic conversation, or Dialogic Practice, within that system.



Mary Olson, PhD

The basic vehicle of Open Dialogue is its radically altered version of the treatment meeting, which typically occurs within 24 hours of the initial call to the crisis service. This treatment meeting gathers together everyone connected to the crisis, including the person at the center, their family and social network, all professional helpers and anyone else closely involved. Throughout this process there are no separate staff meetings to talk about the “case.” Rather, all discussions and decisions take place in the treatment meeting with everyone present.

Conference Information

8:30 – 9:00	Registration/Breakfast
9:00 – 12:00	Morning Session
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 4:00	Afternoon Session

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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