

When the Clinician Becomes the Target

When we joined the ranks of helping professionals, one of the last things that probably crossed our minds was what, if any, risk we would face in our careers. Would our forensic patient who had killed their parents ever corner us in a room and try to assault us? Would our inpatient teenager ever cyber-stalk us online? Would our outpatient client ever try to kill us in our office? Daunting questions to think about; however, these are the very questions that we should be addressing while also helping our client population in need. This course looks back over the past decades to review where mental health treatment has come and what about those shifts may contribute to our vulnerability in our professions; it helps identify the vulnerabilities we should be addressing; and it offers suggestions of actions we can take to protect our work, our clients, our livelihood, and our lives. In addition to receiving the training and education we need to make us the best helping professionals we can be, we also need training such as this to help protect ourselves from any harm that could come in the course of our work.

Target Audience

Psychologists
Therapists
Social Workers
Psychiatrists
Counselors
Nurses
Course level: Intermediate

Learning Objectives

At the end of this seminar, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the risks that may be involved in our treatment work with clients and patients
2. Identify historical information of mental illness, the legal system, and treatment that may have contributed to our risk
3. Explain violence and how it may relate to mental illness
4. Name some of the more common crimes that we may face as clinicians
5. Identify ways to protect ourselves when working in treatment with clients and patients

Seminar Schedule

Typically begins at 1:00 PM and ends at 4:15 PM Eastern time. There is one 15 minute break. However, check the webinar schedule.

Outline

Begin 1 PM ET

Look back at mental illness in recent decades

Look back at mental illness and the legal system

Look at violence and mental illness- why should we be concerned?

Break 2:30-2:45 PM ET

Look at violence in our workplaces and offices

Look at the types of violence we may face in our work as clinicians

Look at what we can do to protect ourselves, our work, and our practices

End 4:15 PM ET

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The Presenter

Dr. Tina Jenkins has been working in the mental health field since the early 1990's. She earned her doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University in 2005. She has worked in the prison system, the forensic mental health system, and the psychiatric inpatient system. She has also been a private practice clinician. Her main treatment areas have been forensics, trauma, eating disorders, and threat/risk assessment. She has also worked to assist the military and law enforcement communities. She is licensed in the DMV area and is a Certified Threat Manager.

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