

A Collaborative Approach to Supervising Mental Health Professionals in Agency, University, Private & Community Contexts

An inspiring “refresher day” for supervisors
with
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“Supervising” and “therapy” informed by postmodern premises involve similar processes—collaborative relationships and generative conversations—even though the context, participants and intent of the endeavors are different: Supervisors and supervisees connect, collaborate and construct with each other to access creativity and imagination toward multiple possibilities where none seemed to exist before.

Join Harlene Anderson to explore and expand supervising” from a postmodern collaborative perspective in university, post-graduate training institutes, agency and private contexts. Drawing from Harlene’s expertise and experience, along with that of the participants, we will focus on discussions about supervision that are relevant to the participants as well as these questions:

- What are the characteristics of supervision from a postmodern/social construction perspective?
- What does collaborative supervision look like “in action”?
- What are the challenges of collaborative supervision?
- How to supervise collaboratively in hierarchical contexts and systems?

Harlene is warm and engaging: come to this dynamic and interactive dynamic interactive day with a format that will include brief didactic presentations, participant discussions, and demonstration consultations.

“ . . . once one gives up on the search for foundations and the quest for certainty, human inquiry into truth and knowledge shifts to the social communal circumstances under which persons can communicate and cooperate in the process of acquiring knowledge.”

Cornell West

DR HARLENE ANDERSON

Harlene Anderson is an internationally sought after teacher and trainer and conducted numerous supervision courses around the world over the last three decades.

A prolific author, her books include *Conversations, Language and Possibilities* and the co-edited books *Appreciative Organizations, Collaborative Therapy: Relationships and Conversations that Make a Difference* and *Innovations in the Reflecting Process*. Dr. Anderson is a cofounder and on the boards of a number of organizations including the Houston Galveston Institute, the Taos Institute, and Access Success International. She has served on numerous professional committees and was a member and chair of the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Harlene holds a doctorate in psychology and is a licensed professional counselor and family therapist. She is an Associate Professor, Psychology Department, Our Lady of the Lake University-Houston, on the faculty of the Houston Galveston Institute and the Taos Institute-Tilburg University Doctoral Program. Her prestigious awards for her scholarly contributions to the field of family therapy include the 2000 American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy award for *Outstanding Contributions to Marriage and Family Therapy*, the 1997 Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy award for *Lifetime Achievement* and the 2008 *American Academy of Family Therapy Award for Distinguished Contribution to Family Therapy Theory and Practice*.