



Brattleboro Retreat

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Brattleboro Retreat Conference Focuses on Working with Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual, and Transgender Clients

BRATTLEBORO, VT—The Brattleboro Retreat will offer two opportunities for mental health professionals to attend a full-day continuing education workshop entitled “*Working with Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender Clients: What Every Counselor Needs to Know.*”

Enrollment is still open for Thursday, May 28th in Holyoke, Massachusetts at the Log Cabin, and for Friday, May 29th on the Brattleboro Retreat campus. Both workshops take place from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Those interested in registering for either event should call 802-258-4359 or register on-line at www.brattlebororetreat.org . Cost is \$140 and includes lunch. CEUs will be awarded.

Workshop presenter Joe Amico, M. Div., LISAC, CAS, is an internationally-known speaker and author on gay, lesbian, bi-sexual and transgender (GLBT) addiction issues. He currently serves as President of the National Association of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual and Transgender Addiction Professionals and Their Allies (NALGAP) and as Vice President for Program Development and Community Educator for Alternatives, a gay-owned and operated alcohol, drug and mental health program based in Los Angeles, California.

This workshop will cover the basics needed to effectively treat GLBT clients. Topics will include: the six stages of “coming out”; ways to make the intake and office experience more GLBT affirmative; understanding how cultural victimization affects addiction; sub-groups within the GLBT community; techniques to help clients heal from cultural victimization; and the difference between “Homophobia” and “Heterosexism.”

The Brattleboro Retreat, founded in 1834, is a not-for-profit, regional specialty psychiatric hospital and addictions treatment center, providing a full range of diagnostic, therapeutic and rehabilitation services for individuals of all ages and their families. Nationally recognized for its premiere treatment in behavioral healthcare, the Brattleboro Retreat offers a high quality, individualized, comprehensive continuum of care including inpatient, partial hospitalization, residential and outpatient treatment.