



Workshop B
Friday, February 10, 2006

8:30 am - Noon

3 Credits

**"New Practice Opportunities for Psychologists:
 Consultation Services for the
 Disability Determination Services Program"**

Featured Speakers:

J. Stephen Clifford, Ph.D., ABPP
 John Microulis
 Deborah A. Cannon

The Workshop: In August 1935, President Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law. From this beginning has come the much expanded disability benefits program for children and adults. Psychologists play a vital role in the disability determination process and can participate in a variety of ways. This introductory program is designed to introduce to and familiarize psychologists with new skills and practice opportunities in the disability field. These skills can be utilized in the disability determination process here in Rhode Island, as well as in other states. This program is specifically for psychologists.

Learning Objectives -- Participants will:

1. Develop an understanding of the programs that the Social Security Administration administers, and the definition of disability for children and adults.
2. Learn about the many roles that psychologists may be involved in during the disability determination process.
3. Gain knowledge about the consultative examination (CE) process, the essential elements required of CE reports for children and adults, and reimbursement.
4. Learn how to contact DDS Professional Relations officers throughout the United States who can tell you about each states' job opportunities.

J. Stephen Clifford, Ph.D. is currently the Chief for Psychological Quality Assurance with the Rhode Island Disability Determination Services. He also provides psychological consultation services to local schools, universities and the US Navy. Dr. Clifford has worked in the area of disability determination for 14 years and completed his graduate studies at Northeastern University and New Mexico State University.

John Microulis is the Deputy Administrator of the Rhode Island Disability Determination Services (RIDDS). The RIDDS is the state agency which makes eligibility determinations on applications for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Mr. Microulis possesses a Bachelor's of Science degree in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master's of Arts degree in psychology from the University of Hartford.

Deborah A. Cannon is currently the Medical Professional Relations officer at the Rhode Island Disability Determination Services office. She oversees the consultative examination process, recruits consultative examiners and in-house examiners at Disability Determination Services and educates the community about the disability process.

Location: 40 Fountain Street, Providence, RI (click [here](#) for directions)

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