

4/24/08 -- "Liability of Serving the Violent or Sex Offender" Yvonne M. Chase, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, Allen Blair, LPC, Janeen Gordon, PC

2 Articles suggested by presenters:

Article #1

Title:

*"Clinical Training and the Duty to Protect"*

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Given that the duty to protect is now a well established clinical and legal expectation, training in professional psychology should assist students in developing conceptual models for violence risk assessment and management. This report presents a training model incorporating recent advancements in risk assessment (such as the assessment of psychopathy), the need for basic legal understanding, and knowledge of specific risk management strategies. Additionally, academic and internship training programs in Michigan were surveyed by telephone about current training patterns. Preliminary results indicated program strengths in general awareness and training in risk factors. However, the data also suggested a need to formalize a faculty role in risk education, improve the training of students in relevant legal information, and establish coherent conceptual models of dealing with potential patient violence. It is argued that improving training of future professionals in this way will improve clinical practice, reduce legal liability, and improve public safety. Copyright © 2001 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]

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Article #2

Title:

*“WHERE THE PUBLIC PERIL BEGINS” 25 YEARS AFTER TARASOFF*

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Relates the effect of the Tatiana Tarasoff case decision by the California Supreme Court on the clinical practice of psychotherapy. Account on the court decision basis for the Tarasoff case; Possible liability of psychotherapists on actions of patients; Implication of the case for psychiatric and infectious disease cases.