Divorce, family breakdown, violence in society and the media, has produced a "shell shocked" generation of kids suffering from anxiety!

Join anxiety expert, Janine E. Oliver, LCSW, MSW, who will demonstrate how you can "connect" with anxious children and inspire them to practice new selfregulation skills. You will learn how to help parents ("bulldozers," "helicopters" and "snowplows") and schools gain confidence, gratification and success in helping their most anxious kids.

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- Separation Anxiety Disorder
- Panic Disorder
- Generalized Anxiety Disorder
- Obsessive-compulsive disorders (including skin picking and hair pulling)
- Social Anxiety Disorder/Selective Mutism
- Specific phobias
- Trauma- and Stressor-related disorders

Emphasis will be on creative psychotherapy involving insight-oriented, cognitive-behavioral, biological, mindfulness, and family systems interventions.

# OBTECTIVES

- 1. Incorporate motivational therapeutic activities into your practice to improve client engagement in treatment.
- 2. Implement structured clinical interviewing strategies to aid in developing comprehensive treatment plans.
- 3. Summarize the "3 ingredient framework" of how anxiety develops in children to assist with assessment and treatment planning.
- 4. Analyze the efficacy of prescription drugs as compared to complementary medicine for treatment of anxiety symptoms in children.
- 5. Implement a three-step skill building model for stress management among young clients.
- 6. Evaluate exposure therapy interventions for effective treatment of OCD, separation anxiety, social anxiety and phobias.
- 7. Design effective strategies to decrease the stress response in kids with learning disabilities to improve information processing, listening skills, and comprehension

- 8. Implement calming techniques to reduce overall anxiety, such as mindfulness and yoga, to reduce fight or flight response and simultaneously engage the relaxation response.
- 9. Evaluate the impact deep breathing exercises have on anxiety to enable task completion in children with ADHD.
- 10. Utilize specific anxiety techniques to minimize the ruminative nature of obsessive thoughts that often precede dysfunctional compulsive behaviors.
- 11. Teach clients to engage the parasympathetic nervous system to create new neuropathways to reduce hyper arousal and decrease maladaptive behaviors.
- 12. Implement clinical strategies to decrease symptoms of pervasive separation anxiety in children and adolescents.

# JANINE E. OLIVER, LCSW, MSW, is a licensed clinical

social worker, and psychology professor. Janine has over 15 years of experience working with children with anxiety in outpatient and therapeutic foster care settings. She has worked with children, as well as their foster families, to implement self-regulation and mindfulness interventions with an at-risk population that have suffered abuse, neglect and trauma.

Presently, Janine is a psychotherapist working at a dynamic outpatient agency, adjunct psychology professor, and part-time yoga / meditation instructor. Janine is a doctoral candidate currently researching the cognitive and instruction focus areas in the field of psychology. In addition to serving as a psychology professor since 2010, Janine has trained foster parents in a therapeutic foster care agency to be eligible for licensure, and ultimately become and maintain their licensure status as therapeutic foster parents.

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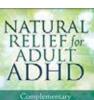
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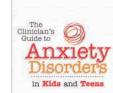
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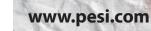
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# DAY ONE

#### Sources of Anxiety and Treatment Overview

- What research tells us about therapy effectiveness applied to children
- How anxiety develops in children: the "Three Ingredients Framework"
- Biological sensitivity
- Anxiety personality style
- Stress overload
- Treatment goals, strategies and recommendations
- The baseball analogy for behavior change and symptom reduction
- Behavioral health recommendations

### **Interventions: Stress Management and Anxiety-Regulation Skills**

- The 1st intervention: "3-S" process for stress management
- Symptoms
- Sources
- Solutions
- The 2nd intervention: anxiety regulation skills
- "Relaxation Response"
- Breathing practices
- Mindfulness practices for children
- Flow activities
- Yoga games
- Martial arts
- "Baby Buddhas" meditation for preschoolers
- Other approaches to self-regulation

#### School Recommendations, Medication, DSM-5<sup>®</sup> Classification, and Interventions for Separation Anxiety Disorder

- Recommendations for schools
- Pros and cons of medication
- Nature's remedies
- Herbal treatments
- Homeopathy
- DSM-5<sup>®</sup> anxiety disorders: current updates
- Separation anxiety
- Normal separation process
- Therapeutic exposure
- "Helicopter," "bulldozer" and "snowplow" parenting
- Strategies to help parents let go

#### Interventions for Generalized Anxiety and Panic Disorder

- Generalized anxiety
- Why we worry
- Introducing language for new thought patterns
- 9 strategies for replacing worry with alternative cognitive habits
- Panic disorder
- Diagnosis and treatment success rates
- Agoraphobia component
- Treatment metaphors
- "Floating Technique"
- "LifeSkills" Self Help Program

#### Interventions for Obsessive-Compulsive Disorders

- Obsessive-compulsive disorders: expanded classification
- Relationship between obsessions and compulsions
- Trichotillomania (hair pulling)
- Excoriation (skin picking)
- Body dysmorphia
- PANDAS (medically induced OCD: Pediatric Autoimmune Disorder Associated with Streptococcus Infection)

#### Interventions for Social Anxiety Disorder and Selective Mutism

- Social Anxiety Disorder
- Selective mutism
- Self-esteem issues and treatment
- Social communication skills
- Group therapy

#### Interventions for Phobias and Stressor- and Trauma-Related Disorders

- Specific Phobias
- Diagnosis and examples
- Virtual realty exposure
- Stressor and Trauma-related disorders
- Expanded diagnostic classification
- Attachment disorders
- Adjustment disorders
- Acute stress disorders
- Trauma-related disorders
- New frontiers in trauma treatment

#### Wrap Up

- Therapy progress measures
- Case consultations

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- 4:00 Program ends

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