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PSCP: The Psychology Network are pleased to offer:

BALANCING CARE AND CAUTION: A DEEP DIVE INTO SCHOOL-MANDATED PSYCHIATRIC RISK ASSESSMENTS

In this presentation, we explore the growing demand for school-mandated psychiatric risk assessments, driven by increasing concerns around student mental health and safety. We outline the key components that constitute an ideal risk assessment, including a multidisciplinary approach and a focus on contextual factors. To streamline the process, we introduce a school-based referral system that allows educators and healthcare providers to collaborate efficiently in identifying students in need of psychiatric evaluations. However, we also discuss the potential pitfalls and challenges associated with compulsory assessments, such as stigmatization, ethical dilemmas, and the need for highly specialized training for school staff involved in these evaluations.

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Date: Friday, February 23, 2024

Place: Zoom Online

Time: 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Credits: 3 CEU Credits



* **LEARNING OBJECTIVES:** Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Describe the escalating demand for school-mandated psychiatric risk assessments.
- Explain the elements that make up an ideal risk assessment.
- Describe a school-based referral system for psychiatric evaluations.
- Identify potential pitfalls and challenges associated with compelled examinations.

FEES: This workshop is free for members of SOS, PSCP: The Psychology Network. There is a \$50.00 admission fee for others. CE credits and Act 48 credits are \$45.00 each. Payment must be made online, by check, or money order made out to SOS, mailed to **8537 Alicia Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19111**, prior to the workshop. **NO CASH PLEASE.**

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Registration will be closed Thursday, February 22 at 9:00 A.M. Payment is due at time of registration. If payment is not received by the date of the workshop, you will not be considered registered.



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