



Connecticut Chapter, Employee Assistance Professionals Association (EAPA)



Message from the President

Here Comes Online EAP!

Welcome back CTEAPA Members! Our September meeting will be here soon. Hopefully we all had a nice Summer and return with all the vigor that we're known for.

The EAPA Board of Directors election is on and I encourage all Members to participate. The online method through the email link that you should have received works seamlessly. CTEAPA has a few of our own running and would appreciate support.

On the EAPA homepage there's a section dedicated to various Chapter/Branch online meetings. This is an easy way to try out a different way to attend a meeting, opens up ideas on how we can extend our reach and procure additional educational (PDH) opportunities from offsite presenters. The EAPA Board is now investigating various ways to standardize delivery, ensure PDH integrity, etc. We are letting each run it their own way while we learn and collect data. Exciting times all around us.

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NEXT MEETING

September 20, 2018

Topic: What Is Vaping and Why Are Our Children Doing It?

8:30am –11:00am

Speaker: Liz Jorgensen, CADC

Location: Gaylord Hospital

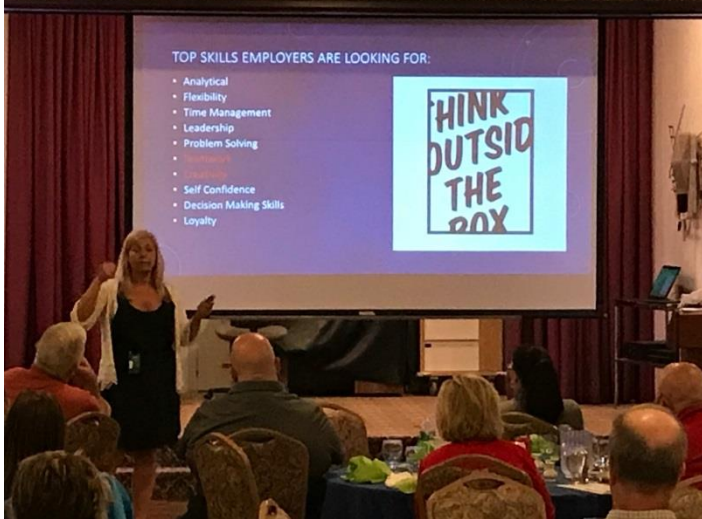
Welcome to the CT EAPA Newsletter!

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to post information of interest to our membership and friends of the Chapter. This may include job openings, trainings, brief announcements, etc.

Thanks and hope you join us at a meeting!

- Bud Wassell, CEAP, Membership Chair, 203-688-2280 or bud.wassell@ynhh.org

Susan Cardillo, PhD., Assistant Professor of Digital Media and Journalism speaking on Technology, It's Effects on Communication, Society and the Future Workforce.



Speaker Schedule:

September 20 – What Is Vaping and Why Are Our Children Doing It? Liz Jorgensen, CADC, Insight Counseling and Clinical Consultant, Newport Academy

October 18 – Transgender 101: What It's All About.

Jill Celentano with Sandra Baltazar Tatroe, LCSW

November 15 – TBA

December 20 – Holiday Breakfast – TBA

Our CT Chapter meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 8:30 – 11:00am at Gaylord Hospital, Chauncey Conference Center

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JUNE CONFERENCE A SUCCESS!

Our June Conference, **Plugged In: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of the Information Superhighway on the Workforce** held on June 21st at Zandri's Stillwood Inn in Wallingford, CT, was another one of our successful Chapter events! It was attended by over 60 people and 16 Exhibitors netting a profit of approximately \$4,000.

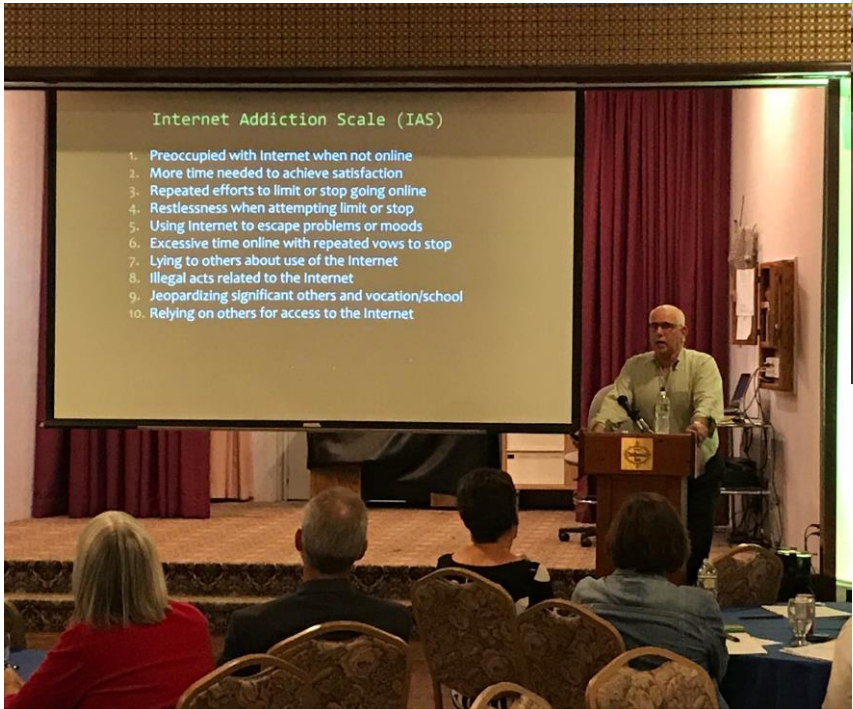
The speakers were informative, professional, and well versed on how we can all support our employees and organizations who are struggling to manage the pervasive impact of technology and the digital age. We thank them for their time and the sharing of their experience and knowledge with respect to the topic.

As the Chair of this event, I would like to extend my gratitude and thanks to the Committee: Dan Boissonneault, Becky Harris, Vivien Bergl, Orlene Gallops, Bud Wassell, Jason Bannon, Melissa Curtis, Lori Shore, Iris MacLean, Dave Francis, Christine Garthwaite, Gary Alger, and Liz Guerra-Walker for their endless and tireless support and time with making the Annual Conference so successful...you are a great team to work with!!!

Last, but not least, thanks to all of the CT Chapter Members for their support in attending this great function. We look forward to continued success for next year's Conference.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

- **Carolyn Singer, Chairperson, June Conference Committee**



Dr. David Greenfield, Founder, the Center for Internet and Technology Addiction, addressing June Conference attendees on Virtual Addiction, Treatment Considerations in Internet Use Disorders.

President's Note – continued

In today's world of remote locations, people that telecommute from home and travel time when time is money, this may be the answer to the question of what might buoy the future of Employee Assistance. I believe that nothing can replace face to face on the delivery of EA services but initial intervention may happen electronically. It would be sad to miss the opportunity. Telemedicine, online 12 Step meetings and distance learning are all commonplace. Online EAP won't be far behind if we want to remain relevant in the field.

Best to all,

**Dan Boissonneault, CEAP, SAP, LAP-C
CT Chapter President**



Carolyn Singer, Chairperson of the June Conference Committee who makes it all happen!

Join Now! Here's how:

Log on to www.eapassn.org

Select JOIN NOW to complete an online membership application.

Download a membership application. Mail to EAPA, 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 410, Arlington, VA 22203. Or Fax to 703-522-4585

Telephone EAPA at 703-387-1000, ext. 334 to request an application.

For CT membership questions, contact Bud Wassell at bud.wassell@ynhh.org or call 203-688-2280.

Bulletin Board

Employee Assistance Professionals Association

Find us on the Web: www.eapassn.org
CT Chapter: www.cteapa.com

EAPA's Mission: To promote the highest standards of practice and the continuing development of employee assistance professionals, programs and services.



Of Interest:

- Our members are welcome to join Jason Bannon at the **CT Suicide Advisory Council** meetings that are held on the 2nd Thursday of the Month. 9am-11am at The Armed Forces Reserve Center 375 Smith St., Middletown, CT

Please let us know if you have a training of interest to our membership. We're happy to post it!

To sign up for EAPA's weekly NewsBrief's go to www.eapassn.org

There was no formal business meeting in June so there are no minutes.
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2018!

Time to vote! EAPA has returned to genuine elections for the EAPA Board of Directors.

Don't miss your opportunity to help forge the direction of our association moving forward. You may review the [candidates on the ballot HERE](#).

As a voting member you should have received a reminder email this past week from EAPA with instructions to vote. If you need your credentials to be reissued to you, please request them from elections@eapassn.org

The 2018 EAPA Election is open through 9/13/2018 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time (UTC -5).

