December 29, 2010

Dear Colleague:

The Riverside Trauma Center is pleased to announce that we are now offering clinical consultation, as well as individual and family counseling services for children, adolescents and adults affected by trauma and suicide. These new services will be provided directly by the Center’s highly-skilled clinicians who are experts in dealing with the particular issues that confront individuals following a sudden, violent death or other traumatic event.

The Riverside Trauma Center is well known across Massachusetts, and is nationally recognized for our efforts helping communities, schools and businesses cope with the emotional aftermath of tragic events. We are a leading collaborator with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and Public Health in trauma response, suicide prevention and postvention – winning awards for our work and presenting at state and national conferences. Following numerous requests from individuals and organizations in communities where we have responded to critical incidents, our clinical staff will now begin providing the ongoing, one-to-one counseling that many trauma survivors need. We are pleased to provide this valuable resource to those individuals who are struggling to manage symptoms and resolve the complicated issues created by these complex and demanding life events.

To make a referral to the Riverside Trauma Center’s counseling program, or request further information, please call 781-433-0672 and ask for extension 5636. Consultation and counseling services are provided at our Needham offices on Highland Avenue. Please note that the Center is not able to accept private or public health insurance for these services.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Berkowitz, Ed.D.
Director, Riverside Trauma Center
The Riverside Trauma Center Clinical Leadership Team

Riverside Trauma Center's clinicians are all highly trained and experienced professionals in trauma response and treatment, with specialized skills working with children, adolescents and adults. Our Clinical Leadership Team includes individuals whose clinical, supervisory, management, consultation and training skills put them at the forefront of their profession.

Lawrence Berkowitz, Ed.D., Licensed Psychologist
Director, Riverside Trauma Center
20+ years of clinical experience with particular expertise in working with children, adolescents, and families who are trauma survivors and/or suicide survivors.

James McCauley, LICSW
Associate Director, Riverside Trauma Center
30+ years of clinical experience working with children, adolescents and adults. Special expertise in working with suicide and trauma survivors
Languages: English, American Sign Language

Waheeda Saif, M.A., Licensed Mental Health Counselor
Program Coordinator, Riverside Trauma Center
6 years of clinical experience with both adolescents and adults. Special areas of interest include gender and race issues, sexual assault, domestic violence and trauma.
Languages: English, Urdu, Hindi

Ilana Amrani-Cohen, LICSW, Ph.D.
Director, Children With Voices: A Child Witness to Violence Program
30+ with particular emphasis on domestic violence and trauma
Languages: English, Hebrew

Denise Stephenson, LICSW
Senior Clinician
25+ years of clinical experience with particular expertise in trauma, using EMDR, Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), and treatment of dissociative disorders.