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"The Academy has brought together the best and the brightest to work on better understanding of what it is that occurs during traumatic stress and how to advance clinical applications."

Francine Shapiro, Ph.D., BCETS

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Academy President, Dr. Mark Lerner, appeared on ABC World News Tonight.

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How We Can Prepare for the Hidden Trauma

Today, we are responding to threats of an imminent terrorist attack in New York City. We are developing plans and protocol for addressing the wide spectrum of events that can potentially disable us - including chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear attack. We are investing countless hours training and practicing with elaborate equipment and protective gear. Our primary goal is the stabilization of injury and the preservation of life.

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DIPLOMATE, FELLOWSHIP AND BOARD CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS

Members of the **American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress** may apply for Diplomate, Fellowship and Certifications in specialty areas. To achieve these credentials, an application, along with supporting documentation, are utilized to validate a Member's knowledge, knowledge and level of education in the area of application.

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"I think that an organization like the Academy helps us strive for raising the level of quality assurance in the field while promoting creativity and innovation - all with the ultimate goal of being able to better serve people in need."

George Everly, Jr., Ph.D., BCETS, FAAETS

Member of Board of Scientific and Professional Advisors
The American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress
Chairman of the Board Emeritus
Critical Incident Stress Foundation

CODE OF ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

As a multidisciplinary group of professionals, the **American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress** has established a Code of Ethical & Professional Standards for practice across disciplines. All Members must adhere to the code.

As a Member of the **American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress**, I pledge:

- To be committed to the advancement of intervention for survivors of trauma.
- To maintain the highest standards of competence and professional practice in my work with trauma victims.
- To provide only those services for which I am qualified by virtue of my knowledge, experience and education.

Unfortunately, far too many adoptive children have faced traumatic events including, but not limited to, neglect, physical and sexual abuse and various degrees of abandonment. In recent months, I have accompanied Dr. George Rogu on a speaking tour with AdoptionDoctors.com.

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A Perspective on Preventing School Violence

The tragedy at Red Lake High School in Minnesota is a painful reminder of what can happen in a school. Following, is my perspective on how we may prevent school violence.

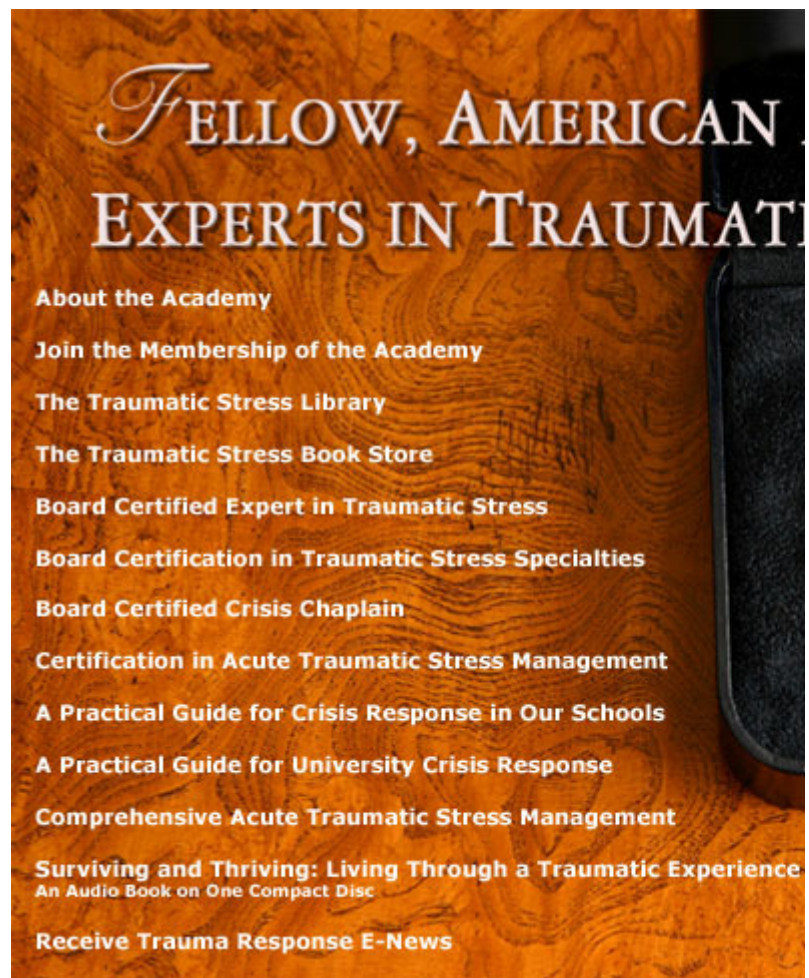
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- To maintain my knowledge of the research literature directly related to the services I render.
 - To respect the rights of individuals to privacy and confidentiality.
 - To never misrepresent my credentials, education or membership status.
 - To refrain from conduct that would be adverse to the interest and purpose of the Academy.
 - To work toward increasing awareness of traumatic stress and improving treatment for survivors.
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The Academy is multidisciplinary and facilitates different professions coming together under one umbrella. I think that's a great virtue. The cross-pollination that comes from that kind of interaction can only begin to generate a deeper understanding of the phenomenon of traumatic stress as it affects victims and survivors of trauma ... the Academy, with its diverse and international membership, provides a forum for education, training, publication and consultation.

John Wilson, Ph.D.

Founding Member and Past President of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies



About The Academy

The American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress® is a multidisciplinary network of professionals who specialize in the treatment of trauma. The Academy aims to identify expertise among professionals, across disciplines and geographies. The Academy's Traumatic Stress Library and publications provide practical information for survivors and professionals alike.

Today, our international membership includes individuals from over 200 professions in business, law, medicine, education, and the military. With Members in every state of the United States and over 55 foreign countries.

The Academy defines traumatic stress as, "the emotional, cognitive, behavioral, physiological, and spiritual effects of traumatic events that overwhelm their coping and problem-solving abilities." Our mission is to increase awareness of traumatic stress and to provide effective intervention with survivors.

Traumatic stress has many "faces." In addition to the devastating effects of large-scale disasters, it can also be the result of the effects of day-to-day traumatic experiences (e.g., chronic illness, accidents, domestic violence, etc.). For many, it is a struggle to ultimately, thrive.

Benefits of Membership with The American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress

1. Immediately receive the top selling Academy publication *Comprehensive Acute Traumatic Stress Management*.
2. Membership in a Prestigious Professional Organization.
3. The Opportunity to apply for:
 - Board Certification and the Diplomate Credential (B.C.E.T.S.) ([click here](#))
 - Board Certification in 13 traumatic stress specialty areas ([click here for details](#))

- Fellowship with the Academy (F.A.A.E.T.S.) ([click here for details](#))
 - Certification in Acute Traumatic Stress Management (C.A.T.S.M.) ([click h](#))
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 5. Elegant certificates denoting Academy membership and Academy credentials.
 6. Copies of publications distributed by the Academy.
 7. The ability to network with professionals, from over 200 professions, in every traumatic events.
 8. Listing in the International Registry of The American Academy of Experts in T network for professionals, across over 200 disciplines. ([click here to view the Re](#))
 9. A Code of Ethical and Professional Standards ([click here for details](#))
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