



**INTERACTION GUIDANCE: A STRENGTH-BASED APPROACH  
FOR WORKING WITH DIFFICULT TO ENGAGE FAMILIES  
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**INTERACTION GUIDANCE COURSE – SESSION 1**

**8:00 – 8:30 AM      Registration**

**8:30 – 10:00 AM      Relationship building with families: The “How To” Basics:  
assumptions important to working with families and potential “ports of entry”**

**10:10 – 10:50 AM      Therapeutic Characteristics of IMH Approaches and Interaction Guidance**

**11:00 – 12:00 PM      The Structure of Interaction Guidance: Videotaped Vignettes**

- **Assessing the Family Situation**
- **Who Comes to Treatment**
- **Implementing the Interaction Guidance Family Treatment**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM              LUNCH**

**1:00 – 2:30 PM              Cases Illustrating Interaction Guidance**

**2:30 – 2:45 PM              BREAK**

**2:45 – 3:30 PM              Case Illustration**

**3:30 – 4:30 PM              Summary and Evaluation**

Please contact **Quinn Urich** for questions  
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## Overview

This two-part workshop will enable practitioners to increase their understanding of the Interaction Guidance Model key concepts and issues that impact early parent-child relationships and infant-family mental health and well-being. It will include a review of the theory, research and practical implications of the model; primary characteristics and early determinants of health attachment and parent-child interactions; and common concerns and signs of early relationship difficulties. There will be a comparison of the models' infant-family mental health practices versus traditional mental health approaches through case videos that will be applied to specific cases. Participants will practice using the model by matching intervention with the strengths and needs of the family. This intensive workshop is designed for intermediate to advanced interdisciplinary practitioners who participate in or provide or preventive intervention and treatment services for very young children and families including those who may be at risk for relationship, emotional-social and/or mental health problems. It provides an opportunity for participants to work with the presenter to review the core principles of the Interaction Guidance Model and refine and apply intervention techniques based on actual work with specific families and children.

**For more information, including workshop schedules and learning objectives, please visit the EITI website at [www.lacgc.org](http://www.lacgc.org)**

**Continuing Education:** Each day of this training meets the qualifications for 7 hours of continuing education for licensed psychologists, licensed marriage and family therapists, and licensed clinical social workers as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (CE provider #PCE3929) and the California Board of Psychology. If you arrive past 8:30 am or leave early, no CE credits will be given. The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. The Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic is the sponsor of this program and maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

I **would like to attend:**     **Day I (\$89)**     **Both Day I & Day 2 (\$178)** (dependent upon availability)

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**\*\* \$10 administration fee will be charged for cancellation, which must be submitted in writing one week prior to the training.**