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Applying a Trauma-Informed Approach to Forensic Mental Health Assessment: Practical Considerations and Ethical Tensions

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Length: 4 hours

I. 1 hour and 30 minutes

- The relevance of adverse childhood experiences and trauma exposure in forensic assessment work
- The drama with trauma: competing diagnostic frameworks
- Beyond a buzzword: what does trauma-informed mean for FMHA

II. 1 hour and 15 minutes

- Interpersonal considerations and ethical tensions related to TI-FMHA
- The Interview: observing and managing arousal and distress
- Psychological screening and psychometric testing

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III. 1 hour and 15 minutes

- Synthesizing the data: TI formulation and recommendations
- TI-FMHA and the provision of feedback
- Managing vicarious trauma and self-care

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