

**Audience**: Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers that are implementing Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) in Kansas.

## Training Series for Clinical Employees

These trainings are for all employees on an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team. Participants will learn foundational skills for their specific role, to work on a multi-disciplinary team, and to advance the lives of persons with serious mental illness. All trainings will be from 1-3 p.m. CT and virtual, unless otherwise noted.

## Training Themes

Trauma Informed Care | April 27, 2022 | Virtual

Motivational Interviewing | May 25, 2022 | In-person

Recovery Oriented Care | June 22, 2022 | Virtual

Shared Decision Making | July 27, 2022 | Virtual

Assessments | Aug. 24, 2022 | TBD

Treatment Planning | Sept. 28, 2022 | Virtual

De-escalation/Crisis Intervention | Oct. 26, 2022 | In-person

Benefits Planning | Nov. 16, 2022 | Virtual

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Presenter Bios

Mogens <u>Bill</u> Baerentzen, Ph.D., CRC, LMHP, is the Program Director of Mid-America MHTTC Serious Mental Illness initiative. He received his PhD in Psychology and certification in Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Baerentzen has dedicated his career to helping persons with serious mental illness live meaningful inclusive lives. Today, he works to increase utilization of evidence-based mental health practices in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska. Dr. Baerentzen has worked as director of a 250-bed emergency overnight shelter; supervisor of therapists in a treatment program for persons with co-occurring disorders; and as faculty in a rehabilitation counseling program.

Marla Smith, MS, LMHP, LMHC, has been a Regional Trainer for the Mid-America Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) since November 2020. There, she coordinates behavioral health training with a focus on working with those who have a diagnosis of a serious mental illness. Licensed in both Nebraska and Iowa as a Mental Health Counselor, Marla has spent nearly 17 years working directly with clients of all ages and has learned over the years that it is about connecting with those you serve by meeting them where they are at and communicating in a respectful and trauma-informed manner to help facilitate change. Marla holds a Master's degree in Youth and Family Services from Bellevue University. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and taking long walks in nature.

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