

IGC PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
CLINICAL CONNECTIONS



*Illuminating Relevant Clinical Issues
& Networking with Colleagues*

**SCHIZOPHRENIA: A STORY OF LOVE AND HOPE
THE ROLE OF FAMILY IN THE LIVES OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING MENTAL
ILLNESS**

Mental illness is something not only experienced by individuals, but by their families as well. October's Clinical Connections features the story of one family's experience with schizophrenia and how each family member was impacted by it. Kinsa Bernbeck speaks about her personal experiences of mental illness before onset, during its onset, the realities of living with the illness, and how she finds meaning and beauty in living today. Jenni (Kinsa's sister) speaks about how she was directly impacted, how she came to terms with fears and stigmas, and the role she played in helping her sister recover her life. Liz (Kinsa's mom) speaks about her role as a mother, a professional, the importance of re-defining, and practical ways to help those who experience mental illness. Join us as we explore new ways of thinking about mental illness!

Friday, October 2nd, 2009
7:00-9:00 PM, 3rd Floor, Room 324/326
Networking Begins at 8:30 PM
Pepperdine University - Irvine Graduate Campus
18111 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 332, Irvine, CA. 92612



Kinsa was diagnosed with schizophrenia at the age of twenty, shortly before completing her masters degree. She is the inspiration for Pathways for Mental Health and finding wonderful new ways of living and valuing life. Kinsa's story reveals pathways to beautiful living.

Jenivive, Kinsa's sister, adds important insight as a close sister and friend. A graduate from UCSD, Jenivive has conducted research on the importance of family and how family can positively impact the lives of their loved one experiencing a mental illness.

Liz, the mother of both Kinsa and Jenivive and a GSEP alum, was determined not to lose her daughter to mental illness. Realizing that her professional knowledge was simply insufficient, she embarked on a discovery to help her daughter, her family, and others who live with similar experiences.

If you are unlicensed, you may be able to get hours towards licensure with your clinical supervisor's approval! This is a FREE event!

Please RSVP to Kathleen Wenger at psyprofdev@pepperdine.edu.

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