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## What's New with NBFE?

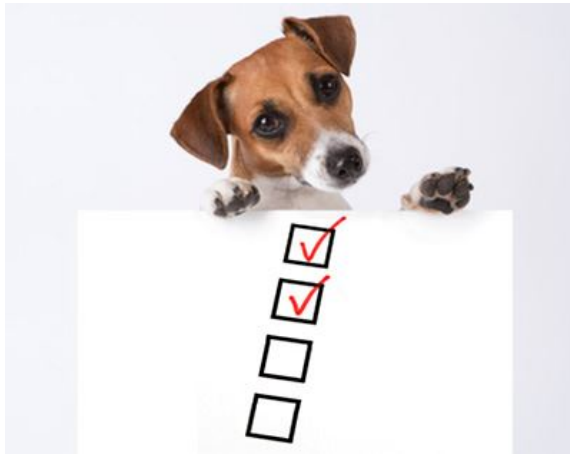
### Parkland Shooting Prompts Need for More Training on Prevention, Mitigation, and Response



[Dwight Bain, LMHC](#) recently presented a webinar for NBFE on school shooters, and we will be unveiling a video recording of this webinar in about a week. We have received several requests for more training in this area. We encourage CFMHEs to obtain in-depth training by pursuing the [Certified Forensic Behavioral Analyst \(CFBA\)](#) credential, which helps prepare CFMHEs for consultation, training, and education roles in prevention, mitigation, and response from a mental health perspective. To be awarded this credential, CFMHEs must complete a 24-hour "on demand" webinar presented by Dr. Gregory Vecchi, former Director of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit, and then complete a written exam (proctored remotely through the internet). For more information on the training [click here](#)

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## New Resource for CFMHEs--Emotional Support Animal Evaluations and Letters



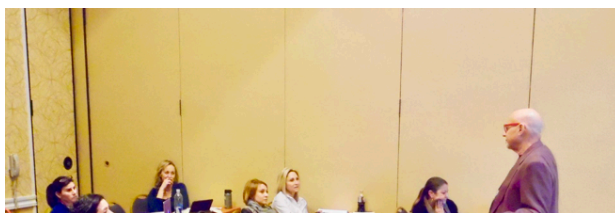
NBFE presented a 2-hour webinar last month entitled [The Mental Health Professional's Role in Evaluating the Need for Emotional Support Animals](#), where we unveiled our new [ESA Assessment/Letter Checklist](#), a tool clinicians can use when assessing the need for ESAs, as well as a [sample ESA letter for airlines](#). Members can download these resources by clicking on the hyperlinks above or vision the [Members Only](#) page on NBFE's website.

## Medical Marijuana--What Do I Do?



NBFE announced a free webinar entitled [What Mental Health Professionals Need to Know About Medical Marijuana: A Primer for Clinical and Forensic Evaluators](#) designed to answer several key questions that clinicians and forensic evaluators have about medical marijuana. The webinar is scheduled for Friday, 6/15/18. See you there!

## Get Certified as a Forensic Mental Health Evaluator!





If you're reading this, and you're not yet a [Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator](#) (CFMHE), then what are you waiting for? Attend one of our upcoming certification workshops, either online or in person:

**6/8/18, West Palm Beach, FL**

[NBFE/FMHCA/SRC Forensic Mental Health Evaluation Certification Training](#)  
Co-sponsored by [Florida Mental Health Counselors Association](#) and [Sunshine Recovery Center](#)

**8/1/18, Orlando, FL**

[NBFE/AMHCA Forensic Mental Health Evaluation Certification Training](#)  
Co-sponsored by [American Mental Health Counselors Association](#)

## NBFE Certification Workshop Recording Now Available



NBFE recently recorded a 7-hour workshop with a cohort from the [Utah Mental Health Counselors Association](#), and we've made that recording available to our members. This is a great resource for review if you are already a CFMHE or to help you with written and oral exam prep (if you are an applicant or candidate pursuing certification). To access that recording, login to [www.nbfe.net](http://www.nbfe.net), and then visit the [Members Only](#) page. Scroll down to the section entitled "Certification Workshop and Written Exam Prep Materials," and click on the first link. If you are prepping for the written exam, pay particular attention to the segment from 1:54:19 through 4:18:22, and if you are prepping for the oral exam, pay particular attention to 4:30:50 through 5:47:00 (how to write the sample report) and 5:47:25-6:33:30 (how to handle attorney traps in cross examination). The "attorney traps" section includes some questions you may be asked during the oral exam.

## NBFE's Executive Director Named as Keynote Speaker



## for AMHCA's 2018 Annual Conference



### AARON NORTON

Mental Health Counselors:  
Who We Are, What We Do,  
and Where We're Going

AARON NORTON, LMHC, LMFT, MCAP, NCC, CRC, CFMHE, provides psychotherapy, clinical and forensic evaluation, clinical supervision, and professional consultation at his practice in Largo, FL, Integrity Counseling. Awarded Mental Health Counselor of the Year by AMHCA and Counselor Educator of the Year by Florida Mental Health Counselors Association (FMHCA) in 2016, he is an adjunct instructor at the University of South Florida, executive director of the National Board of Forensic Evaluators, and chair of FMHCA's Education Committee

Aaron Norton, NBFE's Executive Director, will be delivering the keynote address at the American Mental Health Counselors Association's annual conference in Orlando on Thursday, 8/2/18 entitled *Mental Health Counselors: Who We Are, What We Do, and Where We're Going*. To learn more and register for the annual conference, [click here](#). Also, Aaron is running for the position of Southern Regional Director of AMHCA. If you're an AMHCA member, [don't forget to vote](#).

## NBFE Welcomes Newly Certified Clinicians!



Annette Benneche, MS, M.Ed., LPC, NCC, BCPC, CTT  
CFMHE #000096  
Georgia



Deborah Watson, Ph.D., LMHC, CLMHC, LPC, CSOTS, CWLC, CCFC, CCTP  
CFMHE #000097  
Florida





Christa Maxant, MS, LMHC, CFMHE  
CCCE #20  
Massachusetts

Welcome aboard, Annette and Deborah!

Christa has already been a CFMHE since November 2017, but she recently completed all requirements for the specialized Certified Child Custody Evaluator credential. Congratulations, Christa!

## NBFE Homestudy Trainings Available On Demand!



NBFE recently re-vamped its homestudy program so that most home studies can now be downloaded as PDFs with automated quizzes (vs mailing a hard copy). Visit NBFE's [Training Events](#) page to browse through our homestudy options.

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