

Patricia Fennell To Speak On Living With Chronic Illness In East Fishkill, NY

Patricia Fennell, MSW, LCSW-R, CEO of Albany Health Management Associates, Inc. will present a program on living with chronic illness on Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 1:30 pm at the East Fishkill Community Library. This program has been developed to benefit both the individual and care giver. Fennell's organization provides counseling and case management in the areas of chronic illnesses, trauma, forensics and hospice care, as well as consulting and education for employers, professional training for clinicians, and collaborative research for the international scientific community. Ms. Fennell is an innovator in the chronic illness and mental health fields, and she created the internationally recognized Fennell Four-Phase Treatment (FFPT) TM approach for understanding and treating chronic medical and mental health conditions. The model has been translated into several languages and is used by clinicians, researchers, and patients worldwide.

Ms. Fennell is frequently sought as an expert on trauma, forensics, restorative justice, hospice, chronicity, and disability. She is currently developing a program and lecturing on restorative justice and forgiveness with David Kaczynski, brother of the Unabomber, and Gary Wright, a survivor of the Unabomber. Prior work includes supervising the patient/client suspicious death reporting system for the New York State Commission on Quality of Care for the Mentally Disabled; treating sex offenders and their victims, including families surviving incest, for St. Anne Institute in Albany, N.Y.; and working on rape crisis boards and with schools as a sex abuse liaison.

She is a dynamic and engaging presenter and is invited to lecture and teach internationally, utilizing her original content and curricula. Pat Fennell is a theorist, researcher, and author of several scholarly and popular books and articles, including *The Chronic Illness Workbook*, *Managing Chronic Illness Using the Four-Phase Treatment Approach*, and *The Handbook of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome*.

Pat Fennell has received numerous professional and community honors and serves on the boards of several national medical and professional organizations, including the Editorial Board of the Journal of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, the Board of Directors of the International Association for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and ME, and the Advisory Board of the National Fibromyalgia Association. She utilizes her clinical experience in forensics, trauma, death/dying, bereavement, hospice care, and, most recently, restorative justice to provide consultation for a variety of organizations including government agencies, management consulting groups, patient organizations, and Fortune 150 companies. Ms. Fennell continues to see patients and supervise other clinicians.

Space is limited, and reservations are suggested. Please call the Library at 221-9943 or reserve a place using the interactive online web-calendar at <http://www.EastFishkillLibrary.org>.

Chartered in 1938, the East Fishkill Community Library is a member of the Mid-Hudson Library System. The library is located at 348 Route 376 in Hopewell Junction. Library hours are Monday - Thursday 10am - 8pm, Friday 10am - 6pm, and Saturday 10am - 5pm.

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