

# **THE SECURE BASE-SAVE HAVEN CODING SYSTEM<sup>©</sup>**

## **A 6-day Evidence-Based Training Course Based On The Circle of Security<sup>®</sup>**

**Presented by Robert Marvin, Ph.D., Director**

**Professor Emeritus, University of Virginia School of Medicine  
Research Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Virginia**

### **Course description**

Dr. Bob Marvin will present a 6-day workshop, based on the Circle of Security<sup>®</sup>, for clinicians and researchers interested or involved in evidence-based assessment of the relationships between parents/caregivers and their children. The goal of this workshop is to train professionals who conduct these evaluations to score interactions around the Circle of Security<sup>®</sup> in a standardized manner that is less expensive to learn and implement than traditional attachment research-based procedures.

This coding system focuses on interaction in the following areas: child attachment to caregiver; caregiver bond and patterns of responding to the child's attachment behavior; play interactions; teaching interactions; interactions that organize the child's emotions; and behavior management interactions. These are all areas of significant concern to both evaluators and researchers, and are areas of assessment that currently have adequate scientific standardization, reliability, and validity only with procedures that require enormous investment for both training and implementation.

Participants will:

- Review videos of separation-reunion procedures (Strange Situations) between parents and children ranging in age from 1 year to about 12 years of age.
- Learn how to observe, track, describe, and code parent-child interactions relevant to attachment, exploration, behavior management and emotion-regulation.
- practice fitting observations into the Circle of Security<sup>®</sup> and Attachment framework through multiple viewings and discussions.
- Practice how to score child and parent behavior around the Circle of Security<sup>®</sup>

The goal is to support each participant in becoming certified as a Circle of Security<sup>®</sup> evaluator so you are able to conduct and score these procedures for purposes of research or clinical evaluation. Following the workshop, each participant will receive a series of practice videos and accompanying transcripts and coding to be completed with supervision/feedback from Dr. Marvin. The certification test consists of the coding of 12 Strange Situations and requires a minimum score of 75%.

## Faculty

**Robert S. Marvin, Ph.D** is a developmental and clinical psychologist who specializes in families who have children with relationship or developmental problems. He was a student and friend of Mary Ainsworth and John Bowlby, and collaborated with them for many years.

Bob received his Bachelor's degree at the Johns Hopkins University, and his Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Chicago. He completed post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Minnesota and the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. He has been teaching and conducting clinical work and research at the University of Virginia since 1972. Currently he is founder and director of the Mary Ainsworth Child-Parent Attachment Clinic, Professor Emeritus at the University of Virginia School of Medicine, and a Research Professor in the Department of Psychology at UVA.

Over his career, Bob has collaborated with other clinicians and scientists around the world in developing numerous procedures for assessing infants' and children's attachments to their caregivers in normally-developing and high-risk populations. He has also developed a number of evidence-based intervention protocols for high-risk children and their caregivers.

**William F. Whelan, Psy.D.** is a clinical child & family psychologist specializing in work with families who are having emotional/behavioral (relationship-based) problems with their children due to developmental disorders, family stress, or loss and trauma. He is Co-Director of the Mary D. Ainsworth Child-Parent Attachment Clinic in Charlottesville, Virginia, and Research Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Virginia.

Bill received his Bachelor's degree from The University of Chicago, and has done graduate training in psychology at Chicago and The College of William and Mary where he received his Doctor of Psychology degree. He completed a clinical internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

After his fellowship, Bill joined the faculty at the University of Virginia School of Medicine (where he worked for 14 years in Pediatrics and Psychiatric Medicine). He is currently a Research Professor in the Department of Psychology at UVA, and a clinician in independent practice. He provides teaching and consultation services to psychologists, social workers, and physicians across Virginia, in other areas of the country, and overseas. He is involved in several research projects to develop assessment instruments and evidence-based intervention protocols for at-risk children and their caregivers. He also provides intensive training courses in the pre-school attachment coding system, in videotape-based assessment of attachment-caregiving interactions, and in treatment of high-risk attachment-caregiving patterns.

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Secure Base-Safe Haven Coding System

Phone: 434-984-2711 Fax: 434-984-2721

**Course Instructor:** Robert S. Marvin, Ph.D.

**Dates:** (Saturday, Sunday & Monday) January 7, 8, 9 and January 21, 22, 23, 2012  
(January 28, 29 & 30 is reserved as a "snow day")

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Location:** Alice C Tyler Village of Childhelp East  
23164 Dragoon Road  
Lignum, VA 22726

**Course Fee:** **\$1,250** by check (made Payable to: **MDA Attachment Clinic**). This fee covers the 6-day training and supervision through the practice and certification phases.

**Who Should Attend:** Enrollment is limited to M.A.- or Ph.D.-level professionals involved or interested in research and/or evidence-based evaluation of children's relationships with their caregivers. Previous exposure to the Bowlby-Ainsworth theory of attachment, and/or the Circle of Security, would be helpful but is not mandatory.

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**Questions about the content of the course may be directed to Dr. Bob Marvin at [rsm8j@virginia.edu](mailto:rsm8j@virginia.edu).**

**Remaining questions about the course may be directed to Kate Whelan at 434-984-2711 or [kcw.attachmentclinic@gmail.com](mailto:kcw.attachmentclinic@gmail.com)**

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