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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### **Internationally Recognized Expert in Trauma Treatment, Dr. John Briere to Present to Local Professionals**

CALGARY –Calgary Counselling Centre is hosting a professional workshop featuring renowned trauma expert, Dr. John Briere on March 16, 17, at the Westin Hotel. Dr. Briere will introduce practical skills and current research-based knowledge to clinicians working with trauma victims and their families in our community.

“This is a great opportunity for clinicians in our community to improve their treatment of the complex issues that clients present as a result of experiencing trauma,” says Calgary Counselling Centre C.E.O., Robbie Babins-Wagner.

Trauma severely impacts a person’s ability to function in relationships, the workplace, and greater society. A person suffering with trauma may experience suicidal thoughts, flashbacks, depression, and isolation. Trauma can manifest in many ways, including: emotional or physical assault, rape, combat, accidents, natural disasters, childhood abuse, and other violent experiences.

John Briere, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, and Director of the Psychological Trauma Program at LAC-USC Medical Center. He is a past president of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS), as well as recipient of the Robert S. Laufer Memorial Award for Scientific Achievement from ISTSS and the Outstanding Professional Award from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

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