

CBT for FEP training

Hybrid format of online, on demand plus three **live webinars February 2nd, 9th and 23rd 2026 (skipping February 16th for President's Day)**

1pm-430pm EST Via Zoom Webinar

Online material goes live January 5th 2026

Registration closes January 19th 2026

Course Instructor: Sally E. Riggs, DClInPsy & Lauren Gonzales, PhD

I am transitioning my CBT for FEP training to a new format. It will now consist of material to work through online, on-demand, plus three live 3-hour webinars to consolidate this material with experiential exercises. This will help maximize learning and minimize zoom fatigue.

We are excited to announce the return of a popular open enrollment workshop for 2026, with Dr Lauren Gonzales facilitating the live webinars! This is a simplified version of our Full CBTp workshop, deliberately targeted for clinicians working in Early Intervention or First Episode Psychosis Services. CBT for psychosis (CBTp) is an evidence-based treatment, commonly available in Europe, and recommended by best practice guidelines in both the US and the UK in the early intervention for psychosis.

Who can attend: licensed mental health professionals, those with a limited permit, or students currently enrolled in a licensure qualifying graduate program who work in FEP services. Participants must have some experience of working with people with psychosis. Some knowledge of the principles of CBT is also necessary.

Training format:

Online, on demand material to work through, **plus** three live interactive 3-hour **Zoom webinars** (15 hours of material total)

System requirements for webinar:

- Zoom app for phone or desktop
- An internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE) minimum speeds 800kbps/1.0Mbps (up/down) for high quality video
- Speaker and a microphone – built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth
- A webcam or HD webcam – built-in or USB plug-in
- **Headphones** – plug-in or wireless Bluetooth

Daily Workshop Schedule:

EST12:30pm – 1:pm: Registration and technological troubleshooting window

EST 1:pm – 2:pm: Workshop

EST 2 – 2:15pm: Break
EST 2:15pm – 3:15pm: Workshop
EST 3:15 – 3:30pm: Break
EST 3:30pm – 4:30pm: Workshop

Pricing:

\$1149

New Early Bird Pricing:

*early bird special **\$1049 for first 5 registrations** with coupon code **earlybirdfirst5sep2026***

*early bird special **\$1099 for next 5 registrations** with coupon code **earlybirdsecond5sep2026***

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this training participants will be able to:

1. Describe what is psychosis, listing typical symptoms and possible diagnoses that include these
2. Summarize the evidence base for CBT for psychosis, including key critiques
3. Summarize the ABC model of CBT
4. Explain the concepts of delusions and voice hearing as part of the spectrum of normal human experience
5. Demonstrate increased empathy for psychosis by applying at least one empathy generating exercises
6. Describe the concept of “working within a delusional belief system” and be able to recite both one reason why we do it and one technique how we do it
7. Demonstrate the concept of normalizing
8. Set operationalized, patient-centered goals to track progress over time and utilize empirically supported measures to track change
9. List at least five examples of ‘curious questions’
10. Demonstrate how to pull relevant information together into a CBT formulation
11. Summarize the concept of coping skills enhancement
12. List two different skills to be developed for clients who hear voices
13. Differentiate between delusions that are amenable to reality testing and those that are not
14. List three ways of generating alternative explanations for delusions
15. Describe the role of homework or action plans in cognitive behavioral skills building

This workshop provides 15 hours towards your 40 didactic hours required for future CBTp accreditation (<https://www.nacbtp.org/resources>)

Ongoing consultation:

After completing this training, licensed clinicians have the option of ongoing weekly clinical coaching, with monthly review of audio or video session recordings using the CTS-R (James, Blackburn & Reichelt, 2001). Follow-up consultation with tape review is required to gain competence as a CBTp therapist as per the North American CBT for psychosis Network (NACBTpN) CBTp Competence Standards

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<https://www.nacbtp.org/cbtp-competence-standards> However it does not convey any continuing education credits.

About the Instructors:

Dr Sally E. Riggs, DClInPsy is a licensed psychologist and expert in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis with 20+ years of experience working in this field in both London, UK and the US. She earned her Doctorate in clinical psychology at Royal Holloway, University of London, UK in 2005, where she was trained in CBTp. She completed her Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the Aaron T. Beck Psychopathology Research Unit, University of Pennsylvania, during which she designed and facilitated a program to train Masters, Bachelors and Peer-level therapists working in a city community agency in CBT informed interventions for the psychosis milieu. From 2011 to 2015, at Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn, she spearheaded a CBT for psychosis treatment track in the Adult Outpatient Department, trained the Early Psychosis Inpatient unit in CBT informed interventions for the psychosis milieu, and trained and supervised clinical staff throughout the hospital in Full CBTp. She founded NYC CBTp in March 2016 to provide evidence-based psychotherapy for psychosis to people throughout the city, and to widen the availability of her training programs to clinicians throughout the tri-state area.

Recommended Readings (in advance of workshop):

- Cognitive Therapy for Psychosis, A formulation based approach – Morrison, A.P., Renton, J.C., Dunn, H., Williams, S. & Bentall, R. P.
- Promoting Recovery in Early Psychosis, A practice manual – French, P., Smith, J., Shiers, D., Reed, M. & Rayne, M.
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Severe Mental Illness – Wright, J. H., Kingdon, D. G., Turkington, D. and Ramirez-Basco, M.

Cancellation policy:

Registration can be cancelled or transferred to an alternative date up to 14 days prior to the first live workshop. Less than 14 days prior to the first live workshop no refunds will be given. Emails received must be time stamped no less than 14 days prior to the event.

Continuing education:

Sally E. Riggs, DClInPsy is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0487. 15 contact hours will be available for the completion of this training.

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