

# BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **MOTHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIP GROUP**

Function Category:  PATIENT-FOCUSED    ORGANIZATION    STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Care of Patients**

Heading: **Programming**

Key Word(s): **Infanticide**

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**Purpose:** To provide a psychotherapeutic intervention to a group of women who are committed to a state forensic mental hospital following killing or seriously injuring one or more of their children.

**Brief Description:** The Mother-Child Relationship Group is a process-oriented psychotherapy group in which the participants work in an atmosphere of mutual support to increase their insight into the nature of their mental illness and its relationship to their crime and to work through the emotional consequences of having killed or seriously injured their child.

**Selection Basis/Criteria:**

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs    Video Tape    Drawings    Manual

Other : \_\_\_\_\_

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