



# Bullying Amongst Girls

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Through the years, aggression has been viewed as a predominantly male characteristic, unbecoming, unacceptable and inapplicable to women. As a result, female aggression was seen in terms of covert behaviors that were not recognized as aggression, but rather described as “catty” or “cliquish” and often dismissed as “girls just being girls.” Over the past two decades, interest in female aggression has increased dramatically, resulting in such behaviors being defined as social aggression and recognized as an insidious form of bullying, where victim, victimizer and by-stander are all understood to play a role in the bullying.

In this presentation, Dr. Malove will address the problem of bullying amongst girls, the difficulties that arise for the therapists who treat them and specific treatment recommendations.

Dr. Malove will further address therapists’ difficulty in treating these patients – either victim or victimizer - because of the intense countertransference feelings of anger, frustration and helplessness, as well as feeling silenced, manipulated, controlled, and rejected. Countertransference reactions are heightened for clinicians who themselves had a personal history of bullying. Factors identified as contributing to bullying included parenting styles, such as a conflictual mother-daughter relationship and traditional gender roles in which women were expected to be passive and non-aggressive.

Treatment recommendations include the establishment of safety, boundaries and empathic attunement, as well as processing with patients the interpersonal dynamics of bullying as they are reenacted in the treatment situation. Systemic interventions with families and schools are also addressed.



## When

Sunday - 10/16/2016

\*10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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Brunch Included

## Location

Delaire Country Club

4700 Cherry Laurel Lane

Delray Beach, FL 33445

(Home of Barbara Lurie, Ph.D., LMFT)

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Dr. Malove has served on the Board of Directors for Florida Psychoanalytic Center and SEFAPP. From 2005-2011 her mental health column, "What's On Your Mind?" was featured in *The Miami Herald*. Dr. Malove is currently a candidate completing Psychoanalytic Training at the Florida Psychoanalytic Center. She has a private practice in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Describe how the concept of aggression in females has changed over the past two decades.
2. Discuss the way in which bullying is affected by victim, victimizer and by-stander.
3. Discuss the difficulty therapists have in treating patients who are either bullying or bullied.

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