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where ASCA Brazil is happening: Inside a room at the Anglican Church of São Paulo

ANTONIO JOINS THE MORRIS CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

My name is Antonio. I am from Brazil and currently live in São Paulo with my family: my wife + two kids = my jewels!

I used to live in Italy from 1996 until 1998. It was a nice European experience. I got a scholarship at that time. I did my masters in law, at Bologna University. I also used to live and work in New York from December 2016 until the end of last year (2018). Nowadays I live in São Paulo, although my "official job office" is in New York. I travel quite a lot to different countries, because of my job. With my family, there is no difference where I live.

As a survivor, I was introduced to ASCA in New York in March of 2018. After more than 18 years of therapy, having the chance of knowing ASCA was eye-opening to me: lots of internal discoveries, meeting great people, and I could understand child abuse much better. I don't think I knew where were the "boundaries" of child abuse before being introduced to ASCA meetings. Honestly, I don't remember using the words "child abuse" before ASCA. Today is 100% the opposite. I started being a Co-Facilitator in ASCA meetings in New York for a few times last year. It was a great and challenging experience! Every time I have to go to New York because of my job, I try to be part of ASCA New York meetings. I schedule my trips to be in New York on Wednesday evening because of ASCA....It really represents a lot to me! When I moved back to Brazil last January, I became part of ASCA virtual meetings on Saturdays. Another rich experience! I have been Co-Facilitating these virtual meetings when I can.

I am so glad & excited to have joined The Morris Center Board of Directors. What has been done with ASCA until now, is really impressive. I think the WORLD must know of ASCA, as soon as possible.

Finally, I am starting an ASCA group in Brazil. The kick off took place in São Paulo on September 17th. Amazing 12 people participated. I tried not to publicize a lot. The strategy was to start it small, in order to be solid after a short period of time.

It is a great pleasure to share a little bit about myself here. My email is <u>acatn10@gmail.com</u>. Please feel free to reach me for any reason.



Know what to do during a Panic Attack

Six million adults have panic disorder, but even someone without panic disorder can experience a Panic Attack.

Here is an article from MentalHealthFirstAid.org , on how to help someone who is having a Panic Attack.

From Healthline.com, you'll find <u>11 Ways To Stop A Panic</u> <u>Attack</u>

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