

**Addressing the Affective Needs of Gifted Children**  
**Thursday, September 26, 2019**  
**Hastings Middle School Auditorium**  
**1850 Hastings Lane, Upper Arlington OH 43220**  
**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

With unprecedented media attention being given to disorders such as ADHD, Depression, OCD, and Autism Spectrum Disorder, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who *isn't* aware of the symptoms that accompany such disorders. Unfortunately, knowledge about giftedness isn't as readily known, and many parents are unaware of how the specific characteristics of gifted children may be mistaken for symptoms of a disorder. This session offers an overview of the intellectual, social, and emotional development of gifted children with an emphasis on what has been learned from research. Gifted children generally develop in an asynchronous or uneven pattern, with, for example, intellectual or academic development outpacing emotional growth. This asynchrony and other characteristics such as overexcitabilities or perfectionist tendencies can lead to difficulties in a gifted individual's adjustment. Dr. Amend will discuss how these issues relate to identification, misdiagnosis, missed diagnosis, and twice exceptionality. Strategies for parenting gifted children will also be provided.



Edward R. Amend, Psy.D., is a Clinical Psychologist at The Amend Group, a comprehensive center for psychological, educational, and gifted services. Dr. Amend is licensed to practice in both Kentucky and Ohio. In his Lexington, Kentucky office, Dr. Amend focuses on the social, emotional, and educational needs of gifted and talented youth, adults, and their families. He has worked in both private practice and community mental health settings, as well as in consulting positions with clinics, hospitals, schools, and other organizations. He presents locally and nationally on topics related to the needs of gifted children. Dr. Amend is co-author of two award-winning books: *A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children* and *Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, OCD, Asperger's, Depression, and Other Disorders (second edition)*, and he has authored or co-authored a number of articles, book chapters, and columns about gifted children.