

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Managing Juveniles  
with Sexual Behavior Problems  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
June 9 – 12, 2024**

**Draft Agenda**

**Sunday, June 9, 2024**      **Pre-Conference**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**The Sleeping Giant: Vicarious Trauma Among Professionals who Work with Offenders with Sexual Behavior Problems**

*Patricia Grosskopf, Psy.D., LCPC, LSOTP, LSOE, Illinois Department of Corrections*

*Brooke Settle, M.A., Senior Parole Agent, Illinois Department of Corrections*

Often the symptoms of vicarious trauma (VT) are overlooked by professionals who work with sex offender populations. This is because the changes are pervasive and occur over a period of time, they often go unnoticed, unrecognized and ignored. However, these symptoms can impact a professional's sense of self, world view, interpersonal relationships, and behaviors.

**Monday, June 10, 2024**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Welcome Remarks

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**50 Years of Treating Juveniles with Sexual Behavior Problems: What have we learned, and where are we going?**

*Timothy Kahn, M.S.W.*

This plenary presentation will provide a historical perspective on juvenile sex offender treatment practices, and will provide current perspectives on the state of the field in 2024. This presentation will provide practical suggestions and information about the following topic areas:

- What are some basic take-home messages that counselors need to know?
- Life after polygraphs. How are we responding to the decline in the use of polygraphs with juveniles?
- Sex offender registration. Washington State has eliminated sex offender registration for most juvenile sexual offenders. How is it working? Understanding the impacts on employment, living situation, out of state travel, and self-esteem.
- Pornography: Understanding its role in adolescent sexual offending, and helping clients cope with urges to use it during treatment.
- How do children develop sexual behavior problems? Understanding why children are more sexual in today's world.
- Working with juvenile offenders who are gay, lesbian, trans, or questioning. What about female juvenile sex offenders? How are they different, and how is their treatment different?

- Understanding the course of treatment for children and adolescents with sexual behavior problems. What about short-term counseling options?
- Secrets of effective group therapy.
- Helping adolescents develop normal sexual interests. Using the “Are you ready for Sex Test.”
- Preventing sexual abuse by understanding boundary invasion behaviors.
- Preventing staff misconduct in residential treatment facilities.
- Can treatment of juvenile sexual offenders actually reduce sexual abuse?
- Secondary trauma issues for staff working with adolescent sex offenders: Reflections on 50 years of working with children and adolescents with sexual behavior problems. How to make sure that counselors maintain a positive and healthy lifestyle.

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9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **I. Practical Counseling Strategies for Individual and Group Therapy with Children and Adolescents with Sexual Behavior Problems**

*Timothy Kahn, M.S.W.*

This workshop presentation will help treatment providers and probation officers understand the day-to-day counseling process with juvenile sex offenders and their families. The following topics will be discussed: Use of guided workbooks in the treatment process, suggestions for structuring the day-to-day counseling experience, directions for incorporating boundary and consent education into the treatment process/the new reality of “Yes means Yes” consent, Strategies for encouraging parent involvement in treatment and suggestions for when to use and not to use group therapy.

### **II. Adult Arrest and Juvenile Referral Reporting**

*Allante Smith, CJIS Trainer II, Texas Department of Public Safety*

Adult Arrest and Juvenile Referral will cover topics that outline the importance of proper criminal history data submission for inclusion of records into the computerized criminal history (CCH) database. Areas of discussion will include a brief history of the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) and the Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS), the purpose of submitting complete and accurate data, assigning a State Identification Number (SID), the flow of a TRN through the criminal justice process, CJIS reporting forms, livescan data, and reporting examples.

### **III. Chaperone Training: The Sex-Offender Treatment Enigma**

*Shanti Duncan, Ph.D., LPC, LSOTP*

*Lorena Moreno, Juvenile Probation Officer, Travis County Juvenile Probation*

There is a lot of inconsistency across the state regarding Chaperone Training. It has been our experience that some counties require it, and some do not. In some counties that require Chaperone Training, the Probation Department conducts it, and in other counties, it is expected that the treatment provider does the Chaperone Training. There is actually a state law that makes reference to the fact that a “court may order the parent or guardian of the child to attend four sessions of

instruction,” but in their guidelines, the CSOT devotes one paragraph to talking about “Chaperones,” but that paragraph refers to adult sex-offenders; there is no mention of Chaperones for juveniles. Furthermore, there is precious little said about the actual training itself, although it does state, “Licensees shall ensure potential chaperones are educated regarding the client's sexual history, treatment and supervision conditions, antecedents to sexual offending, safety plans, re-offense prevention plans, and reporting procedures.” As has often been the case, historically, adult offender treatment concepts have been taken and applied to juveniles, and the same is largely true about Chaperone Training, although there is little consistency across treatment programs or probation department regarding what constitutes Chaperone Training. In this workshop, we will present the Chaperone Training program used as part of Dr. Carrasco’s *Beacon* treatment program. The workbook used in our program was developed over the course of the last 25 years.  
(1.5 Offender Hours)

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3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**I. All of the Above: Working with a Youth Who is Both a Sexual Abuse Victim and Initiator**

*Kelly Gilleland, Title, Children’s Advocacy Center*

*Stacey Helm, Title, Children’s Advocacy Center*

In working with these juveniles, we are coming across cases where the “offender” is also a victim of sexual or physical abuse him/herself. The treatment modalities for a victim and imitator take very different approaches. When a youth falls into both categories, a hybrid approach becomes necessary.

**II. Fighting Shadows: Compassionate Strategies for Males with Sexual Behavior Problems**

*Wayne Smith, Associate Professor, University of Houston Victoria*

Masculinity is in crisis and there is a shadow that has settled over the hearts of men today. There are lies being perpetuated into our culture that immobilizes boys from becoming generous gentlemen. Lust, Apathy, Shame, Loneliness, Ambition, Futility, and Despair are destroying the mind, body, and spirit of our people and we need to take action to teach ways to overcome this deceit. Join us as we discuss creative ways to teach our youth how to build character, compassion, and resiliency to become the men they were meant to be. Get ready to help our youth recognize and regulate their emotions so they can free themselves from the chains that are mere shadows.

**III. Evaluating Adolescents with Sexual Behavior Problems: What the ASI Database of 27,000 Assessments Tells Us**

*Bret White, Ph.D., MSW, Abel Screening, Inc.*

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**Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Juvenile Probation: As part of the Coaching Team or Referee?**

*Brian Lovins, PhD, Principal, Justice System Partners*

As we continue to better understand youth who have been adjudicated for a sexual offense, we start to see that the behavior is often less about criminality and more closely aligned with underlying issues of mental health, trauma, behavioral health issues, and sexuality. As a juvenile probation officer, we have often been asked to be a referee for the youth. Using the rules of probation to watch the youth closely, blow the whistle with any violations, and issue a penalty. The referee gains compliance but does anything really change? In the past 5 years we have seen probation take on a new role, one of a coach--still holding youth accountable but instead of an interest in compliance a coach is interested in helping a youth win. This presentation will explore the use of coaching and creating a coaching connection to the youth on supervision.

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**I. Why You Should Put Yourself First**

*Brenda Grays, Title, Grays' Consulting*

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**II. DPS Sex Offender Registry Updates**

*Charles Francis, Training and Development Specialist, Texas Department of Public Safety*

This presentation provides a summary of the laws pertaining to registered sex offenders in Texas and will point out when the laws may be different when dealing with juveniles.

**III. Professional Preparations for Court Testimony in High Conflict Cases**

*Frances Doggett, Title, Agency*

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**I. Ethical Supervision of ASOTPs Working With Juvenile Sex Offenders**

*Matt Bierds, LPC-S, LSOTP-S, NCS*

In this workshop, participants will address general ethical guidelines related to supervising interns, and some of the common ethical dilemmas when supervising and ASOTP, especially when treating juvenile sex offenders. We will discuss proactive ways to maintain healthy, ethical relationships between interns and supervisors, as well as the importance of creating a supervisory agreement.

**II. Treatment didactics for Siblings with Problematic Sexual Behaviors. Knowing When to hold, knowing when to fold,**

**knowing when to walk away, knowing when to run when considering reunification.**

*Jana L. Gaston, CEO/Clinical Administrator, The Center for PEACE*  
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**III. Supervising Difficult Juveniles, Their Parents and Juveniles with Sexual Behavior Problems**

*Grover Rollins PsyD, LP, LSOTP, Rollins, York & Associates, PLLC*  
The intended purpose of this topic is to bring awareness is discuss and bring awareness to the complex issues of dealing with juvenile probation officers supervising difficult juveniles on supervision, 1. the dynamics of various situations, 2. the types of DSM-V-TR diagnoses that are congruent associated with juveniles, 3. address dysfunctional parents or caregivers of the juvenile, 4. Review a few actual cases, 5. Interventions and coping with difficult supervision situations and, 6. The Importance of Self-Care

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024**

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Title - Ethics**

*Kenda B. Dalrymple, Managing Partner, Dalrymple, Shellhorse, Ellis & Diamond, LLP*

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