

Sunday, June 11

1:00–5:00pm **OPENING SESSION**

Phoenix Ballroom

**Getting Probation Right:
Tenets of Probation Practice for Better Results in Working with Youth**
Scott MacDonald, President, Justsolve, Inc.

Research shows that traditionally applied probation practices are ineffective and in need of reform. This discussion will provide and examine why this is so. We will review emerging practices that are being implemented across the country to transform traditional juvenile probation. We will also engage you, as experts, on the implications of incorporating these practices when addressing youth with sexual offenses.

(3.5 Offender Hours)

Monday, June 12

8:00–10:00am **WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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KEYNOTE ADDRESS

41 Strengths-Based Interventions for At-Risk (At Promise) Youth and Families
Kevin Powell, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist/Trainer/Consultant

Within the field of sex offense-specific (SOS) services, there is growing awareness of the importance of embracing a Strengths-Based Approach (SBA). At-risk (at-promise) youth and their families often enter SOS services presenting with mistrust, defensiveness, anger, hopelessness, and/or shame, which can be barriers to effective services. A strengths-based orientation helps create an environment in which clients begin to feel psychologically safe, open, and engaged in services.

This training will introduce participants to key strengths-based interventions (Powell, 2015) to assist youth in developing the knowledge and skills for leading interpersonally healthy, prosocial lives. Specific interventions will be highlighted for how to establish positive relationships, promote hope, target protective factors linked to resilience, and target dynamic risk factors with strengths-based alternatives.

(3.5 Offender Hours)

10:00–10:30am Break

10:30am–12:00pm **41 Strengths-Based Interventions** (continued)

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12:00–1:30pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30–3:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSION I**

Phoenix South/Central

**Adversity-Responsive, Resilience-Enhancing
(Trauma-Informed): Strengths-Based Services**

Kevin Powell, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist/Trainer/Consultant

The field of psychology and mental health continues to evolve as we learn more about human behavior, life adversity, and resilience. This training will highlight ‘Adversity-Responsive, Resilience-Enhancing’ treatment components (trauma-informed) that can assist clients in overcoming past adversity and problematic behaviors, as well as acquiring skills for developing into prosocial, resilient members of the community. These strengths-based treatment components are organized into 6 categories: Relationship/ Therapeutic Alliance; Stabilization; Rationale for Services; Assessment; Intervention; and Prevention.

(1.5 Offender Hours)

1:30–3:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSION II**

Phoenix North

Expectations from Polygraphs on Juvenile Offenders

Sabino Martinez, Jr., Senior Polygraph Examiner, Veridicus, Inc.

This session will introduce best tried practices on testing juveniles to aid probation officers and treatment providers. This session will also include the review of several cases to help providers and Supervision Officers in their use of polygraph in treatment.

(1.5 Offender Hours)

1:30–3:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSION III**

Austin

Chaperone Training: The Sex-Offender Treatment Enigma

Shanti Duncan, Ph.D., LPC, LSOTP

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)

3:00–3:30pm Break

3:30–5:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSION I**

Austin

**Therapeutic Approaches to Treating Problematic Sexual Behaviors:
Integrating Family Intervention, Community Resources and Effective Treatment
Planning to Facilitate Restorative Justice and Enhance Future Safety Outcomes**

*Jana Gaston-Hull, LPCS, RPTS, LSOTP, LCDCI, Clinical Administrator, The Center for
PEACE*

This workshop will identify healthy and unhealthy developmental sexualized behaviors and explore origins of problematic sexualized behaviors. Discussed how family intervention, community agencies and resources enhance treatment outcomes. Explore treatment planning and therapeutic applications to facilitate restorative justice and victim advocacy. Examine actual case studies of adolescents with juvenile delinquent/criminal conduct of problematic sexualized behaviors. Review therapeutic approaches for enhancement of future safety.

(1.5 Offender Hours)

3:30–5:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSION II**

Phoenix South/Central

**Sexual Behavior Concerns in Juveniles with Histories
of Commercial Sexual Exploitation**

Megan Manheim, Ph.D., Court 360 and CARE Court, Harris County Juvenile Probation

Sexual trafficking is a longstanding and consistent area of criminal activity in the US and globally, linked to historical and cultural factors like money, laws and legislation, technology, and systemic oppressions including racism and sexism. Child sexual exploitation includes all charges related to child sexual abuse image offenses, age of consent offenses, and “prostitution” under the age of 18. Differing from work with other types of juvenile offenders, sexual behavior concerns in youth with histories of commercial sexual exploitation are often described as “hypersexual behaviors,” or similarly. Subsequently, the assessment and treatment of these youth greatly differs to follow a much more trauma-informed approach, often through a victim-offender lens. The current workshop will provide a brief overview of the literature in this area, as well as describe how one Texas county is assessing and treating youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and are also engaging in concerning sexual behaviors.

(1.5 Victim Hours)

3:30–5:00pm **CONCURRENT SESSION III**

Phoenix North

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Addressing Sexual Misbehavior

*Lacey Evans, LCSW-S, Deputy Director of Treatment Programs,
Texas Juvenile Justice Department*

*Daniel Krall, Ph.D., LSOTP, Clinical Director of Forensic Mental Health Services,
Gainesville State School, Texas Juvenile Justice Department*

This workshop will review common inappropriate sexual behaviors and different strategies for response. The discussion will cover means of incorporating and implementing multidisciplinary approaches to address sexual misbehavior throughout various settings. There will be a review including specific considerations to respond to youth’s individual needs and methods to shape their behavior.

(1.5 Offender Hours)

Tuesday, June 13

8:00–9:30am **CONCURRENT SESSION I**

Phoenix North

Developing Effective Treatment Plans for Juveniles and Adults with Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Sharlotte Jackson, LPC, LSOTP, Therapist, Center for PEACE

The focus of the session is to educate providers on the importance of creating and individualized treatment plan, factors necessary to develop the treatment plan, the difference between and effective and ineffective treatment plan, the elements of an effective treatment plan including the development of measurable treatment goals, documentation of progress and modifications, and the development of a discharge plan. The session will include mock scenarios to give the provider and opportunity to develop measurable goals based on the needs of the client.

(1.5 Offender Hours)

8:00–9:30am **CONCURRENT SESSION II**

Phoenix South/Central

Dangerous Dating and Social Media Apps, Websites Juveniles Exploit or Can Be Exploited Sexually

Grover C. Rollins, PsyD, LP, LSOTP, Rollins, York & Associates

The intended purpose of this topic is to bring awareness to those servicing juveniles with sexual problems and is applicable to all juveniles to become aware of the ever-growing problems of sexual crimes congruent with social media apps and websites. Case examples will be given and address the growing harmful effects of this issue affecting our communities.

(1.5 Victim Hours)

8:00–9:30am **CONCURRENT SESSION III**

Austin

Overcoming Sexual Trauma & Celebrating Recovery

Sheila Wynn, Judge, RISE Recovery, Tarrant County

Tre'Naisha McGuire, Program Manager, RISE Recovery, Tarrant County CSCD

Kiana Headland, Case Manager, RISE Recovery, Tarrant County

The Reaching Independence through Self-Empowerment (RISE) Program in Tarrant County, Texas, is an intervention/specialty court program designed to identify women with a history of significant sexual trauma which contributes to their involvement in the criminal justice system. The features of the program include risk/needs assessment, individualized treatment plan, substance abuse treatment, transitional housing, trauma informed care, mental health care, life stabilization, social reintegration, and independent living. This process will typically take from two to four years. A collaborative approach is utilized which incorporates the talent and resources of numerous community partners. The program seeks to divert participants from criminal activity into a safe and healthy lifestyle where they have achieved independent living with the means to support themselves indefinitely.

(1.5 Victim Hours)

9:30–10:00am Break

10:00–11:30am **CONCURRENT SESSION I**

Phoenix South/Central

Survivors of Female Sexual Abuse

Grace L. Davis, LCSW-S, Therapist, Journeys Counseling Services

There are no female sexual abusers. No male, of any age, would turn down sex when offered by a female. It was sexual experimentation, not abuse. This workshop will discuss sexual trauma caused by females. Myths about female sexual abusers continue to keep our criminal justice and school systems from treating female sexual abusers with the same seriousness as their male counterparts. This workshop will focus on the impact of female perpetrated sexual abuse and prevalence.

(1.5 Victim Hours)

10:00–11:30am **CONCURRENT SESSION II**

Austin

Project Safer: An Approach to Diversion, Family Preservation & Public Safety

Molly Davis, Staff Attorney, Texas Judicial Commission on Mental Health

Courtney Landes, LCSW, Lena Pope Home

Jim Davidson, Casework Supervisor, Tarrant County Juvenile Services

Project Safer is a diversion program for children aged 10, 11, and 12 who have been referred to the Tarrant County Juvenile Court for offenses involving sexual behavior problems. These are serious charges that can carry heavy consequences and that can cause irreparable rifts within families. Through a 16-week program involving therapeutic groups for both the child and the parent or guardian, Tarrant County is able to divert youth from the juvenile justice system, promote the preservation of the family or household, and increase public safety by nearly eliminating recidivism. This program began in 2015 based on the research of Dr. Jane Silovsky at the University of Oklahoma and has successfully diverted dozens of children, with a 90%+ success rate. Courtney Landes will provide education on Dr. Silovsky's research, the therapeutic modalities, coping skills, and supervision tools that are provided to youth and caregivers, and how the program was launched. Molly Davis will provide education on the court process, from referral to intake and through the adjudication hearing, supervision, and eventual dismissal and sealing. We welcome questions from the attendees!

(1.5 Offender Hours)

10:00–11:30am **CONCURRENT SESSION III**

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Social Media & Pornography Usage by Sex Offenders: What You Need to Know

Terri Rogers, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Dewitt County

This presentation provides basic knowledge of social media, the dark web, pornography and other internet usages by juvenile offenders. It also discusses ways juveniles learn and how their time spent on the internet affects their perception of reality. This course can be beneficial to anyone working with juvenile sex offenders.

(1.5 Offender Hours)

11:30am–1:00pm Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00–3:00pm **GENERAL SESSION**

Phoenix Ballroom

The Truth about Human Trafficking: Trends, Realities, and the Victims

Laurie Charles, Clinical Assistant Professor, Texas A&M Forensic Nursing Program

Kara Comte, Assistant District Attorney, Brazos County District Attorney's Office

Is human trafficking real? Is human trafficking affecting my community? Should I care about human trafficking? In this course we will uncover all those common myths about this topic. We will share our experiences working with those who were victimized and persecuting offenders to give you a glimpse into this world of victimization that is so often overlooked and misunderstood. Human trafficking occurs every day across the United States.

This session is for any professional who may interact with potential victims or perpetrators of labor and/or sex trafficking.

(3.5 Offender Hours)

3:00–3:30pm Break

3:30–5:00pm **The Truth about Human Trafficking** (continued)

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Wednesday, June 14

8:00–11:30am **CLOSING SESSION**

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Understanding Sexual Behavior Management in Youth with Cognitive and Communication Disorders

Shameka Stewart, Ph.D., CCC-SLP/L, Juvenile Forensic Speech Language Pathologist

This presentation will discuss the intersectionality of cognitive and communication disorders with sexual behavior thoughts and actions. Specifically, this course will outline key areas of communication and cognitive skills that should be considered when interacting with youth experiencing sexual behavior difficulties. We will unpack not only the skills but areas of concerns and how they may manifest in different youth with undiagnosed and diagnosed language and learning disorders.

(3.5 Offender Hours)