Treatment Considerations for Offenders Who Access Child Sexual Exploitation Materials

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There is a significant increase of child sexual exploitation material offenders accessing treatment because of their involvement in the criminal justice system. Innovative treatment plans are expected from treatment providers as these offenders enter the criminal justice system. How do we offer treatment to these offenders and what are their treatment needs? This workshop will examine assessment and treatment approaches for child sexual exploitation material offenders. We will review assessment requirements and treatment needs based on the etiology of the offense, personality characteristics of the offender, and both dynamic and static risk factors. Discussions will include the impact of sexual fantasy, social needs, mental health requirements, and the nature of sexual preoccupation. We will also explore the particular needs of these offenders regarding healthy internet use, aging, sexual functioning, and relationship building. Debate and discussion is encouraged.

Learning Goals:

- Discuss relevant treatment plans for child sexual exploitation material offenders.
- Apply current research to determine the clinical skills required in the treatment of child sexual exploitation material offenders.
- Examine the role of sexual fantasy in the treatment of child sexual exploitation material offenders.
- Discuss similarities and differences between child sexual exploitation material offenders and contact offenders as it relates to the treatment implications for child sexual exploitation material offenders.
- Discuss the rational of providing treatment for child sexual exploitation material offenders given their relatively low risk of reoffending.
- Identify concrete strategies to assist child sexual exploitation material offenders to apply both external and internal barriers to offending.
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