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In light of recent criticisms focused on child pornography evaluations and risk assessment (Turner, D., Hanks, M., Blanch, J., & Sparks, C.; 2015), this advanced workshop will provide attendees with a best practice assessment model for evaluating this unique population. Assuming attendees have a basic knowledge of the established research literature related to child pornography offenders and risk, this workshop will provide attendee’s with a deeper understanding and recommended practice methods for assessment procedures, case conceptualization, report writing skills, and techniques for effectively communicating examination findings in court. Drawing upon years of combined experience evaluating and testifying in court regarding diagnostic issues and risk assessment with this population, the presenters will review the foundations of case conceptualization/formulation and empirically-guided risk assessment. Beginning with an overview of specific areas of focus in the interview with targeted questions unique to this population and selection of appropriate assessment tools, the importance of laying a solid foundation in the assessment phase will be discussed. Accurate differential diagnosis based on results of the assessment data will be reviewed. Finally, how to best communicate diagnosis and risk information through effective report writing and testimony will be highlighted with actual case examples.

Learning Goals and Objectives:

- Participants will develop a better understanding of critical interview areas and questions to lay the foundation for case conceptualization.
- Participants will gain familiarity with a variety of assessment tools and how to best utilize these tools to support diagnostic and risk decisions.
- Participants will learn case formulation in preparation for effective report writing and testimony in court.
- Participants will understand differential diagnosis with this population and best practices for utilizing interview and assessment data to support diagnostic decision making.

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• Participants will gain knowledge of best practices for report writing in a forensic setting unique to this population.
• Participants will learn a number of techniques to enhance communication of key points in diagnosis and risk assessment for effective testimony.