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Women Who Sexually Offend: Gender-Informed Assessment and Treatment

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Women who sexually offend make up a small yet significant proportion of all sexual offenders. In recent years, increased empirical attention has revealed that these women differ in several gender-specific ways from their male counterparts, showing the need for gender-informed assessment and treatment practices. In this workshop, these research findings will be reviewed and their implications for gender-informed clinical practice will be highlighted. Practical techniques on how to assess and treat female sexual offenders will be described. In addition, gender-informed suggestions for clinical group work, individual homework assignments, and helpful hints for accomplishing the goals of the intervention will be provided. Case examples will be utilized to illustrate the implementation of these strategies with clients.

Learning Goals:

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand why a gender-informed approach is required when assessing and treating women who sexually offend.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the recidivism rates among women.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the implications for the assessment of risk of recidivism among women who sexually offend.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to apply a gender-appropriate assessment model for women who sexually offend.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the treatment needs of women who sexually offend.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the relational and trauma-informed model of treatment with female sexual offenders.

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