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Assessing Treatment Needs and Progress When Youth Have Sexually Abused

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Effective interventions when youth have sexually abused require high quality assessments. Initial and subsequent risk and needs assessments are necessary for identifying appropriate treatment targets, intervention intensity, and service delivery. This workshop will explore risk and protective factors, and their dynamic interaction, (i.e., treatment needs) that, when effectively addressed, may facilitate desistance from offending. We will review several existing and developing assessment measures that may enhance effective interventions. We will practice linking assessments to interventions using several case illustrations. The utility of treatment progress assessments as indicators of program effectiveness will be discussed. Interaction and dialogue is encouraged.

Learning Goals:

- Increase awareness of the importance of using assessment measures to identifying appropriate treatment targets, intervention intensity, and relevant service delivery.
- Improve understanding of the importance of using assessment measures to reassess treatment needs and provide relevant and effective interventions.
- Enhance knowledge regarding risk and protective factors associated with effective interventions for youth who have sexually offended.
- Develop further appreciation of the importance of identifying and addressing responsivity factors as well as criminogenic needs.
- Increase ability to link assessment findings to case and treatment plans and interventions.
- Be better able to identify several assessment strategies for evaluating treatment needs and progress.

Dr. Sue Righthand is a psychologist with a master's degree in Criminal Justice and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. She has extensive experience working with children with problematic sexual behavior, adolescents and adults who have sexually offended, as well as individuals who have experienced or perpetrated child maltreatment and other forms of violence. She is affiliated with the University of Maine where she is an Associate Research Professor. Currently, Dr. Righthand is the Co-PI for the Office of Sex Offender Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office's FY 16 *Assessing, Treating, and Managing Juveniles with Illegal Sexual Behavior: The Juvenile Treatment Progress Scale*

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Development and Implementation Project. She is a consultant to the National Center for Sexual Behavior in Youth, the SMART Office's FY 14 Campus Sexual Assault Perpetrator Treatment Project, and the Maine Department of Human Services. A former member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuser's Guidelines Committee for Adolescents who have Sexually Abused, Dr. Righthand provides training, consultation, and program evaluation. She co-authored the *Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol II* and related research. Her recent collaborations include *Effective Intervention with Adolescents Who Have Offended Sexually: Translating Research into Practice* and the *Safer Society Handbook of Assessment and Treatment of Adolescents who have Sexually Offended*.

Financial Interest Disclosure:

The presenter has a book available for which she receives royalties: *Safer Society Handbook of Assessment and Treatment of Adolescents who Have Sexually Offended*