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Better Together: Incorporating a Strengths-Based, Holistic Orientation into Risk Management

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If we want clients to learn how not to be sexually abusive, we need to do more than just teach them 'what not to do', we need to teach them 'what to do'. There is growing awareness of the importance of embracing a strengths-based, holistic approach within the field of sex offense-specific services. Risk management and health promotion go hand-in-hand. This seminar will highlight a variety of proactive interventions that help promote safe, prosocial communities, free of sexual abuse. Research will be cited from many areas of study that support this approach.

Learning Goals:

- Gain knowledge about 'what is' a Holistic, Strengths-Based Approach.
- Obtain information about specific strategies for forming trusting, therapeutic relationships.
- Obtain information about specific strategies for promoting hope within youth and adults.
- Obtain information about 'protective factors' commonly associated with 'Resilient' youth and adults.
- Gain knowledge about strategies for enhancing client's engagement and openness/honesty in treatment
- Gain knowledge about the primary prevention of sexual abuse and the promotion of healthy sexuality and relationships.

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order to reduce the risk of childhood sexual abuse (primary prevention). Dr. Powell presents nationally and internationally on a variety of topics to help promote healthy, resilient, prosocial development within at-risk (at-promise) clients. Additional information can be found at www.kevinpowellphd.com.

Financial Interest Disclosure:

The presenter has two published books related to the topic of this seminar for which he receives royalties.