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Exploring the Relationship Between Traumatic Brain Injuries and Sexually Offensive and Offending Behaviors

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This short workshop explores the relationship between traumatic brain injury (TBI) and sexually offensive and offending behaviors. We review typical brain functioning and differential effects of TBI depending on the location of the injury. We explore the long-term effects of adverse childhood experiences and acquired brain injuries. Changes in sexual functioning post-injury are described. We identify the various post-TBI sexually offensive and offending behaviors that are documented in the literature. The workshop will finish with a discussion of TBI in the known sexual offender population and suggested adaptations for therapeutic interventions.

Outline

1. Typical brain functioning and sources of brain injury
2. Cause and effect: brain injury as a developing disability
 - a. Acquired injuries
 - b. Adverse childhood experiences
 - c. Long term effects and impairments
3. Changes in sexual functioning after brain injury
4. Traumatic brain injury in known sexual offenders
5. Adaptations for therapeutic interventions with clients who have TBI histories

Learning Goals:

- Participants will be able to describe typical functioning in 4 critical areas of the brain that are associated with sexual functioning.
- Participants will be able to list 3 changes in sexual functioning post-TBI.
- Participants will be able to list 3 premorbid characteristics associated with post-TBI aggressions
- Participants will be able to list 3 adaptations for therapeutic interventions

Gerry D. Blasingame, PsyD, is a licensed marriage and family therapist in California and Montana. For the last thirty-plus years he has worked with adults and adolescents, with and without developmental disabilities, who have sexual problems or offending behaviors, and with victims of abuse and sexual assault. Gerry has authored several articles, chapters, and books including *Developmentally Disabled Persons with Sexual Behavior Problems*,

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second edition (2005) and *An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders, Sexual Behaviors, and Therapeutic Interventions* (2011). Gerry also edited *Practical Treatment Strategies for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities: Working with Forensic Clients with Severe and Sexual Behavior Problems* (2006). Gerry is a member of ATSA (Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers), and a past member of the ATSA Board as the Pacific Region Representative. Gerry is the recent-past Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the California Coalition on Sexual Offending, and is a member of the Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association. Gerry was appointed to the California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) in 2007, and is the chairperson of the CASOMB Treatment Committee and the CASOMB Research Committee. Gerry provides training and consultation services nationally for several residential and day programs, community based programs and clinicians. Gerry enjoys hiking and nature photography in his spare time.