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Ethically Navigating Challenging Work: The 2017 ATSA Code of Ethics

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This workshop provides an overview of the 2017 ATSA Code of Ethics, with special focus on ethical challenges involving internet technology. The workshop uses many case examples to illustrate the kinds of ethical issues that challenge professionals working with sexual offenders as students, practitioners, supervisors, forensic experts, administrators, and researchers. The workshop explores the underlying ethical principles and facilitates a conceptual critical thinking method for resolving ethical dilemmas. It aids in distinguishing ethical issues from legal issues.

Workshop attendees will learn the steps to ethical decision-making using case examples and learn that there are numerous proactive and reactive paths to address ethical challenges. Participants are encouraged to bring a brief ethical scenario. Application of the general framework for ethical decision making will be demonstrated and attendees will have the opportunity to apply this framework to their cases.

The law has struggled to keep up with the fast-paced advances of computers and mobile devices. Many professionals are unaware of the implications on privacy, confidentiality, and HIPAA when it comes to emails, electronic file storage, and the use of the internet. Attendees will learn how to send clinical and confidential documents securely using email and VPNs, how to securely store data in the cloud without violating HIPAA, how to protect themselves on Wi-Fi as well as their home and office networks, and how to encrypt data on their electronic devices.

Learning Goals:

- Become familiar with the ATSA 2017 Code of Ethics and why it was revised.
- Recognize the hierarchy of legal and ethical sources of guidance for clinical practice
- Identify ethical principles and appropriate steps to take when faced with ethical challenges
- Identify multiple common ethical challenges in the sexual offender arena and a practical and conceptual methodology for overcoming them
- Develop multiple courses of action to address ethical and professional challenges
- Gain a better understanding of the legal and ethical obligations related to technology

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Dr. Deirdre D'Orazio serves as a consultant to the CA Department of State Hospitals, where she has worked in various capacities for eighteen years including as a senior supervising psychologist, SVP forensic evaluator, and Director of Evaluation and Development Services, overseeing the treatment and forensic evaluation programs for the 'SVP' sex offender civil commitment program at Coalinga State Hospital. Her current duties focus on the SVP Conditional Release program, department wide consultancy on sexual offender services and policies, and as a member the CA Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB). In her private practice, Dr. D'Orazio provides clinical services, expert forensic services, training, outcome evaluation, and program development. She serves on the leadership boards for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, the Sexual Offender Civil Commitment Network, and the CASOMB. Dr. D'Orazio was awarded the Fay Honey Knopp award by the CA Coalition on Sexual Offending for positive and sustained contributions to the field of sexual offending. Dr. D'Orazio has published papers, professional trainings, or research projects in the areas of sexual offender risk assessment, diagnosis, deviant sexual interests, best practices in offender treatment, treatment program development and evaluation, and clinician development and supervision. She holds psychologist licenses in California, Minnesota, and North Dakota and is a certified trainer for the Static99R, the Structured Risk Assessment Forensic Version, and the Stable and Acute 2007.

Dr. Erik Fox is a licensed psychologist and attorney with 28 years' experience in the field of forensic risk assessment and court-mandated treatment for sexual and violent offenders. This includes outpatient treatment and evaluation of juvenile and adult male sex offenders on community supervision at the county, state, and federal levels. It also includes conducting Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) and Mentally Disordered Offender evaluations as a contractor with the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH), Sexually Dangerous Individual evaluations for North Dakota, SVP evaluations for Washington, and Sexually Dangerous Person (SDP) evaluations for Minnesota. Dr. Fox is a DSH employee as a SVP-Evaluator and serves as a Quality Assurance and Training Specialist for the Forensic Services Division. He regularly testifies as an expert witness in civil commitment trials.

In 2001, Dr. Fox joined the faculty at the University of Phoenix in San Diego. He has been teaching graduate-level courses for 17 years and served on the governance board for the College of Social Sciences for 15 years.

Dr. Fox regularly provides live webinars for the Global Institute of Forensic Research on the administration, scoring, and interpretation of the Static-99R. He is one of only 42 individuals worldwide certified as trainers by the developers of the instrument.