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### **Applying Evidenced-Based Practice to the Supervision of Individuals Convicted of Sexual Crimes**

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Many jurisdictions have implemented supervision strategies that align with the Risk-Needs-Responsivity (RNR) model. Because of the stigma and public scrutiny around individuals convicted of sexual crimes, it is not always clear how to effectively use RNR to guide supervision decisions with this population. This presentation will address specific concerns regarding the supervision of individuals convicted of sexual crimes, discuss current research on best practices, and describe specific application of this research to daily practice. The importance of multi-disciplinary collaboration in sexual abuse specific management will be discussed, as well as the interplay between treatment providers and community supervision professionals with a focus on strategies and tools for reinforcing skill development in these areas.

#### **Learning Goals:**

- Participants will be able to list the primary components of the Risk-Needs-Responsivity Model.
- Participants will be able to identify how RNR can assist with maximizing supervision practices and client success.
- Participants will be able to list options for the assessment of both static and dynamic risk, criminogenic needs and responsivity factors.
- Participants will identify two strategies to use with multidisciplinary teams in order to determine best practice.

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Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center for four years during which time she oversaw the implementation of Dialectical Behavior Therapy. She completed the Intensive DBT training offered by Behavioral Tech, LLC. Further, she assisted in the development and implementation of programs designed to improve the treatment engagement of treatment resistant sex offenders. In her current role, Dr. Gonsalves serves as a member of the Evidence-Based Decision Making team for the Department of Corrections, which seeks to bring research-based practices to community supervision. She serves as a Board Member of the Wisconsin ATSA chapter.

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