

## **SHAPING THE FUTURE**

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### **Computer Safety for Persons who have Committed a Sexual Offense**

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The United Nations Human Rights Council, the US Federal Trade Commission, and the US Court of Appeals in DC have all asserted that internet access is a human right and necessary for participation in daily life. For a variety of reasons Sexual Offenders have historically had their internet access limited. This presentation aims to provide guidance in assisting those who work with these clients to establish a plan to allow them appropriate and healthy access to the internet. The Internet Safety Plan is a crucial part of the client's overall Risk Management Plan, even for those clients who may never have had problems with the internet in the past. This seminar will discuss internet related risk and provide guidance in the development and implementation of an internet safety plan for clients with a history of sexual offending.

#### **Learning Goals:**

- Discuss the perspective that internet access is a basic human right essential for one to fully function as a member of our society.
- Understand the Differences between Monitoring and Blocking and Filtering as approaches to Managing Client's Access to the Internet
- Identify how monitoring (as opposed to completely restricting) access to internet provides additional data related to risk management.
- Identify basic Internet Monitoring Strategies appropriate for use with Clients.
- Explain the purpose and utility of an Internet Safety Plan for those with a history of sexual offending.
- Be able to assist clients in developing an Internet Safety Plan.

**Mr. DeGrant** has worked for Missouri's SVP Program since 2013. He currently serves as the programs Digital Monitoring Coordinator, providing oversight to patients' access to the internet via phones, computers and other electronic devices. He has additional expertise in working with developmentally delayed patients in the community and with patients with severe behavioral dysregulation.

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