

## **SHAPING THE FUTURE**

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### **Implementing Effective Interventions with Juveniles Who Have Sexually Offended**

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In this workshop we will review several guiding principles important for effective interventions with juveniles who have sexually offended. We will discuss the sometimes similar and often varying treatment needs this heterogeneous group of youth present and consider appropriate interventions along a continuum of care. We will talk about how to identify whether an intervention is likely to be useful, review some promising and evidence based approaches, and brainstorm how to overcome possible challenges to effective interventions as we problem-solve how to intervene effectively. Case examples will help illustrate how we can intervene effectively. Interaction and dialogue is encouraged.

#### **Learning Goals**

- Enhance ability to link assessment findings to case and treatment plans and appropriate interventions.
- Become better able to evaluate the evidence base for various interventions and select appropriate interventions accordingly.
- Learn about the development and evaluation of an evidence-informed treatment program.

**Dr. Sue Righthand** is a psychologist with a Master's degree in Criminal Justice and a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology. She has extensive experience working with children with problematic sexual behavior, adolescents and adults who have sexually offended, as well as individuals who have experienced or perpetrated child maltreatment and other forms of violence. She is affiliated with the University of Maine where she is an Associate Research Professor. Currently, Dr. Righthand is the Co-Principal Investigator for the Office of Sex Offender Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) Office's FY 16 *Assessing, Treating, and Managing Juveniles with Illegal Sexual Behavior: The Juvenile Treatment Progress Scale Development and Implementation Project*. She is a consultant to the National Center for Sexual Behavior in Youth and the Maine Department of Human Services. Dr. Righthand provides training, consultation, and program evaluation throughout the country. She co-authored the *Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol II* and related research. Her recent collaborations include *Effective Intervention with Adolescents Who Have Offended Sexually: Translating Research into Practice* and *The Safer Society Handbook of Assessment and Treatment of Adolescents who have Sexually Offended*.