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**They Did What? Now What Do We Do?**

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IN-AJSOP works with professionals to credential practitioners on providing best practices for youth with sexually harmful behaviors. Clarification is part of everyday life. However, once an adolescent violates the norm of sexual behaviors the caregivers see the incident as a crisis. With knowledge on how to work towards clarification and reunification safely, parents and practitioners are better able to address the behaviors in a clinical and home setting.

Initial understanding that treatment for sexual behaviors is on a spectrum and each situation should be evaluated individually is a layer of best practice. Once the behavior is identified steps towards clarification can begin. Safety plans are not static and should always be reviewed, especially during clarification and reunification processes. The youth is changing, the environment changes, and therefore the safety plan that involves the youth and environment should change as well. Understanding that dynamic traits of a safety plan are consistent with best practices to safely clarify and reunify.

Professionals working with the youth need to be self-aware of their own biases and values when working with youth who exhibit sexual behaviors. Best practice of monitoring own biases within professional settings allows for a professional to work with a client without interrupting services. This is especially important as with time sexual behaviors continue to grow.

Taking best practices and working with families, a healthy plan for clarification and reunification can be adapted. With or without services, the adolescent may have contact with victims, therefore making clarification and reunification a priority for community safety.

This workshop is rated: Youth | Preliminary | Clinical

**Learning Goals**

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify components necessary for clarification process.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to identify the clinical components of the clarification process to include safety planning.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to understand the Standards in Indiana to safely work towards clarification in regards to problematic sexual behaviors.

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