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### **Unified Approaches: Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Treatment and Community Supervision**

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This workshop will focus on the collaboration between treatment providers and supervising officers in treatment and community supervision of adolescents and young adults who have sexually offended. The challenges inherent in this relationship include different roles, lenses, and statutory mandates. Community supervision will be presented as the holistic, integrated collaboration between families, communities, the justice system, and the larger society. Case examples will discuss treatment and supervision plans that address dynamic risk factors and include individualized special terms and conditions of supervision. Supervision strategies will include responses to non-compliance and violation behaviors, utilizing rewards, incentives, and sanctions, and safety planning.

This seminar is rated: Adult & Youth | Preliminary

#### **Learning Goals:**

- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to define a holistic framework for treatment providers and community supervision officers to collaborate in the context of a multidisciplinary team.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to differentiate the roles, philosophical perspectives, and statutory mandates of treatment providers and supervising officers and the associated challenges and opportunities.
- Upon completion of this educational activity, learners should be better able to increase ability to articulate and apply the principles of risk, need, and responsivity in our daily work.

**Tom Leversee, LCSW**, worked for 34 years in clinical and administrative positions in the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections (DYC). He currently has a private practice focused on consultation, training, and clinical services. Tom is also an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work. His numerous publications include co-editing/authoring *Juvenile Sexual Offending: Causes, Consequences, and Corrections, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition*, with Gail Ryan and Sandy Lane. Tom is a former member of the board of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) and is

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also an ATSA Fellow. He is co-chair of the National Adolescent Perpetration Network and also a member of the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board. Tom was presented with the National Adolescent Perpetration Network's "Pioneer Award" in 2005 for his "21 years of unique contributions to prevent perpetration of sexual abuse" and the 2010 Gary Burgin Leadership Award by the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board.

**Angel Weant** has been working in the criminal justice system for twenty-five years, starting as a probation officer in Colorado's 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District in 1998 and transferring to the Colorado State Court Administrator's Office Division of Probation Services in 2007. Throughout her career, Angel has cultivated expertise around advancing practice for the successful treatment and supervision of sex offender and economic crime populations. She has managed many multi-year projects, including a statewide court improvement project for the Colorado Courts and a research project relating to systemic responses to technical violations that resulted in improved trainings for probation officers. In her current position as a Probation Analyst, which she has held since 2010, Angel facilitates program oversight for sex offender and economic crime probationers, assists in policy development and implementation of specialized programming, provides legislative testimony and technical assistance to stakeholders, and also serves as the Judicial Representative to the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB). Additionally, Angel has developed and delivered numerous trainings related to sex offender management including: risk assessment, Evidenced Based and Best Practice supervision methods, fostering a non-fear based team approach to supervision and safety planning. She has presented at numerous esteemed conferences and continues to conduct extensive local and national trainings related to sex offender management and supervision. Angel holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and Management.