

# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## **Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers**



The **Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)** is an international, interdisciplinary non-profit organization for the advancement of professional guidelines and practices in the field of sexual offense specific treatment, research, management and policy. ATSA is dedicated to preventing sexual abuse through effective treatment and management of individuals who sexually abuse or are at risk to abuse. Through research, professional education, and shared learning, ATSA promotes evidence-based policies and practices that protect the public from sexual violence. ATSA's members include many of the world's foremost researchers in the study of sexual violence as well as professionals who conduct evaluations and provide treatment services to sexual abusers and survivors of sexual abuse.

With over 2500 members from 19 countries and 25 state chapters, ATSA is the leading association for information and guidance on evidence based treatment and management of individuals who sexually abuse or are at risk to abuse. ATSA promotes the philosophy that empirically based assessment, practice, management, and policy strategies will:

- Enhance community safety;
- Reduce sexual recidivism;
- Protect victims and vulnerable populations;
- Transform the lives of those caught in the web of sexual violence; and
- Illuminate paths to prevent sexual abuse.

ATSA believes strongly that multi-disciplinary collaboration is an integral component for a comprehensive response to sexual abuse. To this end, ATSA participates and maintains collaborative partnerships with a variety of organizations, including:

- [Australia New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse](#)
- [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)
- [Center for Sex Offender Management](#)
- [Council of State Governments](#)

- [John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#)
- [Ms. Foundation for Women](#)
- [National Alliance to End Sexual Violence](#)
- [National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth](#)
- [National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation](#)
- [National Organisation for the Treatment of Abusers](#)
- [National Partnership to End Interpersonal Violence](#)
- [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#)
- [Safer Society Foundation](#)
- [SMART Office](#)
- [World Health Organization's Violence Prevention Alliance](#)

In addition to our multi-disciplinary membership and collaborative partnerships, ATSA contributes to the field of sexual abuse prevention by:

- Maintaining the professional journal, [Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment](#);
- ATSA [Practice Guidelines for the Assessment, Treatment, and Management of Male Adult Sexual Abusers](#) and the ATSA [Code of Ethics](#);
- Hosting an annual research and treatment conference which is recognized as a leading educational venue for issues related to the treatment, management and research of sexual abuse;
- Professional resources on numerous topics related to sexual offense specific treatment, management, policy, and prevention (e.g., [A Reasoned Approach: Reshaping Sex Offender Policy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse](#); [8 Things Everyone Should Know About Sexual Abuse & Sexual Offending](#); [Assessment, Treatment, and Supervision of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Problematic Sexual Behaviors](#));
- Public policy contributions to [amicus briefs and legislative](#) responses related to current sexual offenses specific issues;
- Ongoing professional consultation and collaboration opportunities for ATSA members; and
- Offering free community education and [public engagement](#) events.