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# Pre-Conference Newsletter

## Dr. James Worling, Ph.D., C.Psych., ATSAF



**Dr. James Worling** is a clinical and forensic psychologist in full-time private practice who has worked extensively with adolescents who have sexually offended, and their families, since 1988. He has also worked with children and adolescents who have been sexually abused and with children under 12 who have engaged in harming

sexual behaviours. Dr. Worling has presented many workshops locally and internationally, and he has written a number of professional articles and book chapters regarding the etiology, assessment, and treatment of adolescent sexual aggression. Dr. Worling is a fellow of the *Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers*, and he

serves on the editorial board for their journal, *Sexual Abuse*.

**Dr. Worling will present the keynote “Focusing on strengths and protective factors with adolescents who have sexually offended” on Thursday, and additional training on the PROFESOR (Protective and Risk Observations for Eliminating Sexual Offense Recidivism) Thursday afternoon.**

## Angela Wyatt Eke, Ph.D



**Dr. Angela Wyatt Eke** received her Honours Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto and completed her graduate studies in psychology at York University. Angela's areas of research include intimate partner violence, sexual offending and child exploitation, with a focus on risk assessment.

She has received various recognitions and awards for her

work; most recently she was appointed a *Member of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces* (2017, Canada). Angela has worked as a researcher in a police setting since 1997. She is an adjunct faculty member at Laurentian University, a member of the Research Ethics Board for the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care and is an Editorial Board member for the ATSA journal *Sexual Abuse*.

**Dr. Eke will present the keynote “Pedophilia and the Use of Child Sexual Exploitation Material” on Friday, and additional training on the CPORT (Child Pornography Offender Risk Tool) Friday afternoon.**

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## Thursday Session Preview

### KEYNOTE SESSION

#### Changing Perspectives: Focusing on Strengths and Protective Factors with Adolescents who have Sexually Offended

Dr. James Worling

This presentation will outline how a focus on strengths and protective factors can enhance our work with adolescents who have sexually offended. Following a review of the risk-focused tools and approaches that have been popular for many years, we

will discuss the emerging research regarding protective factors, and we will explore how strengths and protective factors are critical with respect to both assessment and treatment and how they can be used to facilitate positive change.

#### Internet Safety for Persons Who Have Committed a Sexual Offense

Daeton H. DeGrant, M.S., M.A., L.P.C. &  
Nena L. Kircher, Psy.D., L.P

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, including access to healthcare, education, job opportunities, and participation in social and community life. For a variety of reasons Sexual Offenders have historically had their internet access limited. This presentation will provide guidance in

assisting those who work with 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.

#### Adult Sex Offender Probation Supervision In Illinois: A Panel Discussion

Jaime Oliphant, Lake County Probation; Christy Foster, Clinton County Probation; Jason Jenson, Dekalb County Probation; Jeremy Jessup, Champaign County Probation; Tina Johnston, Lake County Probation

How does adult sex offender supervision vary by county and region, and rural vs. urban? This panel will discuss the similarities and differences across these areas. It will discuss officer duties, caseload size, and contact standards. Officers will discuss barriers as well as positive approaches utilized with this specialized population.

#### Polygraph Testing for Sex Offenders

Jay Cherry, Polygraph Examiner & Co-Owner, *Eagle Eye Polygraph, LLC*; Kathleen Cherry, Co-Owner, *Eagle Eye Polygraph, LLC*

Topics will include how polygraph works, question formulation, types of tests, benefits and limitations, treatment team coordination, facts vs. myths, and frequently asked questions.

#### Improving Care for Illinois's DCFS SBP Youth: Collaborative Partnership Between DCFS and Providers to Create Sexual Behavior Problem Statewide Standards

Namja Adam, Ph.D., LCSW

Presenters will introduce DCFS SBP Statewide Standards and discuss the process of identifying the need for such Standards. They will share how a collaborative model between DCFS and diverse Statewide SBP Providers led to creating quality Standards for youth in care in Illinois.

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### A New Direction Forward: Collaborative Efforts for Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems

Scott Wescott, MS, Megan Bradshaw LMSW

In 2016 Kansas enacted Senate Bill 367, a measure which placed the priority for sentencing youth based on their assessed risk. A focal point of the bill was to match the intervention with the youth's risk and need, whereby lower risk youth would be managed and

treated in the community as opposed to correctional facilities. This led to the development of a contract between the Department of Corrections and Clinical Associates, a treatment agency, to provide statewide services to youth with sexual behavior problems. The

purpose of the contract is to conduct pre-sentence psychosexual evaluations, and provide evidence-based, risk-assessment driven treatment in the community. Through the first two-and-a-half years of the contract, over 200 youth have been evaluated, and nearly 150

youth have received treatment. This presentation will outline the strategies implemented that have led to successful outcomes, and reaffirmed the need for assessment-driven approaches to management and treatment.

### The Integrative Model: An Introduction & Its Proposed Application in the Treatment of Hispanic and Latino Sex Offenders in the United States

Arturo Hurtado, LCSW, ACSW, LSOE, LSOTP, Latino Family Services

Participants would have the opportunity to acknowledge perceived experiences of systematic marginalization in the treatment of Hispanic and Latino clients experiencing sexual behavior problems.

Participants would consider immediate application of the *Integrative Model (1996 Garcia-Coll and others to the present time research)* shifting from a focus on Deficiency to one of Competency. The

Integrated Model considers this perceived marginalization and adaptive cultural coping processes of this specific population. The goal would be to integrate the focused sex offenders' view of their deficiencies

with a recognition and support of their individual attributes, their specific personal values and of their adaptive capacities for each to achieve their own potential and build better lives in their community.

### Sex Offender Registration and Child Sex Offender Restrictions

Tracie Newton, Illinois State Police

This course will provide information to the participants on all aspects of the *Illinois Sex Offender Registration Act (730 ILCS 150)* and all residency and loitering restrictions contained in 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3 and 9.4-1 that apply to all child sex offenders in Illinois. This class will discuss in length all requirements of registration and also the possible repercussions of any felony conviction which may affect their length of registration.

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## Friday Session Preview

### KEYNOTE SESSION

## Pedophilia and the Use of Child Sexual Exploitation Material

Dr. Angela Wyatt Eke

This plenary will begin with a discussion of motivations associated with the use of child sexual exploitation material. It will then focus on the research relating to child pornography offending and pedophilia, tying this information into individual assessment. Throughout the presentation, there will be some discussion of the mechanics of offending, including how individuals commit their offenses and the way this may impact specific offense details.

## Treatment of Adult Sexual Offenders in Correctional Programs

Victor Kersey, Ph.D.

With successful treatment and supervision, sex offenders can present an acceptable risk to the community. Without successful treatment and supervision, the risk becomes unacceptable. Corrections recognizes the critical nature of assessing, treating and

supervising sex offenders in the community. It is the goal and direction of Corrections to assess, manage, treat, and supervise sex offenders in the community using accepted techniques and practices. The purpose of this presentation is to provide agents,

caseworkers, providers, volunteers and family members with the necessary tools and concepts to assist them in their management of this critical population. SOTPs are committed to providing treatment that is grounded in evidence-based treatment practices

focused on helping offenders define their own goals and strategies for finding purpose and meaning in their lives. The most significant objective is to establish community and family re-integration to increase public safety.

## Revenge Porn: What is it and How Should We Handle it?

Erika Elkins, Lake County Probation, Rebecca Vinson-Boyer, LCPC

Non-consensual *Dissemination* of Private Sexual Images, or “revenge porn” as it is more commonly referred to, is a crime that has grown with the growth of social media and internet availability throughout the years. As internet and social media both become more integrated into everyday life, they bring with them a host of dangers, concerns, and

issues that are often overlooked and addressed.

This training looks at the revenge porn trend, what these offenders look like, the growth of social media and the issues this causes with personal boundaries, and a look at several case studies of revenge porn offenders. We aim to look at how these offenders differ from others and their varying needs in regard to treatment.

## Mindfulness Training for Persons Who Have Committed a Sexual Offense

Nena Kircher, Psy.D., L.P., Daeton DeGrant, MS, MA, LPC

This presentation reviews basic principles of *Mindfulness* and then applies these techniques to the management of risk factors associated with sexual offending through a combination of lecture and “hands on” skills practice.

By incorporating mindfulness skills into their risk management

toolkit, we can assist our patients in managing emotional dysregulation, unhealthy/deviant arousal, interpersonal relationships, impulsivity, and unhealthy coping.

Attendees of this training will be provided with access to materials and handouts they can use with their clients after the seminar.