

6th Annual Juvenile Sex Offender Management Conference

Omni Hotel, Corpus Christi, Texas

Sunday, June 20, 2010
Pre-Conference

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. General Session

Child Internet Predators

Dwayne Wright, Detective, Fort Bend Sheriff's Office, CID

Child internet predators have become an ever increasing problem because they are targeting children over the internet. During this lecture, we will discuss parole and probation issues and the laws pertaining to fighting child internet predators. We will also go online to reveal the severity of this type of crime against children and how prevalent the offenders are in targeting children. Profiles of the differing types of offenders who prey on children will also be discussed, along with actual case studies on child internet sting operations.

(3.5 Sex Offender Hours)

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Break
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session Continued

Monday, June 21, 2010
Conference

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Keynote Address
Vicki Spriggs, Executive Director, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission
Cherie Townsend, Executive Director, Texas Youth Commission

Keynote Address: Jacqueline Page, Psy.D

Dr. Page will provide current theory regarding adolescent sexual offenders and their treatment. The presentation will focus on treatment strategies that encourage youth to build on individual strengths to produce healthy, lifelong behavior while teaching them to recognize and correct problem thoughts and behavior. She will encourage you to think broadly about sexually abusive adolescents and give you direction on how to deal with them in a holistic approach that deals with both offense specific and other treatment issues. You will also hear how to build therapeutic alliances between treatment providers & juvenile probation officers, how to deal with difficult parents, and how to share helpful information about the offender.

(3.5 Sex Offender Hours)

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Break
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Keynote Cont'd
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (On your Own)
1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. General Session –

Texas Sex Offender Registration and the Federal Adam Walsh Act

Scott Merchant, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Safety

During this engaging session, Mr. Merchant will discuss Juvenile Sex Offender Registration and the Federal Adam Walsh Act. In addition, he will offer a comparison of Texas Law, AWA requirements, and the laws of the only AWA compliant state from a juvenile justice perspective.

(1.25 Sex Offender Hours)

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break
3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III

Taking Care of You

Jacqueline Page, Psy.D

Dealing with young people with sexual behavior problems and their families can be very stressful. Dr. Page will share some fun, creative and interesting ways to help keep you motivated and engaged in your work.

(1.75 Sex Offender Hours)

Trauma and Youth in TYC

Grace Davis, Female and Young Offender Program Specialist, Texas Youth Commission

Youth sent to the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) are the state's most serious or chronically delinquent offenders. In fiscal year 2009 (9/08 – 8/09), of 1,481 youth, 48% of new arrivals had committed violent offenses, a 7% increase from fiscal year 2008. Overall, 54% of new arrivals were categorized as high risk offenders, a 6% increase from fiscal year 2008: 91% were boys, 9% were girls, and 38% had a documented history of being abused or neglected. However, when speaking with TYC staff working with youth every day, the number rises to 90-95%. Abuse perpetrated against or witnessed by TYC youth prior to adjudication impacts the effect of rehabilitative treatment provided while the youth is in TYC. Since the majority of these youth will return to their community and often to violent homes and situations, it is imperative that we work together to offer services that can meet the needs of domestic violence survivors. This workshop will focus on the needs of these youth upon community re-entry and process options for community services.

(1.75 Victim Hours)

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Bouncing Back From Burnout

Wende Hilsenrod, Training Specialist, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

As in most traumatic events, reactions vary depending on the individual. This training looks at victim responses that may be related to mental, physical and psychological functioning due to trauma. It also looks at secondary effects of PTSD, i.e., how witnessing 'the event' can cause trauma in everyone involved in the process. This training is geared to the law enforcement community, as well as advocates, counselors and other direct service personnel.

(2.0 Sex Offender Hours)

Tuesday, June 22, 2010
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8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III

Sex Offender Management 101

Kathye Davis, Juvenile Probation Officer, Orange County Juvenile Probation

Sex Offender 101 is an insightful look into the characteristic and traits of sex offenders. We will explore the ramifications of being a "registered sex offender" and how to effectively supervise this population. This presentation will offer practical information, case examples, and audience interaction.

(2.0 Sex Offender Hours)

Cyber Crimes

Ernest Rivera, Sergeant, Office of the Attorney General, Cyber Crimes Unit

How do Internet predators target children? What techniques do they use? What can you do to stop them? For many children and young adults there is a sense that what happens online can't hurt them. Unfortunately, we are finding that many teens are posting personal information in chat rooms and on social networking sites making them easy prey for child predators. This presentation allows you to hear straight talk about the risks of online child predators and the steps all of us can take to protect our children.

(2.0 Sex Offender Hours)

Working with Addicted Survivors

Wende Hilsenrod, Training Specialist, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Twelve-step groups and victims of sexual assault are not totally compatible. The well-intentioned suggestion that a victim use the 12 steps to address his chemical dependency issues may set him up for relapse and further victimization. Surprised? This workshop is based on working with women and men in rehab who have been trapped by their pain and life circumstances and are victims of sexual assault.

(2.0 Victim Hours)

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III

Cyber Crimes - REPEAT

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(1.5 Sex Offender Hours)

NO EXCUSES! Choosing Success through Self-Development

Craig Corder, Training Specialist, Texas Juvenile Probation Commission

The ability to develop and improve yourself continuously starts with choice. Unfortunately, many people choose not to develop. They refuse to decide, which is a decision; they decide to rest on their prior accomplishments, or they decide to let an adversity overpower their better judgment. Even when they recognize a need to improve, they decide to allow their adversity to thwart their plans. Almost everyone has the desire to grow, the desire to change, and the desire to reach new peaks of personal and professional success, but too many times busy schedules, lack of resources, inconveniences, etc. preempt us from taking action.

In this interactive session, you will break free from the excuses that are holding you back and face the common enemies of self-development head on! Following a systematic approach to goal setting, you will put your purpose, important life areas, goals, and action plans into order. Come with an open mind and a willingness to grow. It's time to put YOU back on the top of your priority list!

(No Sex Offender or Victim Hours Awarded – Training Hours Only)

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Survivors of Abuse in Correctional Settings

Grace Davis, Female and Young Offender Program Specialist, Texas Youth Commission

It is often difficult to make a direct correlation between victimization and delinquency. However, it is a fact that trauma manifests itself into many life situations and choices. Providing survivor services to youth who have been convicted of violent crimes is a necessity. TYC is working with adolescents who have been the victims of sexual and physical abuse and neglect prior to adjudication. This workshop will address areas of concern for these survivors and treatment modalities utilized to assist youth in their rehabilitation.

(1.5 Victim Hours)

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch (On Your Own)

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions I, II and III

Legal Liabilities – (Part 1 of 2)

Keith Branch, MSW, JD Attorney at Law

This workshop emphasizes the importance of adhering to agency's policies and procedures, state standards as well as federal and state laws. Additionally, this workshop will explore the different types of immunity statutes and their applications. We will discuss and review how unwarranted behavior and/or negligent conduct impact your professional career. Participants will be challenged to analyze their behavior and statements under various spontaneous situations and to cover their assets. We will explore the rights of clients, victims and supervising officers. This workshop will provide participants with realistic methods of avoiding legal landmines. Participants will have an opportunity to review and discuss recent and historical cases involving sexual supervising officers and treatment providers.

(1.5 Sex Offender Hours)

LGBTQ Youth and Treatment of Sexual Behavior Problems

Jill C. Anderson, Psy.D, Children's Center for Hope & Healing, Project Pathfinder, Gainesville, GA

Mike Johnson, LMSW, Children's Center for Hope & Healing, Project Pathfinder, Gainesville, GA

This workshop will lead discussion about LGBTQ youth who have histories of sexual behavior problems. Discussions will focus on a theory of Gay Identity Development, what makes sexual behaviors problematic, and how to define a sexual offense. With more and more teenagers identifying themselves as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Questioning (LGBTQ), it is important to help professionals recognize and address personal and societal biases, learn how to not let biases interfere with working towards the best needs of the client, and learn how to establish a safe environment for these youth. In addition, treatment goals will be discussed as LGBTQ youth, particularly those with histories of sexual behavior problems, are in need of education and support to develop healthy sexuality, positive relationships, and self-esteem.

(1.5 Sex Offender Hours)

Working with Male Victims

Wende Hilsenrod, Training Specialist, Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Sexual assault of men and boys occurs on a daily basis in various contexts; so why is there such silence and humiliation associated with it? According to research by the University of Texas, 1 in 20 Texas men have been sexually assaulted in their lifetime. There are many resources available to women and children who are assaulted, but the fact remains: male sexual assault is still a taboo topic. Only recently has terminology and research of sexual assault encompassed males. This presentation will discuss myths surrounding sexual assault and males, statistics, the perpetrators, and what methods and services best assist this population of victims.

(1.5 Victim Hours)

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break

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Sex in the Media: Managing Exposure and Counterbalancing Messages

Jill C. Anderson, Psy.D, Children's Center for Hope & Healing, Project Pathfinder, Gainesville, GA

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This workshop will discuss today's media and its impact on sexual development and expression in children and adolescents. Discussion will focus on popular media (television, music, video games, and Internet). Participants will discuss what our children are being exposed to and how it affects them. In addition, presenters will propose ideas on how to counterbalance the media's messages and influence on the children and teens we serve in therapy.

(1.5 Sex Offender Hours)

The Initial Interview

David Walenta, Texas Youth Commission

That first encounter with a juvenile offender is the beginning of either building a bridge or a wall. You will hear how to organize your approach to the initial phase of the relationship with a juvenile offender that constructs open, healthy communication. In addition, you will learn some basic methods to detect deceit and strengthen your interviewing skills. This session will be valuable to both the novice and seasoned professional.

(1.5 Sex Offender Hours)

Wednesday, June 24, 2009
Conference

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Ethics

Keith Branch, JD Attorney at Law

This workshop will emphasize the importance of agency policies, job related duties and responsibilities. This workshop will explore the principle(s) that governs criminal and juvenile justice practitioners' ethical attitudes and conduct. We will also analyze good and bad behavior, moral duties and professional obligations. In addition, this workshop will discuss historical ethical problems as well as address concerns that have resurfaced with a new twist. This workshop also explores ways of minimizing unethical conduct and issues surrounding officer's discretions.

(3.0 Ethics Hours)

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Session Continued