



UNDERSTANDING & WORKING WITH CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

who engage in Sexually
Abusive Behaviours

Presented by Dr Russell Pratt | Wednesday 16 September 2015

Whether you are a treatment provider, therapist, residential staff member or in another role where you work with youth exhibiting sexually abusive behaviours, it can be difficult to bridge the divide that exists between understanding and doing in other words, you know what it looks like but so what? How does the theory translate to the practice of working with a youth who is sexually abusive, in terms of not only managing potential behaviours, but also in treating the issue?

In this session we will look at what we can do to bring this understanding alive. Through demonstration and discussion, a model of working through the 'trauma-centric lens' and looking for teachable moments – with a focus on youth exhibiting sexually abusive behaviours – will be suggested. The presentation aims to be interactive – audience input is not only welcomed but encouraged.

Seminar Objectives:

- To understand why young people engage in sexually abusive behaviour, including the impact of pornography
- To define sexually abusive behaviour (what is/what isn't) and language to use or not use
- To gain understanding of the underlying theories in regards to treatment of sexually abusive youth: what's hot and what's not?
- To incorporate child developmental knowledge into our practice; what's normal and what's not?
- Sexually abusive behaviours versus sex offending
- Trauma/attachment/brain development: how this paradigm is useful in treatment
- To walk away with practical strategies for the work - whatever your role
- To separate or not? When is the risk too high to others for a young person to stay in the home

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Dr Russell Pratt has been a Statewide Principal Practitioner with the Children, Youth and Families Division of the Department of Human Services since early 2010. Prior to this he was the manager and senior clinician of South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA) AWARE program. Russell has over 20 years experience in the field of sexual assault, trauma, attachment, family systems and child protection issues. He is a past chairman of the Victorian Offender Treatment Association (VOTA), and a current board member of ANZATSA. He has presented at over 40 national and international conferences in Australia, the United States and Europe, as well as facilitating many hundreds of trainings. Amongst his clinical interests are child protection issues, sex-offender treatment and management, assessment and treatment of youth exhibiting sexually abusive behaviours, complex family systems, community treatment, trauma/attachment/brain developmental treatment frameworks, risk assessment/management and reunification issues.

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