



WORKING WITH CHILDREN & ADOLESCENTS

who engage in Sexually
Abusive Behaviours

Presented by Russell Pratt | Wednesday 11 June 2014

Whether you are a treatment provider, therapist, residential staff member or in another role where you work with youth exhibiting sexually abusive behaviors, it can be difficult to bridge the divide that exists between understanding the theory of trauma and attachment models and actually doing something with that theory. 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 behaviors, 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 behaviors – will be suggested. The presentation aims to be interactive – audience input is not only welcomed but encouraged.

Seminar Objectives:

- 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 look at Therapeutic Treatment Order legislation and why it's good news for families
- To walk away with practical strategies in regards to assessment and/or treatment
- To separate or not? When is the risk too high to others for a young person to stay in the home

Suitable Audience:

- Carers & workers from foster, residential, permanent, adoptive & kinship care
- Family service works • Child protection workers • Case managers • Youth Justice
- Mental health professionals • Student welfare / wellbeing professionals
- Teachers / teacher's aide • Therapists • Counsellors • Psychologists • Social workers

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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 16 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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