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2010 CONFERENCE MAY BE THE BEST ONE YET!

The 15th Annual NYSATSA and NYSASOSP Conference (May 3 –5, 2010) has a dynamite line up of key note speakers and individual workshops that will be certain to leave attendees with a sense of appreciation for how much the conference will have to offer.

The keynote speakers for this year's conference are all well known "household names" in our field. Anna Salter, Ph.D, James Tanner, Ph.D., James Worling, Ph.D., and Phil Rich, Ed.D., MSW are all scheduled to speak at this year's conference.

Dr. Salter has lived in Madison Wisconsin since 1996 and consults half time to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. In addition, she lectures and consults on sex offenders and victims throughout the United States and abroad. She has keynoted conferences on sexual abuse in Australia, New Zealand, Scotland and England. In all, she has conducted trainings in 45 states and 8 countries. Dr. Salter also evaluates sex offenders for civil commitment proceedings and other purposes. She testifies as an expert witness in sexual abuse civil and criminal cases. Dr. Salter was on the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School in Lebanon, New Hampshire in the Departments of Psychiatry and Maternal and Child Health. While there, she was Director of Psycho-social Training for the Pediatric Residency Program, Director of Child Psychiatry Consultation to the Pediatric Ward, Co-Director of the Parenting Clinic, Assistant Director of the Children-at-Risk Program and Director of the Parents in Distress Program. She also won the Saul Blatman Teaching Award in the Department of Pediatrics and Maternal and Child Health. Dr. Salter is the 1997 winner of the Significant Achievement Award from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. Dr. Salter was also the primary author of the train the trainer series offered by the U.S. Justice Dept. in 1990 (Treatment Skills for Professionals Working with Sexual Offenders.), which was also taught by Barbara Schwartz and Robert McGrath.

Dr. Worling has worked with adolescents who offend sexually and their families since 1988.

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REVIEW AND COMPARISON OF 2009 OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE and DELINQUENCY REPORT AND WESTERN NEW YORK CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC CENTER MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM 2009 REPORT ON THE JUVENILE SEXUAL OFFENDER By; Peter Leising, LCSW

INTRODUCTION

During the period of 2007 through 2009, the Western New York Children Psychiatric Center Mobile Mental Health Consultation Team (MMHCT) performed fifty-one (51) Juvenile Sexual Offender Risk Assessments from the two largest urban counties that receive MMHCT services (Erie County and Niagara County Family Courts.) All of the referrals were adolescent males who were adjudicated on formal sexual offense charges. The ages of the referrals ranged from age ten to fifteen years. The victim's ages ranged from four to sixteen years old. Over forty-three percent (43.6%) of the sample sexually abused males. Over seventy percent (70.7%) of the sample sexually abused females. Less than one percent (<1.0) sexually abused both male and females.

In December 2009 the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) reviewed data obtained from the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). In this study, the characteristics of juveniles were compared to adults who committed sex offenses against minors. Characteristics of Juvenile Sex Offenders who victimized minors were also compared according to gender of offender.

The following (MMHCT) descriptive study utilizes the analyzed characteristics utilized by the (OJJDDP) study of juveniles who sexually offend. Offenders were compared according to sex of victim. Male and female victims were added as a category to be reviewed. Two other characteristics were incorporated into this study. These were offender sexual abuse of the victim prior to formal charges and age/sex of victims from prior incidents of sexual abuse. Results were then compared.
(Please review the following charts for the breakdown of sample demographics and the results of this study.)

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| MALE VICTIMS N=19 | | FEMALE VICTIMS N=29 | |
|---|------|---|------|
| OFFENDER AGE | | OFFENDER AGE | |
| 0-8 y/o | 0 | 0-8 y/o | 0 |
| 9-11 | 42.2 | 9-11 | 0 |
| 12-14 | 57.8 | 12-14 | 68.9 |
| 15-17 | 0 | 15-17 | 31.1 |
| VICTIM AGE | | VICTIM AGE | |
| 0-6 | 52.6 | 0-6 | 0 |
| 7-10 | 47.4 | 7-10 | 43.4 |
| 11-14 | 0 | 11-14 | 54.6 |
| 15.17 | 0 | 15.17 | 0 |
| VICTIM IDENTITY | | VICTIM IDENTITY | |
| Family | 78.9 | Family | 58.6 |
| Acquaintance | 21.1 | Acquaintance | 41.4 |
| Stranger | 0 | Stranger | 0 |
| INCIDENT LOCATION | | INCIDENT LOCATION | |
| Residence | 89.4 | Residence | 65.5 |
| School | 10.6 | School | 34.5 |
| Outside | 0 | Outside | 0 |
| TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE | | TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE | |
| Forcible | 42.1 | Forcible | 72.4 |
| Non Forcible | 57.9 | Non Forcible | 27.6 |
| SEXUAL ABUSE BEHAVIOR | | SEXUAL ABUSE BEHAVIOR | |
| Oral Sodomy | 52.6 | Oral Sodomy | 41.3 |
| Anal Sodomy | 26.3 | Anal Sodomy | 4.3 |
| Fondling | 52.6 | Fondling | 5 |
| Non Contact | 4.1 | Non Contact | 0 |
| MULTIPLE SEXUAL ACTS DURING INCIDENT | 2.3 | MULTIPLE SEXUAL ACTS DURING INCIDENT | 2.6 |
| MULTIPLE VICTIMS DURING INCIDENT | 2.4 | MULTIPLE VICTIMS DURING INCIDENT | 0 |
| SEXUAL ABUSE OF VICTIM PRIOR TO CHARGE | 78.9 | SEXUAL ABUSE OF VICTIM PRIOR TO CHARGE | 44.6 |

Message from the Presidents of NYSATSA and the NYSASOSP

As we start a new decade, this is a good time to summarize some of our accomplishments during the last ten years. NYSATSA/Alliance has provided professionals with a yearly opportunity to attend a State wide conference. Over the years a number of nationally recognized experts have agreed to present at the conferences. In addition, a large number of professionals around New York State have submitted proposals to present workshops. Annually, this has been very successful as we have often received many more proposals than we can accommodate, and the workshops have been well received. Starting in 2008, we added a pre-conference training day and this has also been extremely successful. Despite fiscal problems, over the last six years between 200-300 professionals attend the annual conference. We have also attempted to move the site of the conference to different regions of the state. In 2010, we are returning to central New York, holding the conference at the Turning Stone Resort.

In addition to the annual conference, since 2007, we have actively coordinated with the Office of Sex Offender Management to offer workshops to thousands of New York professionals working with adolescent and adult sex offenders. In 2009, OSOM offered 20 such trainings including training for Law Enforcement. Unfortunately, as a result of budget cuts it may be extremely difficult for OSOM to continue to offer the amount of training that they have in the past. We are needed more than ever to ensure that our colleagues receive highest quality training in sex offender management.

In 2007, New York State saw the passage of major sex offender legislation. This legislation had been pending for many years. The members of the NYSATSA/Alliance were actively involved, working with state decision-makers to draft legislation that would be more effective in protecting New York States vulnerable populations. As a result, in March 2007, the "Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act (SOMTA) was passed. NYSATSA/Alliance continues to work closely with the NYS Office of Mental Health and the Office of Sex Offender Management to enhance the treatment and supervision of sex offenders placed under civil commitment or released in the community under SIST supervision.

Presently, there are over 150 professionals from NYS who are members of national ATSA. With the help of parole officer and Board member, Ronda Hicks (Chairperson, Membership Committee) we are maintaining an active membership list of NYSATSA and Alliance members. Hopefully, as the 2010 membership applications go out later this month, every professional in New York State who is committed to reducing sexual victimization will think about joining us.

As we start the second decade of the 21st century, NYSATSA/Alliance will continue to promote sex offender training in NYS, to ensure that evidence-based, best practice models are used in managing and treating sex offenders. We are committed to continuing in our role as a knowledgeable resource, to assist our legislators in developing effective legislation. In doing so, we are effective in enhancing community safety through treatment and management of sex offenders across the state. We will continue to broaden support for our goals of promoting saner sex offender residency requirements; enhancing registration and community notification; advocating for utilizing a validated actuarial risk instrument and promoting cost effective civil management. In addition, as we move forward in the next decade we must continually strive for excellence in the area of sex offender treatment, management and research.

In closing, we ask that you take a look at our 2010 Conference brochure, which has now been sent out. Our conference, entitled, "**Decreasing Sexual Abuse and Increasing Community Safety**" offers top quality training on a wide variety of topics. We look forward to seeing you all at the Turning Stone Resort in May. Bring your golf clubs.

Happy New Year and Happier Decade!

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Call for 2010 Award Nominations

The **Fay Honey Knopp Award of Spirit & Humanity** And The **Marilyn Etcheverry Award of Excellence** are both awarded on an annual basis at the NYSATSA & NYSASOSP Conference. The New York State Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers & New York State Alliance of Sex Offender Service Providers are accepting nominations for the 2010 Fay Honey Knopp Award of Spirit & Humanity and the 2010 Marilyn Etcheverry Award of Excellence.

Criteria:

Fay Honey Knopp Award: This Award will be presented to a person studying, working or volunteering in the field of sexual abuser treatment or sexual abuse research whose work exemplifies the qualities and vision of human goodness that Honey brought to the field and whose work and spirit is an inspiration to others.

Marilyn Etcheverry Award: The Marilyn Etcheverry Award of Excellence is given annually to the individual or program who has been identified as having done exemplary work in the field of evaluation and treatment of sex offenders.

Award Nominations are Due: March 10, 2010 Nomination Process:

To nominate a candidate for either the Fay Honey Knopp Award of Spirit and Humanity or the Marilyn Etcheverry Award:

Submit a brief biographical sketch/resume of the nominee.

2. Describe the personal and professional qualities that the nominee brings to their work (for the Fay Honey Knopp Award) or how they have excelled in the field of the evaluation and treatment of sex offenders (for the Marilyn Etcheverry Awards).

3. Include at least two letters of support.

Nominations must be submitted to the Awards Nomination Committee by March 10, 2010. They can be emailed to Candice Cleveland at clevelandc@familyservicesociety.org

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COMPARISON OF 2009 OJJ DP REPORT AND MMHCT 2009 REPORT ON THE JUVENILE SEXUAL OFFENDER Cont'd from Pg. 2

| MALE AND FEMALE VICTIMS N=3 | |
|---|-------|
| OFFENDER AGE | |
| 0-8 | 0 |
| 9-11 | 0 |
| 12-14 | 33.3 |
| 15-17 | 66.7 |
| VICTIM AGE | |
| 0-6 | 83.3 |
| 7-10 | 16.6 |
| 11-14 | 0 |
| 15-17 | 0 |
| VICTIM SEX | |
| Female | 66.6 |
| Male | 33.4 |
| VICTIM IDENTITY | |
| Family | 100.0 |
| Acquaintance | 60.0 |
| Stranger | 2.0 |
| INCIDENT LOCATION | |
| Residence | 66.6 |
| School | 33.3 |
| Outside | 0 |
| TYPE OF SEXUAL ABUSE | |
| Forcible | 100.0 |
| Non Forcible | 0 |
| SEXUAL ABUSE BEHAVIOR | |
| Oral Sodomy | 100.0 |
| Anal Sodomy | 100.0 |
| Rape | 100.0 |
| Fondling | 100.0 |
| Non Contact | 0 |
| MULTIPLE SEXUAL ACTS DURING INCIDENT | |
| | 100.0 |
| MULTIPLE VICTIMS DURING INCIDENT | |
| | 66.3 |
| SEXUAL ABUSE OF VICTIM PRIOR TO CHARGE | |
| | 100.0 |
| VICTIMS OF OTHER INCIDENTS | |
| | 16 |

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COMPARISON OF 2009 OJJ DP REPORT AND MMHCT 2009 REPORT ON THE JUVENILE SEXUAL OFFENDER

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| AGE OF OTHER VICTIMS | |
|----------------------|------|
| 0-6 | 50.0 |
| 7-10 | 50.0 |
| 11-14 | 0 |
| 15-17 | 0 |
| | |
| SEX OF OTHER VICTIMS | |
| Male | 66.6 |
| Female | 33.3 |

COMPARISONS OF THE TWO STUDIES

The (OJJDP) study was exhaustive and reflected clear research methodology. The sample size consisted of 13,471 arrested juvenile sexual offenders in the United States. The present study was obviously much smaller and descriptive in nature. Impressions must be viewed within these limitations. Differences between studies could reflect the much higher sample in the (OJJDP) study.

The (MMHCT) study reflects a number of themes highlighted in the (OJJDP) study. Juvenile sex offenders who victimize males are younger and their victims are also younger. Female victims are older and the juvenile sexual offenders are older. The majority of victims were pubescent females. Prepubescent males were the second biggest victim group. Chronological age differences between offender and victim were narrower in the female victim group.

The majority of victims were family members or acquaintances of the offender. The sexual abuse primarily occurred in a family residence. Physical force during the sex offense was significant in both victim groups. Fondling was the most frequent form of sexual abuse. Oral sodomy was the second.

Juvenile sexual offenders are primarily male. The sexual offending behavior peaked at age twelve years. It remained constant until age fourteen years. At age fifteen years it dramatically decreased. One difference was noted between studies. In the (OJJDP) study, multiple offenders in the incident were noted in a statistically significant sample. There were no incidents of multiple offenders in the incident identified in the present study. The (OJJDP) study indicates that juvenile sexual offenders are more likely than adult offenders to commit illegal sexual activity in groups. The (MMHCT) study elaborates on this statement. Within the male victim group the sexual offending behavior is a solitary act.

It occurs primarily in three settings. In the first setting the abuser is completely alone with the victim. In the second setting there are other individuals in the area. They are involved in other activities. These are siblings, friends or other family members. In the third setting siblings, other family members or peers are present during the sexual abuse. They are the within the same age range of the victim.

In the female victim group the sexual abuse remains a solitary act. The occurrence of the sexual abuse is similar to the first two settings described in the male victim group. There is a difference when the sexual abuse occurs in the third setting. A notable number of peers and other family members are more within the same age range of the sexual abuser.

OBSERVATIONS IN (MMHCT) STUDY

There were a number of notable differences between victim groups defined in the (MMHCT) study. The male victim group exhibits a much higher rate of sexual abuse of the victim prior to formal charges. Physical force utilized during the sexual offense was notably higher in the female victim group. In the female victim group there was higher amount of victims whose status was acquaintance

There was an extremely small sample of the male and female victim group. Due to this size, this group was not compared to the two other victim groups in this study. Review of this mixed victim group appears to reflect the highest level of sexual deviance and victims among all groups.

TREATMENT IMPLICATIONS

These two studies reflect themes well known in the treatment of juvenile sex offenders. Juvenile sexual abuse is usually not a one time or isolated incident. This is especially true where the victims are young males. The described sexual offense characteristics in these two studies do not reflect simple experimentation. It is noted many juvenile sexual offenders display numerous educational, family, social and psychiatric issues. However sexually abusive behavior cannot be subsumed in treatment as only a symptom of these other issues. A defined treatment goal associated with sexually abusive behavior must be part of the juvenile sex offender's treatment plan. Supervision issues are also consistently exhibited with this treatment population. A defined treatment objective associated with supervision should be included in the treatment plan. Treatment of the juvenile sexual offender cannot reflect ambivalence. Clinical interventions that focus on disproving or rationalizing the legal sexual offense are incorrect and counter-therapeutic.

Fifteenth Annual Conference May Be the Best One Yet

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Dr. Worling has written a number of professional articles and book chapters, and presented throughout North America regarding the etiology, assessment, and treatment of adolescent sexual aggression. Dr. Worling is an associate faculty member at the University of Toronto (OISE). He serves on the Editorial Board for the ATSA journal, *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research & Treatment*. Dr. Worling has been very well received when he presented at the NYSATSA & NYSASOSP conference in the past. His insights into the assessment and treatment of juvenile sexual abusers are valued by those in the field.

Dr. Tanner has been a community corrections professional since 1970. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Illinois with specialties in Cognitive Social Psychology, Sociology of Law, and Evaluation Research. He and Dr. Stephen Brake developed the Structured Sex Offender Treatment Review (SSOTR), a tool which allows professionals to monitor the progress of sex offenders in treatment.

Dr. Tanner is a nationally recognized cybercrime analyst who has examined more than 1,300 sex offenders' computers and designed Field Search, a computer investigation software application distributed free to law enforcement through NLECTC. Field Search is in use in the United States, Canada, UK, Australia, Europe, and by the U.S. Military. Dr. Tanner has presented hundreds of seminars and workshops and trained thousands of professionals at the national, state, and local level. Consultation and training clients include the U.S. Department of Justice, Project Safe Childhood, U.S. Department of Defense, American Probation and Parole Association, Center for Sex Offender Management, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center, High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA), Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), Probation/Parole Departments in 32 states, Mental Health Organizations in 5 states, and Child Welfare agencies in 7 states.

Phil Rich, Ed.D, MSW, LICSW is the Clinical Director of Stetson School, a residential treatment program for juvenile sexual offenders and sexually reactive children in Barre, Massachusetts. He received his MSW in 1979 and his doctorate in applied behavioral and group studies in 1992, and has practiced as a clinical social worker for over 25 years. He has served as the program director of five residential and day treatment programs, and has worked extensively with troubled adolescents and adults in residential, inpatient, day treatment, and outpatient settings. He has 12 published books, including *Understanding Juvenile Sexual Offenders: Assessment, Treatment, and Rehabilitation*, published by John Wiley & Sons.

Workshop topics will include (but not be limited to the following): "Lasting Effects of Sexual Abuse on Children," Autism/ASD and Sexual Abuse, "The Assessment and Use of Psychopathic Traits in the Management of Sex Offenders," NY State Probation Sex Offender Management Practitioner Guidance, Effective Group Skills for Working with Adult Sex Offenders, Assessment of Juveniles Who Commit Sexual Offenses, Ethical Treatment of Sexual Offenders, and SIST vs. Confinement Evaluation Issues.

NYS ATSA/NYS Alliance Mission Statement

- To reduce the level of sexual victimization.
- To promote the increase, uniformity, and quality of assessment and treatment services for juvenile and adult sexual offenders.
- To promote the development of a fully integrated continuum of services for sexual offenders.
- To promote legislation on issues and funding for programs impacting sex offenders and survivors.
- To promote offender accountability through restitution, mediation, treatment, supervision and incarceration.
- To promote community safety through the confinement of sex offenders not amenable to community-based treatment services.

Meet Your NYSATSA and NYSASOSP Board of Directors

Editor's Note: During the March 2009 meeting of the boards of directors for NYSATSA and NYSASOSP decided that we would randomly pick two board members and report on their biography. Although the process is supposed to be random selection, the editor would like to show the biography of one of our 2010 conference organizers. (Ms. Cleveland was listed in the 2009 Summer edition of this newsletter.) As was the case Dr. Hamill's biography in the last edition of the newsletter, there simply is not sufficient space for the biographies of two board members.

Catherine F. Diana, LCSW Earned her Masters Degree in Social Work from Syracuse University. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in NY State. Ms. Diana participated in specialized training over the past 25 years from many national experts, including Nicholas Groth, Robert Longo, Dr. Judith Becker, Dr. John Hunter, Peter Loss, Jonathan Ross Dr. Susan Sgroi, Gail Ryan, Dr. Meg Kaplan, and many others.

In 1983, Ms. Diana developed an on-campus residential treatment program at LaSalle School in Albany NY for adolescents who had sexually offended. From 1990 to 2003 she was Director of the Huntington Adolescent Safe Options Treatment Program in Syracuse NY. This is the second oldest community based program in NY State.

Ms. Diana has been a consultant both nationally and internationally on issues related to adolescent sexual offending behaviors and programming. She has provided over 200 workshops on on topics such as sex offender risk assessment, supervision, treatment and family reconciliation and/or reunification. Ms. Diana has also been a part-time trainer on Sexual Abuse Reporting for the Fordham University and Children First since 1998. Ms. Diana has maintained a private practice working with adult sex offenders including securing a contract with the Federal Probation Department to provide comprehensive assessment and treatment.

Ms. Diana has been the recipient of several awards including the "New York State Alliance of Sex Offender Service Providers and the New York State Chapter of ATSA. Marilyn Etcheverry Award of Clinical Excellence" in 2000 and the "Sex Abuse Study and Treatment Team: Dr. John R. Migenes Award" in 2002.

Ms. Diana has served on the following boards and committees:

1. McMahaon-Ryan Advocacy Center Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Committee
2. CART- Child Abuse Response Team, Onondaga County District Attorneys Office
3. SAST- Sex Abuse Study and Treatment Team Board
4. McMahan-Ryan Advocacy Center Advisory Board
5. Onondaga County Family Court Judge's Committee

Ms. Diana worked as the Clinical Director of Sexual Abuse Services for Elmcrest Children's Center in Syracuse, N.Y. Since beginning employment with Elmcrest in December of 2003, she has developed clinical programming for a nine bed specialized supervision unit for adolescents who have sexually offended and are deemed to be at high risk. Ms. Diana has written and been awarded a grant to service 60 community based adolescents and families where sexual abuse has occurred. She has developed an on campus treatment program for adolescents who have been victims of sexual abuse and or have sexually acted out. In September of 2008, Ms. Diana left Elmcrest to go into Private Practice full time. She now works only with adult sex offenders doing assessments, individual, group, and family treatment. Ms. Diana, together with Ms. Cleveland and Janalee Orfanides, is an organizer for the upcoming 2010 conference

In conclusion, we are fortunate to have such a distinguished professional as Ms. Diana as a board member and our conference co-chair!

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Decision & Presentation:

The awards will be presented during the Awards Luncheon at the NYSATSA Annual Conference on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, NY.

Award:

Each award winner will receive a plaque recognition award and a complimentary conference registration fee to the NYSATSA/NYSASOSP Annual Conference from Monday, May 3-Wednesday, May 5,

NYSATSA & NYSASOSP Conference Agenda

The location of the conference is at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, NY (near Syracuse).

Monday, May 3, 2010

Pre-Conference Day. There will be 3 different pre-conference workshops presented by Dr. Salter, Dr. Tanner, and Dr. Worling.

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

The day will begin at 8:30am. There will be the Presidents' welcome addresses & remarks, and then James Tanner will do a full morning session on the topic of "Deception Detection".

Tuesday (Continued)

The Awards Luncheon will take place from approximately 12:15 – 1:30. A keynote luncheon presenter has not yet been selected. There will be three luncheon choices. The conference will end at 5:00 and the welcome reception will take place from 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Wednesday May 5, 2010

There will be the presidents' remarks, and then Phil Rich will do a full morning session on an adolescent-related topic.

The conference will end at 4:15pm, and attendees can pick up their attendance certificates from 4:15pm-4:30pm.