

**Making Caregivers Part of the Team:
Working with Families in both Residential and Outpatient Settings**

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Juvenile services naturally lend themselves to working with and case managing several key aspects of treatment that direct the abuser and the family to the safest path to living in the community. Several systems are often involved to oversee the family's progress. Each system has a different task and ideally is supposed to work in a coordinated manner to assist and empower the family. In this complex setting, it is easy to become confused regarding which services assist each family and the clinician's role in this. The family, lead case manager, the therapeutic service providers, probation, child protective services and other professionals may all be involved in the decisions supervision and placement. In addition the transition from a residential facility to an outpatient setting often appears ill planned. This can be frustrating for all involved. In cases such as these, the clinician may be the only expert with the knowledge of sex abuser specific interventions and resources in this very specialized field and may need to educate all of the participants and guide the process.

This workshop will examine the many roles of professionals involved in the abuser's life and how to negotiate treatment plans that serve to enhance the safety of the abuser and his/her family. It will also examine the steps for a well planned, safe reunification from a residential or outpatient setting to the home.

Case examples will be used to demonstrate the complex issues and case consultation will be available for the audience.