

# *Inside* THE DARK MINDS OF SEX OFFENDERS

## Day 1 - January 24, 2024

Bismarck State College - National Energy Center of Excellence Room 431

### **Sex Offenders:** What Child Abuse Professionals Should Know

8:30 am - 12:00 pm | Part One

From recorded interviews with sex offenders, learn theories behind the causes of pedophilia and how people develop pro-offending attitudes. We'll dive into the research that examines the number of sexual crimes occurring in our communities and the amount of "crime switching" sex offenders engage in. We'll also address the misconceptions about recidivism rates and the expected outcomes for sex offender treatment.

### **Sex Offenders:** What Child Abuse Professionals Should Know

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Part Two

### **Creepy but Crucial Information:** Advanced Grooming as Described by Sex Offenders

2:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Using information gleaned from interviews with thousands of adult sex offenders, learn what strategies they use to target, seduce and exploit children and adults. Offenders describe how and why they target certain people and youth-serving agencies. They'll explain how they manipulated and hindered disclosure and detection. You'll gain crucial information related to trauma, forensic interviewing, investigation and prosecution.



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## **Day 1 - January 24, 2024 (continued)**

### **Protecting Our Children: Advice From Child Sex Offenders**

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm

Review Oregon's grassroots prevention project that educates caregivers, youth service staff, educators, and the faith community about child sexual abuse, offender behavior, risk management and effective prevention strategies. Learn misperceptions about children's ability to protect themselves and how adults should actively confront offender behavior and promote child safety.

### **If They Knew What I Was Thinking: What Sex Offenders Can Teach Us About Interviewing**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Learn the relationship between confession rates and sex offender characteristics (i.e., age, relationship to victim, personality type, offense history and prior experience with the criminal justice system). In addition, several studies that investigated the effectiveness of various interviewer styles (investigator demeanor and approach) will be reviewed. Lastly, the presenter will provide anecdotal comments (from 121 admitting adult male sex offenders) related to the thoughts and concerns they had while they were initially being interviewed by detectives. Comments focus on the reason they declined to be interviewed, lied about their behavior, or confessed. Video clips will be used to illustrate some of the specific skills used by police to enable offenders to confess, along with recommendations for specific interview comment/questions from 26 veteran child abuse detectives from 10 law enforcement agencies in Oregon.



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## Day 2 - January 25, 2024 (half day)

This train-the-trainer program is limited to those from law enforcement, victim advocacy, human services, mental health, schools, risk management and youth service organizations.

### **Train the Trainer** Protecting Your Children: Advice From Sex Offenders

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

1. Understand the problems with some child-focused sexual abuse prevention education and the need for this type of adult-focused child sexual abuse (CSA) prevention education.
2. Learn the benefits of adult-focused CSA prevention education, such as reduced incidents of child sexual abuse, increased reporting, increased victim advocacy/offender accountability, educated juries, and improved public relations for law enforcement and human services.
3. Become familiar with the slide deck and video clips available for delivering the training to your community.
4. Learn how to choose the right teammates, target specific groups to train, field questions, use humor, develop flyers, get feedback, and collaborate with the media.

### **Post Conference**

#### Follow-Up Activities

- Get approvals from supervisors to conduct trainings
- Find a training partner
- Edit the slide deck to your preferences
- Test the video clips with your slide deck
- Edit the flyer to your preferences
- Print and mail flyers to attendees (e.g., schools, neighborhoods, churches, etc.)
- Collect feedback from the training
- Contact media and parent groups
- Join quarterly quality assurance meetings



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### **Cory Jewell Jensen**

Currently the senior trainer for CBI Consulting, Cory Jewell Jensen, M.S., spent the last 35 years providing evaluation and treatment services to adult sex offenders and their families in Portland, Oregon. In addition to her clinical work, Ms. Jensen has provided training and/or consultation to The National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse, The Office of Special Investigations - Diplomatic Security Services Agency, The U.S. Marshall's Office, The Canadian Security Intelligence Service, The American Association of Police Polygraph Examiners, The National Child Advocacy Center, The National Children's Alliance, The United States Navy, The National Crime Victims Association, The National Boy Scouts Foundation, Prevent Child Abuse America, NYPD's Special Victims Unit and a number of other law enforcement, child advocacy and faith based organizations. Ms. Jensen has also served on a number of state and national boards and provided training for countless multidisciplinary teams throughout the United States and Europe. She was awarded Oregon's "Commercial Crime Prevention Award," the "Champions for Children Award," the OATSA "Significant Achievement Award," the Nunnenkamp "Award of Excellence," and the Jan Hindman Memorial Award. She has also published a number of articles related to sex offender treatment, risk management and child abuse prevention, testified as an expert witness in local and federal courts, and been a featured guest on radio talk shows and the Oprah Winfrey Show.



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