



SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

Per 20 ILCS 4026/20, the Illinois Sex Offender Management Board shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly regarding the training and educational programs developed and presented under this Act. The enclosed descriptions will detail the trainings that were provided during 2023 by the SOMB.

Trending Topics in the Assessment and Management of Online Sex Offense Behavior

Dates: March 14, 2024

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Presenter/Trainer: Elizabeth Griffin and David Delmonico Continuing education: 6 hours per day

Descriptor: This workshop will introduce participants to the most recent research related to individuals who engage in online sexual offense behavior. Additionally, the latest technologies used in online sexual offense cases will be discussed. Specific assessment tools and issues related to risk assessment with this population will be presented. The presenters will also discuss various management tools helpful to probation who are supervising individuals convicted of online sexual offense behavior.

Exploring How Attachment, Masculinity, and Sexual Control Influence Adolescent Male Perpetration of Child Sexual Abuse

Dates: March 15, 2024

Time: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Presenter: Michael Miner, Ph.D., L.P.

Descriptor: Over the last 15 years, researchers at the Program in Human Sexuality have been exploring the application of attachment theory to understanding the perpetration of sexual abuse and sexual aggression by adolescent males. These studies have included comparisons of various categories of adolescents who have perpetrated sexual harm: those with child victims, those with peer/adult victims, and those with only hands off offences; and have compared these groups with boys who committed non-sexual crimes and boys in treatment for substance use or other mental health disorders. This presentation will start with a description of attachment theory and related concepts of attachment behavior, attachment style and internal working models. The findings from our studies will be presented which provide a model for how attachment style, adolescent social involvement, concepts of masculinity and indications of sexual behavioral control influence the development of sexually abusive and/or sexually coercive behavior. Our work builds on the meta-analysis by Seto and Lalumière (2010) in that we have fleshed out the contribution of attachment theory, further explored issues of social interaction and social involvement, and can discuss how sexuality and early childhood sexual trauma may influence different types of acting out or problematic behavior.

The presentation will focus on the therapeutic implications of our research. I hope to challenge some long-standing assumptions and use our findings to provide a basis for thinking about adolescent sexually harmful behavior within the context of adolescent development. A more broad-brush concept that sets adolescent sexually harmful behavior within the context of other problematic sexual behavior, other delinquent behavior, and internalizing problems of youth will be presented.

How to Conduct Sexual Abuser Risk of Sexual Abuse to Children Assessments Using the ROSAC

Dates: October 30, 2024

Time: 8:30am – 4:00 pm – 6.5 CEUs

Presenter: Robert McGrath

Description: A 30-item structured professional guide for assessing the risk of adult males who have sexually abused to sexually abuse a specific child and under what circumstances, if any, the abuser might safely be allowed contact with the child.