

THE ORTHODOX JEWISH SEXUAL OFFENDER: EVALUATION, TREATMENT & MANAGEMENT

Presenter

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Audience

Pertains to adolescent & adult populations

Level

Suitable for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced levels

Workshop Summary

The evaluation, treatment, and management of Adolescent and Adult Orthodox Jewish Sexual Offenders often takes place in the Community Mental Health Setting, typically without Criminal Justice involvement.

Learning objectives:

1. Gaining familiarity with the concepts and beliefs inherent to the Orthodox Jewish Community, with specific emphasis on perceptions regarding sexual offences
2. Evaluation, treatment, and management challenges inherent to the Orthodox Jewish Sexual Offender

Workshop narrative

The evaluation, treatment, and management of Adolescent and Adult Orthodox Jewish Sexual Offenders often takes place in the Community Mental Health Setting, typically without Criminal Justice involvement. The purpose of this workshop is therefore three-fold. First, to acquaint attendees with a description of the Orthodox Jewish Community (OJC), in both broad and specific terms, in an effort to allow participants to appreciate fully the communal values and ethics that underlie the treatment needs of members of the OJC. Second, the challenges that are faced when dealing specifically with issues of sexual abuse and sexual offending within the OJC will be discussed. Finally, evaluation, treatment and management challenges of the Orthodox Sex Offender (OSO) will be presented. These challenges include evaluation and management without a Criminal Justice Entity, the inapplicability of Risk Assessment Measures for this population, and treatment challenges based on religious needs/concerns.