

**Workshop #24**  
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## **STARTING A SEX OFFENDER ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT PROGRAM**

### **Presenters**

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### **Audience**

Pertains to assessment and treatment of adults

### **Level**

Intermediate

### **Workshop Summary**

This panel will discuss the various issues involved in starting a sex offender program. Funding resources related to Federal, State, Local, Insurance, sliding fee scale, etc. and how to apply for these funding resources, will be discussed. A strong focus on treatment guidelines, ethics, and providers' training needs for assessments and treatment will be provided. Intake and treatment protocols, confidentiality expectation, etc. will be presented including written examples of each. The importance of a coordinated approach to the management and treatment of sex offenders in community will be highlighted.

### **Learning Objectives**

Participants will be able:

1. To become aware of ethical guidelines, treatment provider qualifications and training areas required for this work.
2. To know of the different funding sources for the assessment and treatment of sex offenders and how to apply for funding.
3. To become aware of the various risk assessment tools available and need to be trained in the application of these tools.
4. To understand the importance of developing a positive working relationship with the supervising agencies and develop methods of immediate collaboration/communication regarding the clients.
5. To develop the structure within the treatment environment in order to manage the treatment work of clients in various stages of treatment.