

**Understanding Substance Use Disorders and their Relationship to Sexual Offending, Treatment and Client Outcomes**

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The interplay among sexual offending, substance abuse, criminal risk and other dynamic risk factors is an area of increasing research. In working with clients that are involved in the justice system, outcomes are usually a product of offending and other clinically relevant factors. This session will: 1) increase understanding of substance use disorders and their relationship to sexual offending, 2) provide a basic understanding of addiction research and effective treatments, 3) introduce the relevance of criminal justice risk behaviors for determining appropriate level of care; highlight the importance of including criminal justice risk and behavioral health needs (i.e. substance abuse, mental health, etc.) in determining level and type of care; and 4) demonstrate how outcomes are a function of meeting client needs.