



ABOUT DR. CHRISTENSEN

Dana Christensen, PhD currently serves as the Director of the Center for Family Resource Development at the University of Louisville and as a Professor in the Kent School of Social Work. Dr. Christensen has worked closely with many state agencies assisting them in their efforts to improve their case assessment, case planning, and case management practices.

Dr. Christensen's area of study is a focus on preventing child sexual abuse through enhanced community and neighborhood based partnerships, and the early identification and treatment of juveniles who have committed a sexual offense. In the early 1990's, as the field began to realize the link between juvenile sexual behavior problems and adult sexual offending, Dr. Christensen initiated the first university-based training program for counselors who work with juvenile sexual offenders. Validated research on treatment outcome has confirmed that juveniles who receive adequate treatment have a very low rate of recidivism (re-offending), and for each juvenile who is prevented from further sexually abusive behavior, countless victims of child sexual abuse are prevented.



ABOUT HAROLD TOKLE

Harold Tokle has been involved in clinical work with juveniles with sexual behavior problems for almost two decades. He has taught in the JSOCCP program for almost 15 years and has recently assumed additional teaching responsibilities for the program in 2013. Mr. Tokle is currently in private practice in rural Kentucky where he works closely with family courts, and community providers to ensure clients receive the best services possible.

Harold is strong supporter of strengthening the family component of children who are in care, as well as rigorous reunification and reintegration efforts as they re-enter their communities. Mr. Tokle considers his greatest experiences as a counselor have been seeing youth who have committed a sexual offense become successful adults and moving on to having a quality life.

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WHAT DOES THE JSOCCP CURRICULUM COVER?

- Dynamics of Sexual Offending
- Causes of Juvenile Offending
- Typologies of Offenders
- Assessment Overview
- Treatment Planning
- Inviting Responsibility
- Phases of Treatment
- The Committing Offense and Cycle Work
- Life Review and Trauma Outcome
- Relapse Prevention
- Individual, Group and Family Counseling
- Parent Education
- Expressive & Solution-focused techniques
- Therapist Self-Care



HOW IS THE TRAINING STRUCTURED?

The certification process consists of three parts:

1. It begins with a significant amount of reading, and assignments based on that reading to be completed prior to arriving at the institute. Participants are furnished their training materials 3 to 4 weeks ahead of attendance so they may concentrate their attention on course work while in Louisville.
2. The second phase is an intensive 5-day training experience conducted at the University of Louisville Shelby Campus where participants concentrate on a rigorous schedule of course work. Various instructional techniques combining didactic and experiential exercises are used to enhance the learning experience. Participants develop a personalized practicum proposal in this 5-day period as well.
3. The final phase of the certification process requires the participant to complete a six-month practicum in their work setting. These practicums are unique and tailored by the student and faculty to maximize relevance to their job requirements. Students submit videotaped sessions demonstrating their progress in specific skill areas. Faculty provide clinical supervision and consultation throughout the practicum experience.

WHY IS CREDENTIALING IMPORTANT?

1. Staff credibility. The sexual offender treatment field has established clear standards for staff training. Programs whose staff have not been trained to a level commensurate with national standards may have difficulty establishing credibility with funding sources and the judiciary. This is particularly true for staff who do not have advanced degrees in regulated professions.
2. Staff effectiveness. Staff who are not trained adequately do not have the knowledge, skill, or confidence to design and implement an appropriate treatment program that will maximize relapse prevention. Every case of inadequate treatment due to insufficient training is a potential threat to community safety.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The cost of the program includes registration fees for the institute, practicum, and special lectures, training materials, books, and study guides. Participants are responsible for lodging, meals, personal expenditures, and practicum videotapes. Cost of the Juvenile Sexual Offending Counselor Certification Program: Currently, the registration fee is \$1375 for the Institute and Practicum.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

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