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The Delaware Psychological Association presents:

Ethical & Clinical Assessment & Intervention with Inappropriate Sexual Behavior in Children, Adolescents, and Adults

Friday, February 19, 2021
9AM-12:15PM
Virtual GoToWebinar

Presented by Steve Eichel, Ph.D., ABPP, CST, and Joe Zingaro, Ph.D.
3 CE Credits (1 Ethics Credit)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & OUTLINE

Program Outline

1. Introductions and Annoucements
2. Part I: *Trying to define the difficult to define.*
   a. A difficult but not-so-uncommon case: was it Inappropriate Sexual Behavior (ISB), a sexual offense (SO) (e.g., 2nd or 3rd degree rape), or nothing to really get worked up about.
   b. Myth-busting: What science tells us.
   c. Understanding comorbidity in ISB.
   d. Constructing a valid and ethical sex offender evaluation.
3. Part II: *Case Histories: Allegations of Abuse During Issues Related to Custody*
   a. Presentation of cases
   b. Ethical considerations
   c. Constructing a valid and ethical custody evaluation when ISB/SO is suspected
   d. Q & A

Part I: *Trying to Define the Difficult to Define.*

In these days of with rapidly changing sexual mores and challenges, it is highly likely that psychologists will encounter clients who accuse others and/or are themselves accused of inappropriate sexual behaviors (ISB). How should psychologists handle these situations? How do we reconcile our desire to treat in situations where some would say our duty first and foremost is to society (therefore we should report the abuse)? Some situations, like child sexual abuse, are fairly straight-forward; others can be nuanced and more challenging to classify. In this workshop, we will present some of the known science behind ISB, treatment of ISB, and ethnic/racial disparities in assessment, conviction rates, sentences/length of incarceration, and treatment availability. We will also cover how to handle accusations of abuse made in a forensic context (e.g., custody evaluations).

Part II: *Case Histories: Allegations of Abuse During Issues Related to Custody.*

Issues surrounding custody can be complicated by strong emotions which have a significant impact on a parents' perception of their former partner, at times leading to accusations of abuse. This workshop will review some case histories (of males and females) where a parent was referred for a forensic evaluation because of allegations of sexual abuse, physical abuse, substance abuse and, in one case, when the parent was referred because he falsely confessed to sexual abuse of a child.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

At the completion of Part 1 of this workshop, you will be able to:

1. Explain the possible differences between inappropriate sexual behavior (ISB) and sexual offending.
2. Describe at least two findings in sexual/forensic science that the general population (including most courts) are unaware of.
3. Discuss the ethnic/racial disparities in assessment, incarceration, and treatment.

At the completion of Part 2 of this workshop, you will be able to:

1. Identify the alleged frequency of false allegations made by a parent during a custodial process.
2. List the suggested process to examine an adult accused of inappropriate contact with a child.
3. Identify differences in the examination of males vs females who have been accused of abuse of a child during a custody procedure.

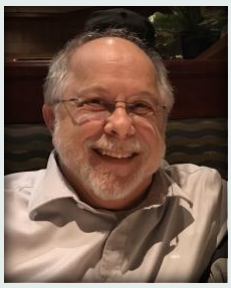
TARGET AUDIENCE

The DPA plans and promotes programs serving the continuing educational needs of psychologists and professionals across a variety of disciplines. Through the provision of high quality programming, the DPA hopes to support psychologists and other mental health professionals in their commitment to provide ethical, culturally sensitive and competent services to our community.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Dr. Steve Eichel

Steve K.D. Eichel, Ph.D., ABPP, CST, is a licensed and board certified psychologist practicing in Newark, DE. He has had broad experience in forensic psychology including several high profile cases.



Dr. Joe Zingaro

Joseph Zingaro, Ph.D., has performed over 600 forensic evaluations and testified in court over 400 times. He has testified as an expert in Family and Superior Court in Delaware. A former President of the Delaware Psychological Association, he is a member of the American Psychology-Law Society Division of the APA and the Psychology-Law Committee of the Delaware Psychological Association. Dr. Zingaro has authored over a dozen articles on such topics as confidentiality, hypnosis and victims of domestic violence.

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REGISTRATION

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DPA Members	$75
Non-DPA Members	$105
Students	$45

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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