

Treating Children with Sexual Behaviour Problems

Overview:

This one-day interactive training opportunity will provide play therapists with a strong empirical and theoretical understanding of the causes of children's sexual behaviour problems (CSBP). A model to assess the specific nature of child client's sexual behaviours and their corresponding risk to harm other children will be offered. A variety of play therapy techniques will be integrated throughout to demonstrate how to move from evaluation to treatment of this vulnerable, yet problematic, client population.

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the factors that are believed to cause CSBP
2. Differentiate between normative, healthy sexual behaviour and concerning sexual behaviours
3. Understand Gil and Cavanagh-Johnson's (1993) four category assessment model
4. Develop confidence and skill in discussing sexual behaviours with children
5. Learn several play therapy treatment approaches with this population
6. Understand how to integrate existing treatment approaches with the specific needs of CSBP
7. Understand ways of engaging caregivers as active treatment allies