

***A Multisystemic Approach to Healing Families: A Blueprint
for Restorative Juvenile Sex Offender Management***

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Edison Court, Inc. and its subsidiaries, Mathom House and Ravenhill Psychological Services, is to ensure the successful delivery of quality therapeutic and educational services to the individuals under its care.

Faculty Members:

Edison Court, Inc. bears a responsibility to individual crime victims and the community at large to provide the efficacious combination of state-of-art therapy and assessment techniques to its client population. MathomHouse must ensure that the discharged resident has been provided the best opportunity to avoid reoffending and thus lead a productive life. The employees of Edison Court, Inc. are guided by the belief that every victim and client is deserving of respectful and dignified treatment and consideration. Edison Court, Inc. strives to educate and inform victims, clients, professionals and community members of the potential risks and the impact of harm cause by criminal behavior in order promote personal and public safety.

PROFESSIONAL DISCLAIMER

Edison Court, Inc. and its subsidiaries, Mathom House and Ravenhill Psychological Services, are committed to providing intensive and responsive treatment to juvenile sexual offenders, victims of sexual abuse and their families. As professionals, we make every effort to provide neutral and unbiased research regarding the most innovative research available. We firmly believe that it is imperative to hold all juvenile sex offenders accountable for the harm that they have caused to their victims and the community. In doing so, it is our belief that restoration and healing can occur for the victim, the family and the offender. Through professional collaboration, specialized treatment and intensive supervision it is anticipated that juvenile sexual offenders can successfully reintegrate into the community.

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The purpose of this conference is to present professional counselors, social workers, educators, law enforcement officials, victim advocates, attorneys, administrators and policymakers with the most up-to-date and innovative

information available regarding the clinical treatment, supervision and management of juvenile sex offenders. In keeping with the Balanced and Restorative Justice Philosophy of the Juvenile Justice System, the material presented throughout this conference will focus on the importance of collaboration amongst the various professionals working with this client population. Professionals will have the opportunity to explore the pivotal and unique roles of the victim, family, and community in the healing process.

It is anticipated that participants will come to recognize that the safety and well-being of victims is fundamental in sex offender management. As such, collaboration among involved professionals is essential. Often times, it appears as those these professionals are working towards opposite goals when, in fact, they are working towards the same: accountability to the victim, enhancement of community safety and the development of competencies in the juvenile offender. It is the primacy of these goals that often differ amongst professions.

The information and material presented to participants throughout this conference will address various treatment, supervision and maintenance interventions for the juvenile sex offender. At the same time, participants will discover that the most effective and successful interventions are those which prioritize the needs of direct and indirect victims.

Professional Training and Continuing Education Accreditation

Pennsylvania Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Professional Counselors

The PA Board has granted accreditation to this training program. Professionals may receive **10 CEUs** for attendance and participation in this one and one-half day conference. Pursuant to the regulations of the PA Board of Social Work, partial credit cannot be granted; participants must attend all sessions of this conference in order to receive credit units. Qualifying participants will receive a certificate of attendance from ECI via postal mail. It is important that all participants register and sign all attendance sheets at the beginning and end of each day in order to guarantee receipt of this certificate.

Pennsylvania Continuing Legal Education Board

The PA CLE Board has granted accreditation to this training program for attorneys and legal professionals. Attorneys and legal professional may receive a maximum of **11 Substantive Credits** for attendance and participation. Qualifying participants will receive a certificate of attendance from ECI via postal mail. It is important that all participants register and sign all attendance sheets at the beginning and end of each day in order to guarantee receipt of this certificate.

American Psychological Association

An application for program accreditation has been submitted to the APA for consideration. Edison Court, Inc. will notify participants of the outcome upon receipt of a response from the APA.

*All conference attendees are cordially invited to the
Edison Court, Inc.*

Welcome and Hospitality Reception

Thursday, September 18th

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**The Atrium Garden
of the**

Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel

DAY ONE EVENT

“The Building Blocks to Integration: Meeting the Treatment Needs of Juvenile Sex Offenders and Their Victims “

Presented by:

David Attryde, M.S., L.P.C. and Jay Deppeler, M.Ed.

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.:

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.:

Welcoming Remarks

Presented by: Donald J. Tangora, Ph.D. CEO - Edison Court, Inc.

9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.:

A Collaborative Model for Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:

Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.:

Working Lunch

Sex Offender Registration and Notification Legislation & the Juvenile Sex Offender

Monitored by: Jennifer E. Caramenico, M.A., L.P.C.

1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.:

Break

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.:

Concurrent Victim & Family Therapy

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.:

Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.:

Offender Discharge Planning and Aftercare

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.:

Closing Remarks and Participant Evaluations

DAY TWO WORKSHOPS

8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.:

Registration

Workshop Block A

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.:

“The Art of Risk Assessment and Effective Juvenile Sex Offender Management”

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:

“Essential Clinical Assessment Tools: The Utilization of the PPG and the ABEL Assessment in Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment”

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.:

“The Use of Polygraph Assessment in the Clinical Treatment of Juvenile Sex Offenders”

Workshop Block B

8:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.:

“A Victim-Centered Approach to Family Reunification”

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.:

“Sex Offender Registration and Notification: An Overview of Current Legislation and its Potential Impact on Stakeholders”

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.:

“Future Directions in Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment”

BLOCK A WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Workshop 1 - The Art of Risk Assessment and Effective Juvenile Sexual Offender Management

Presenters: Jay Deppeler, M.Ed. and

Jonathan A. Roberds, Psy.D.

This workshop will provide an overview of effective risk assessment tools and strategies utilized in the treatment and management of the juvenile sex offender population. Focus will be given to the understanding that risk assessment is a continuous and active process.

Workshop 2 - Essential Clinical Assessment Tools: The Utilization of the PPG and the ABEL Assessment in Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment

Presenters: Kristin DeForest, M.A., L.P.C. and

Chris Walter, M.A., L.P.C.

This workshop will provide an overview of the use of the Penile Plethysmograph and the ABEL Assessment of Sexual Interest-2 in the treatment of juvenile sex offenders. The presenters will demonstrate how these clinical tools supply multisystemic teams with invaluable information that assist in the treatment and management of juvenile sex offenders.

Workshop 3 - The Use of the Polygraph Assessment in the Clinical Treatment of Juvenile Sexual Offenders

Presenters: Thomas Freiwald, Accredited Polygrapher (APA) and Robert Yochum, M.S.W., L.S.W.

This workshop will explore the utilization of the polygraph assessment in the treatment and management of juvenile sex

offenders. An explanation of the goals and objectives of the therapeutic polygraph will be discussed.

BLOCK B WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Workshop 4 - A Victim Centered Approach to Family Reunification

Presenters: Jennifer Erb Caramenico, M.A., L.P.C. and

Jennifer L. Rudy, B.S. (M.A. Candidate)

This workshop will explore the common relationships and victim reactions in juvenile sex offense cases. Discussion will focus on the importance of family therapy in the process of family reunification. Consideration will be given to the needs of the victim in this healing process. Before any plan of reunification is developed the victim's needs and safety must be addressed.

Workshop 5 - Sex Offender Registration and Notification: An Overview of Current Legislation and its Potential Impact on Stakeholders

Presenter: Jennifer Erb Caramenico, M.A., L.P.C.

This workshop will review current U.S. registration and notification laws. Participants will explore the possible implications of such laws on the sex offender, the community, the victim and professional stakeholders. Consideration will be given to the exploration of interventions that may be more conducive to juvenile sex offender treatment and victim and family healing.

Workshop 6 - Future Directions in Juvenile Sexual Offender Treatment

Presenters: David Attryde, M.S., L.P.C. and

Thomas Bortner, Psy.D.

This workshop will provide an overview of current and future treatment approaches used in juvenile sex offender treatment. An evaluation of the current state of empirically supported juvenile sex offender treatment will be provided. Participants will explore the

current application and efficacy of clinical treatment practices utilized with this adolescent offender population.