

ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PAPERS

*24th Annual NAPN Conference: May 17,18,19, 2009
National Adolescent Perpetration Network*

NAPN 2009

Hyatt Regency- Tampa Florida

**** Setting the Record Straight ****
Dispelling the Myths about Juvenile Sexual Offending

Sponsored by

*Kempe Center for Prevention & Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect,
University of Colorado School of Medicine; Department of Pediatrics*

*And Florida ATSA, Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers
And Hillsborough County Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN)*

Theme:

In NAPN's early years, the community's response to the sexually abusive behaviors of children and adolescents was often minimizing or denying the seriousness and harm of such behaviors. As early efforts to raise public awareness increased, the potential for well intentioned interventions to cause unintended harm also increased. The risks associated with stigmatizing labeling of youth had been a concern before and the juvenile justice response to delinquents was intended to recognize the misbehavior of youth as indicative of a need for corrective care and guidance, capitalizing on the resilient capacity of youth for rehabilitation. As early as the 1993 report from the National Task Force of NAPN, leaders in this field have advocated caution, to 'do no harm', and to prevent extreme responses which might actually exacerbate rather than moderate the risk of kids continuing to see abusive behaviors as reasonable choices. In responding to each other regarding proposals of extreme interventions, we often state: Abuse is the Problem, Not the Solution.

Nonetheless, recent years have seen the pendulum continue to swing wildly to extremes which seem to defy common sense. Registration and public notification are only the most obvious signs of stigma. Experts and leaders representing research and practice in this field, and in other realms of child protection, child welfare, and human development, have voiced concerns in reports and testimony, advocating public health and evidence based approaches. Practitioners and child advocates have shouted to be heard, while communities have stood behind policies and legislation which are no longer in the best interest of either the youth we serve, or the future safety of our communities. In advocating community safety, the fact that these youth are a part of the community is often overlooked.

While we remain committed to stopping the continuation of sexually abusive behaviors by the youth we treat, we must now also seek to protect their futures. Juvenile models for intervention now pair risk reduction with increased health, while our growing body of knowledge holds much good news. Many early assumptions have been corrected as research in our field and outside our field has illuminated a new understanding of human growth and functioning. The challenges for NAPN continue to be not only educating new practitioners, but also the continuing education and retraining of ourselves to keep up with advances in our field, and trying to educate and influence public policy.

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NAPN 2009 will bring together diverse, multidisciplinary professionals, who deal with sexually abusive youth in a variety of roles and settings, to explore the implications of research and clinical experience specifically relevant to preventing the initiation/continuation of sexual offending during childhood and adolescence. As we learn to decrease the risks of sexual deviance and abusive dynamics, health promoting interventions can go far beyond the initial goals of containment and risk management.

About the Conference.....

Since 1983, providers working with sexually abusive children and adolescents have shared information through the National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN). As the network has grown from 20 programs to over 1000 members, international programs have also increased. As we continue to learn from both clinical experience and research, the NAPN conference provides a forum for sharing ideas, information, and resources, and an opportunity to connect with and support our colleagues in working with the troubled and troubling youth who perpetrate sexual abuse. Tampa in May sees many sunny days, at an affordable time of year. An extra day before or after working, will take you to Tampa Bay beaches or shopping and dining in Ybor City, where Cuban culture and art abound. Families wishing to visit Disney World while in Florida will find it is accessible by rental car or tour companies. The Tampa Hyatt Regency promises an enthusiastic welcome in a wonderful venue, with affordable NAPN guest rooms. As always, NAPN will provide a safe haven to come together to share & renew our commitment to the prevention of sexual abuse.

Plan Now to join us in Tampa in May!

Call for Presenters

Challenging, validating, and sharing; struggling with common dilemmas; discovering new solutions; articulating theories; enlightening, guiding and supporting: these are the goals for presentations on prevention, assessment & treatment, juvenile justice, probation, community supervision & care. Particularly timely will be strategies for maximizing services with scarce resources, use of research on risk and protective factors, assessment of change in treatment planning, sibling and family relationships, transitions into independence for emancipating youth, chronic psychiatric disorders, safety in community based programming, and tracking outcomes in terms of success.

***See Guidelines for Submissions Below, or
posted on line at www.kempe.org/napn***

or by request from the NAPN Facilitator at Ryan.Gail@tchden.org

*One or two seminar/workshop presenters receive a 50% discount off registration fee, in thanks for presenting.
(Poster Presenters receive one 25% discount.)*

Questions? Call 303-864-5192

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Sessions may be scheduled as posters, 1 hour case presentation, 1 ½ or 3 hour Seminars.

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To Request Guidance for submitting new 1 hour case forums

Contact facilitator via email to: Ryan.Gail@tchden.org or leave message with your fax number at 303-86- 5192

All submissions must include the following:

Page 1 *For each presenter: *Name, degree, title, affiliation, address, phone, fax, & email.
*Title, type of session (Specify: 1st & 2nd preference) Poster; 1 hour Case presentation;
1½ hr workshop; 3 hr seminar
*Level of audience (All, Intermediate, Advanced, New)
*Type of session (Research, practice, experiential)
*A.V. Requirements

Page 2 *Title of Presentation
*Presenters' Names with degrees
*One page Abstract suitable for printing directly in the syllabus

Page 3 *One paragraph bio for each presenter
*Two references with phone # for each presenter
*Attach curriculum vitae/resume (1st 2 presenters)

Page 4 *Title of presentation and presenters
*One learning Goal for the presentation
*Three objectives (Steps to achieve the Goal)

**Please enclose 2 self addressed envelopes ONLY if you are mailing and do not have an email address to submit from.
Resumes or CV's of presenters can be sent by email or postal mail, but must be received by deadline.**