



# Working with Children & Adolescents Who Engage in Sexually Abusive Behaviours



**Speaker: Dr. Russell Pratt**  
Friday, 29 June 2012

**This training will focus on how to work with children and adolescents who engage in Sexually Abusive Behaviours (SAB) within the Therapeutic Treatment Orders Framework utilising a Trauma/Attachment/Brain Developmental model. Dr. Russell Pratt will present a brief overview of the recent changes to the framework for the treatment of children and youth with SAB issues, as well as a treatment model incorporating community management principles. Practical examples will be utilised on the day and will involve some audience participation.**

#### Seminar Objectives:

- To define sexually abusive behaviour (what is/what isn't) and language to use or not use
- To gain understanding of the underlying theories in regards to treatment of sexually abusive youth: what's hot and what's not?
- To incorporate child developmental knowledge into our practice; what's normal and what's not?
- Sexually abusive behaviours versus sex offending
- Trauma/attachment/brain development: how this paradigm is useful in treatment
- To look at Therapeutic Treatment Order legislation and why it's good news for families
- To walk away with practical strategies in regards to assessment and/or treatment
- To separate or not? When is the risk too high to others for a young person to stay in the home

#### Suitable Audience:

- Carers & workers from foster, residential, permanent, adoptive & kinship care
- Family service workers • Child protection workers • Case managers
- Youth Justice • Mental health professionals
- Teachers / teacher's aide • Student welfare / wellbeing professionals

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Dr. Russell Pratt BA (Hons), DPsych, Adv Dip Bus Man, is a state-wide Principal Practitioner with DHS. Prior to this he was the manager and senior clinician of South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA) AWARE program for three years. Russell has worked for more than a decade in the field of sexual assault, both with victims/survivors and with youth exhibiting sexually problematic behaviours and sexually abusive behaviours. He is a past chairman of the Victorian Offender Treatment Association (VOTA) and was the recipient of the 2008 Creswick Foundation Fellowship in Child Development and Family Relationships.



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**29 June 2012**

**9.30am** Registration

**10am - 1pm** Seminar

**VENUE**

Edgar-Lynch  
Training & Meeting Rooms  
3 St David Street  
Fitzroy 3065

**COST**

Workers: \$100+GST  
Carers / Full-time Students: \$85+GST

Refreshments, morning tea & notes provided

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

- Cheques/Money Orders made payable to "START"
- Electronic direct deposit to: "START"  
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- Eftpos/Cash on the day.

**Please provide remittance**

**RSVP**

By 22 June 2012. Please register via our website (preferred) or complete registration form and post/fax. Cancellations must be received no later than 5pm, 22 June 2012.

**Places are limited so please book early to avoid missing out!**

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- Receipts will be provided upon request.
- Participants will receive a letter of confirmation via email with a map and venue parking details.
- To give carers and workers in the Out of Home Care sector wider access to START training, a series of training DVD's are being developed that will be available through START's website. For this reason, we wish to notify you that this training seminar may be filmed for this purpose.

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