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8235 NE Airport Way
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2025 OASOTN CONFERENCE

MONDAY

MAY 12 →

8:00 - 9:00 Registration/Breakfast
 9:00 - 12:00 Pre-Conference Seminar- Dr. Timothy Kahn
 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided)
 1:00 - 5:00 Pre-Conference Seminar (*continued*)

TUESDAY

MAY 13 →

7:30 - 8:30 Registration/Breakfast
 8:30 - 10:15 Keynote- Dr. David Prescott
 10:15 - 10:30 Break
 10:30 - 12:00 Crime Victim's Rights Panel
 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch- Annual Membership Meeting
 1:30 - 3:00 Kahn, Prescott, Lerversee Panel
 3:00 - 3:30 Break
 3:30 - 5:00 Kahn, Prescott, Lerversee Panel (*cont.*)
 5:30 - 7:00 Meet & Greet

WEDNESDAY

MAY 14 →

7:45 - 8:45 Breakfast
 8:45 - 10:15 Plenary- Dr. Tom Lerversee
 10:15 - 10:30 Break
 10:30 - 12:00 Expert Panel Discussion on Polygraph (W1)
 SB 745 Sex Trafficking Screening (W2)
 ORS (W3)
 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (on your own)
 1:00 - 3:00 Expert Panel Discussion on Polygraph (*cont.*)(W4)
 Understanding Ethics (W5)
 Clarification Letter Writing and Beyond (W6)



2025 OASOTN CONFERENCE PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

MAY 12, 13, 14

2025

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MON

Implementing Counseling Interventions with Children and Adolescents with Sexual Behavior Problems: What have we learned in the past 50 years? - Timothy Kahn, MSW, CSOTP

The title says it all, "what have we learned in the past 50 years?" Join Timothy Kahn in exploring the last half century of work with youth displaying problematic and illegal sexual behaviors, in both the treatment and supervision realms.

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TUES

Where Are We Going, and How Do We Thrive? - David Prescott, LICSW

The first US program exclusively focusing on youth who have sexually abused was in the Pacific Northwest in the late 1970s. Since then, much has changed. What are the most important lessons we've learned? How can we get better at our work? And how do we as professionals flourish in our jobs? This address reviews how we got to where we are today. Based on recent data, it explores what stresses us and what gives us joy. Finally, it offers both methods and hope for how we can be more effective tomorrow than we are today.

Crime Victims' rights: understanding, assisting and working with victims of sex offenses Panel - Wendy Lang, Susana Escobedo, Kate Molina

Learn from a panel of professionals well versed in victim's rights, and who is responsible for ensuring those rights are met. Consider a case study to learn what worked well, and what can be improved upon. Finally, leave with tools to help your agency.

Where We Have Been, and Where We Are Going Panel with David Prescott, Timothy Kahn, Tom Lerversee - Moderated by Paul Stanzione, Sean Clark, and Kelly Crane

Please join Mr. Prescott, Mr. Kahn and Mr. Lerversee in a panel discussion reviewing the last 40 years plus of adolescent sex offense treatment. What have we learned and how have we changed? What is the future of this work looking like?

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WEDS

Subtypes and Developmental Pathways: Informing Treatment and Prevention with Adolescents who have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behavior - Tom Lerversee, LCSW

This plenary will focus on the causes/origins/pathways related to the development, onset, and maintenance of sexually abusive behavior in adolescence with relevance to professionals across the continuum from policy to clinical practice. Knowledge about the etiology of sexual offending is important because it provides both conceptual frameworks and specific guidance to develop more effective prevention efforts across the continuum from primary to tertiary.

Expert Discussion on the use of Polygraph for Juveniles - J. Patrick O'Burke

Expert discussion and audience Q&A regarding the use of a polygraph examination as a verification tool for juveniles. Join the discussion and review of the hotly debated tool in this field.

**Senate Bill 745: Review and Development of Sex Trafficking Vulnerability Screening -
Amanda Swanson**

SB745 was passed in 2023. This session will cover why this is important, what went in to development of the assessment tool and highlight the mandated Oregon specific curriculum developed by DOJ.

Navigating the ORS Labyrinth - John Lynch and Rich Robison

You don't have to go into a lifetime of student loan debt to pass the bar in order to understand Oregon Revised Statutes. John Lynch and Rich Robison aren't attorneys, but they find that they often have to play that role at their respective Juvenile Departments. Join them as they discuss the basics of Oregon's Juvenile Code; the important details and nuances to pay attention when deciphering Oregon's sex crimes; and how to simplify Oregon's relief from reporting hearings for juveniles.

**Understanding Ethics: A Fundamental and Simplified Approach to Always Getting it Right -
Sandra Flint, BSW, JD**

This session simplifies the concepts of ethical standards and shares easy ways to navigate ethical questions, empowering anyone to find their way to a correct and ethical outcome to any situation.

**Effective Ideas for Offending Youth and Victim Contact- Clarification letter writing and
beyond - Keith Ovelmen, LCSW, CCSOT and Debbie Moussa, LCSW**

This session will offer ideas for facilitating written and verbal communication between victims and the people who hurt them.



CONFERENCE PRESENTERS

TIMOTHY KAHN

Mr. Kahn is a nationally recognized clinician and trainer in the field of sexual offender treatment. He has been practicing in correctional, residential and outpatient treatment for 40 years. His well-known books are serving as models for treatment across the country and in other countries such as Japan.

DAVID PRESCOTT

Mr. Prescott is a mental health practitioner of 40 years and is the Director of the Safer Society Continuing Education Center. He is the author and editor of 25 books in the areas of understanding and improving services to at-risk clients. He is best known for his work with assessing and treating sexual violence and trauma.

TOM LEVERSEE

Mr. Leversee has over 38 years of clinical and administrative experience in the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections (DYC) and in private practice, including over 27 years of clinical supervisory and administrative, writing and policy work focused on sexually abusive youth.

WENDY LANG

Wendy is the Director of the Curry County Juvenile Department. In the last 22 years, she has worked up the ranks to include working as youth and family advocate, prevention specialist, probation officer, and then Director. All these roles included advocating for victims of juvenile crimes, often the case in smaller counties.

SUSANA ESCOBEDO

Susana recently joined Oregon Youth Authority as the Victim Engagement Program Manager. She has over 15 years of professional experience in the Victim and Survivor Services field, both at the state and local levels. Her expertise includes social justice and victim rights advocacy, program oversight, grant management, and providing direct services to diverse communities. Her professional experience, coupled with her lived experiences as a woman of color and an immigrant to this country, give her an in-depth understanding and awareness of the continued need for improved equitable access to resources, and inclusion of diversity and representation in our systems and service programs.

KATE MOLINA

Kate is a Senior Deputy District Attorney in the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and currently supervises the attorneys in the office's Juvenile Unit. Kate has been with MCDA since December of 2012 and has prosecuted a wide range of cases including misdemeanors, domestic violence assaults, residential burglaries, armed robberies, and homicides. She has additionally held other specialized positions within the office that handled restitution, expungements, and treatment and specialty courts. Prior to going to law school, Kate was an elementary school teacher for three years in New York City.

GABBI SOLIS



Gabbi Solis has been a Victim Advocate for 25 years, the last 18 of which have been as a bilingual Juvenile Counselor in the Washington County Juvenile Department's Victim Services Program. She serves as an advocate for any victim supervised by Washington County Juvenile Department and the Oregon Youth Authority's Washington County Field Office. Gabbi believes strongly in and enjoys professional collaboration with Juvenile Probation Officers and Youth sex offense treatment providers to enhance positive and healthy outcomes for youth by honoring the victim's constitutional right to a meaningful role in the juvenile justice process.

J. PATRICK O'BURKE



Patrick is the School Director and Primary Instructor for the Polygraph Institute LLC, Member of American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Member and past President American Polygraph Association (APA), Member of the American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP), Seated on the American Polygraph Association Post Convicted Sex Offender Testing Committee, Seated on the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation-Polygraph Advisory Board, Member of numerous Regional Polygraph Associations. Instructor for the Texas Department of Public Safety Investigator Training, Adjunct Instructor, Sturm Polygraph School, Published Author, Forensic Consultant, Court qualified expert on Polygraph and forensic interviews

AMANDA SWANSON



Amanda Swanson is the Human Trafficking Intervention Coordinator with the Oregon Department of Justice. With a master's in public policy and over 16 years of experience working with and for victims of human trafficking she is committed to developing a multidisciplinary response for victims and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking throughout Oregon. As chair of the Oregon's Attorney Generals Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee, and part of the State's Labor Trafficking Task Force, she works with stakeholders providing guidance on the state's response for victims of human trafficking. Amanda is dedicated to lowering barriers for those effected by this crime and ensuring that survivors have a voice and a seat at the table as she works in partnership with them developing a sustainable, coordinated, no wrong door response across Oregon.

JOHN LYNCH



John Lynch is the Manager of the Yamhill County Department of Community Justice's Juvenile Division. John has worked in the field of juvenile justice for 28 years and supervised a caseload of youth who have committed sexual offenses for most of those. John is a former OASOTN Board member and former OASOTN Board President.

RICH ROBISON



Rich Robison started his career in 1993 as a Juvenile Probation Officer at the Polk County Juvenile Department where he currently serves as the Juvenile PO Supervisor overseeing the day-to-day operations of the department. Prior to becoming a supervisor in 2012, Rich supervised the department's sex-offense specific caseload for 17 years. Rich has served as a trainer in the juvenile justice field since 1997, having been certified as a trainer with both the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. He recently spent four years as the lead Juvenile Law Instructor at DPSST. Rich obtained his Bachelor of Science Degree in Law Enforcement in 1989 from Western Oregon State College, which he followed up with a Master of Science Degree in Correctional Administration (with Honors) in 1991. Rich has been on staff as a Non-Tenured Track Instructor of Criminal Justice at his alma mater since 1994.

SANDRA FLINT



Sandra is a 1989 graduate of the University of Wyoming College of Law. Her professional experiences began with clerking for the former Governor of Wyoming and former United States Secretary of the Interior. Fresh out of law school she began serving as a prosecutor in Western Colorado, thereafter ultimately serving over 28 years as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Following her retirement from the FBI in 2019, she began teaching full time for Corban University in Salem, managing the Criminal Justice and Forensic Psychology programs. Today, she finds her calling in educating the next wave of servant leaders in what she calls her "pay it forward" phase. She finds joy in teaching college students, coaching high school cheerleading, and leading her graduates to successful careers in professions where character matters.

KEITH OVELMEN



Keith has worked with offending youth for 25 years. He has worked at Counterpoint Day Treatment, Janus Youth (Cordero and Buckman), private practice and now co-owns and is Clinical Director of the Illegal Sexual Behaviors program at Higher Ground Counseling. He has been a part of dozens of clarifications and finds this work incredibly meaningful. He has, over the years, developed a victim centered clarification protocol and assembled and published a book on the subject. He is the proud owner of several finely woven cardigan sweaters.

DEBBIE MOUSSA



Debbie is currently the Clinical Director of the Sequoia Center at Higher Ground Counseling focusing on the survivors of sexual abuse and their families. She has been in the mental health field for over 25 years and provided therapy to children, teens and families that have been impacted by sexual abuse and have facilitated the clarification and reunification of many families over the years. She has had the privilege of working in the Family Sexual Abuse Treatment Program through Morrison Center for several years, and working as a therapist in DHS facilitating a survivors group as well as a Caregiver group for families impacted by sexual abuse. She is currently serving on the Washington County MDT and PSB committees and the HB4086 committee tasked with making changes to the response to Problematic Sexual Abuse across the state. She believes there is no greater privilege than supporting families through this healing process.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Pre-Conference, May 12

- OASOTN Member early bird (before 4/14) **\$195**
- OASTON Member **\$220**
- Non-Member **\$230**
- Student (at least part time with current ID) **\$70**
- Conference Speaker **\$70**
- Day Of/Onsite **\$230**

Main Conference, May 13 & 14

- OASOTN Member early bird (before 4/14) **\$320**
- OASTON Member **\$350**
- Non-Member **\$360**
- Student (at least part time with current ID) **\$190**
- Single Day Attendance **\$190**
- Day Of/Onsite **\$360**

Online Registration

Registration can be completed and paid online at www.OASOTN.org

Multiple Registrations

Agencies registering 5 or more individuals- all individuals can receive the member rate if submitted by April 14.

Note: All registrations must be made at the same time.

Please email Jeremy Howell, OASOTN Treasurer, with all the names before registering on-line at treasurer@oasotn.org

Cancellation Policy

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CONFERENCE LOCATION

Sheraton Portland Airport
8235 NE Airport Way
Portland, OR 97220

LODGING & RESERVATIONS

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

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