

**NJ-ATSA WEBINAR
Friday, June 3, 2023**

**Facilitating High-Functioning Treatment Groups for Adults who Have
Sexually Abused**

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9:00am -12pm

Course Description: This three hour online clinical training will focus on concepts and techniques for treatment providers to facilitate high-functioning treatment groups that benefit clients and improve treatment outcomes for all group members. The course will begin with a brief historical overview of group therapy and research on efficacy in general therapy and sexual offense specific therapy. Topics include therapeutic factors in groups, stages of development and how member interactions deepen the group's impact on each group member will form the center of these discussions. This training will also explore how to build adherence to a well-defined, clearly communicated structure in order to create a safe and positive emotional climate. Special attention will be given to techniques to address individual dynamic risk factors and the challenges this work creates for clinicians, for example knowing when to intervene and when to resist the urge to micromanage clients' interactions.

This course addresses: Theories and concepts of human behavior and the social environment; and Social work practice, knowledge and skills.

Practitioners and Clinicians / Introductory

Training Goals and Objectives

1. Describe the history and benefit of group treatment interventions
2. Explain essential elements of effective groups
3. Implement an effective structure for group treatment sessions
4. Describe and utilize specific group techniques for dynamic risk factors
5. Explain how clinician characteristics can help or hinder a group

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