

# Common Errors in Forensic Child Sexual Abuse Evaluations

## WORKSHOP

### About the workshop

This advanced workshop is designed for psychologists who are professionally involved—or interested in becoming involved—in legal cases that include allegations or suspicions of child sexual abuse (CSA). The workshop will be useful to psychologists who encounter CSA allegations in any forensic context, including child custody disputes, child protection actions, personal injury litigation, criminal investigations, and prosecutions. Similar past workshops have proven to be interesting to psychologists with widely varying levels of knowledge and experience, from those with no prior experience with CSA cases to those who have participated in hundreds of cases. The workshop will be interesting to experienced forensic psychologists because there is little overlap between the materials presented in this workshop and those presented in most other workshops that focus on CSA. Specifically, this workshop focuses on teaching participants how to recognize, understand, and explain procedural and reasoning errors that occur in CSA evaluations and investigations, and not on training in forensic interviewing techniques.

### About the Presenter



Dr. Steve Herman is an Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. He has a PhD in Counselling Psychology from Stanford University. His research focuses on forensic child sexual abuse evaluations conducted by mental health, medical, and social work professionals and paraprofessionals.

Specifically, he has devised methods for estimating error rates for professionals' judgments about the veracity of children's reports of sexual abuse. His empirical and theoretical research has been published in professional journals and book chapters. He has created an online continuing education workshop on errors in child sexual abuse evaluations for the American Psychological Association. He has presented workshops for psychologists, judges, attorneys, law enforcement, child protection workers, forensic interviewers, and others involved in the investigation and adjudication of cases of suspected child sexual abuse in the United States, Canada, South Korea, Japan and Brazil, including workshops at annual conventions of the American Psychological Association and the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. His workshops receive high ratings from participants.

### Steve Herman Ph.D.

6.5 CPD hours

### Registration Fee

Early Bird: APS Member \$295

APS Student Member \$210

Non Member \$445

Standard: APS Member \$325

APS Student Member \$230

Non Member \$490

Early Bird registration closes 6 weeks prior to the workshop.

### Time

9am – 5pm (registration at 8.30am)

### Location and Dates

**Brisbane** | Tuesday, 21 October 2014

**Melbourne** | Saturday, 25 October 2014

**Sydney** | Saturday, 1 November 2014

**Adelaide** | Saturday, 8 November 2014

**Perth** | Saturday, 15 November 2014