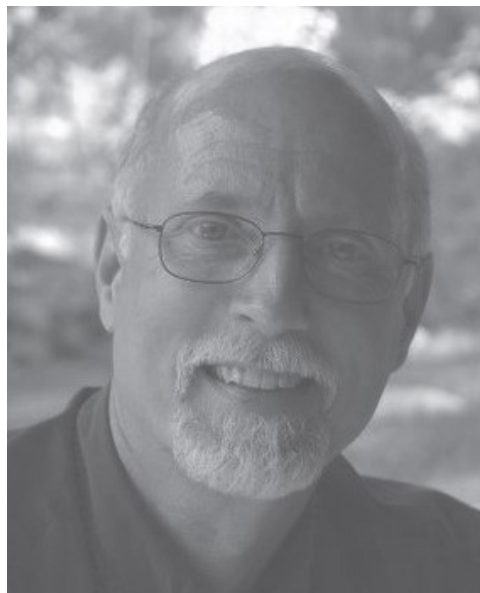


### **E3 - How Teenagers Become Sex Offenders – A Label That Never Goes Away**

When adolescents are arrested for sexual misconduct they quickly discover they have acquired a new identity - “sex offender.” Teenagers are typically very treatable and more than nine out of ten kids will not sexually reoffend. But that’s not the public perception, and because perceptions drive public policies, most who have sexually offended, including juveniles, may never recover from the label. This workshop will discuss how sexual behavior has become criminalized in the US, the many myths and facts around adolescent sexual offending, the challenges that youthful offenders and their families face, and how we can successfully manage adolescents who have sexually offended. *Trainer: Jon Brandt (Approved for CEUs)*



#### **About Jon Brandt**

Jon Brandt began his career as a county CPS social worker, investigating child abuse and working with victims and families. For nearly a decade he was a licensing social worker for PATH foster homes, providing supervision to hundreds of foster kids, support to foster families, and training for foster parents and supporting professionals. For more than 30 years, Jon has been providing assessments and treatment to adolescents who have sexually offended, and to their families. He is currently the director of Mapletree, a residential program for adolescent offenders in Maplewood, MN. Jon writes and does training on the treatment and prevention of sexual abuse.