



ABOUT

DR. CARLA DASSINGER

Dr. Carla Dassinger is a registered clinical psychologist. She holds a doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Midwestern University in Illinois while completing training in custodial settings in both Canada and the United States. She completed a one-year practicum at Cook County Jail and an internship at Vanier Centre for Women and Maplehurst Correctional Complex in Ontario. She resigned as acting chief of mental health for a multi-level institution after being employed by the Correctional Service of Canada for nearly ten years. During this time, Dr. Dassinger completed psychological risk assessments on both male and female offenders (including Parole Board pre-assessments, Dangerous Offender updates, Specialized Sex Offender assessments, and Detention Reviews). Currently, she provides treatment to those who have committed sexually motivated offences through the Forensic Psychiatric Services Commission in British Columbia. She has both researched and worked clinically in the field of forensics since 2004, while publishing and presenting in the field of risk assessment, and childhood delinquency and aggression during this period. She provides training nationally in both the areas of risk management and interviewing trauma survivors. Her private practice includes forensic risk assessment and treatment primarily in the areas of problematic sexual behaviors, and traumatic stress in both first responders and the general public. She has been certified in both Cognitive Processing Therapy through Duke University, and Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing. She has trained on Prolonged Exposure through Drs. Edna Foa and Sandy Capaldi. She provides treatment for traumatic stress through all three evidence-based treatments. Dr. Dassinger is a member of the Canadian Psychological Association, American Psychological Association, American Psychological Association – Law Society, British Columbia Psychological Association, and the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.