



22nd International Summit on Violence, Abuse & Trauma Building Peace by Linking Research, Practice, Advocacy & Policy to End Violence & Abuse

PS2: *MEGA*⁺ Specialized Risk Assessment Training: Assessing Sexually Abusive Youth, Ages 4-19

MEGA⁺ is a tool for assessing risk for coarse sexual improprieties, and/or sexually abusive behaviors in youth ages 4-19 years. *MEGA*⁺ is applicable for adjudicated and non-adjudicated males and females, including youth with low intellectual functioning. Tested on over 2200 youth internationally (largest validation studies in its field) - *MEGA*⁺ is state of the art and unique. It provides a comprehensive individualized risk assessment report according to age and gender. *MEGA*⁺ can follow changes in the youth's risk level over time (is an outcome measure).

Our one-day specialized training includes the dynamics of risk assessment in general, administering, scoring (data is confidential and secured), and interpreting the *MEGA*⁺ findings.



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Dr. Miccio-Fonseca, a clinical /forensic psychologist, a leading expert in the field of child sexual abuse, is author of numerous articles on sexually abusive individuals and assessment of such individuals. Dr. Miccio-Fonseca's ongoing research on sex offenders (all ages and genders) led to developing unique tools for assessing sexually abusive individuals, including *MEGA*⁺ and the Personal Sentence Completion Inventory (PSCI, 1994). The PSCI is a first of its kind versatile inventory used in exploring erotic development.

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