



# **Deception Detection**

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Offenders give you a tremendous amount of information -- in what they say and what they don't say, in their non-verbal behavior, in their written statements, and in their crime behavior. However, when working with offenders, clinicians must be highly skilled at detecting deception because offenders will not tell you straightforwardly everything you need to know. The offenders that corrections personnel, forensic counselors, and substance abuse counselors treat and manage have tremendous gain in being dishonest and duplicit. The crimes of drug abuse, drug dealing, domestic abuse, sexual offending, and others are done in a camouflaged way, often in an environment of trust and "rapport." The offender must be deceptive to engage in the criminal and addiction lifestyle. Antisocial clients especially may lie recreationally, confounding treatment efforts tremendously.

This training is geared to helping treatment and supervising professionals develop and enhance their skills at detecting deception through numerous avenues. In this training, professionals will learn how to better listen to, watch, understand, and confront their clients to gain more accurate information to assist in the appropriate treatment interventions. Treatment cannot be effective with a mirage!

## **Goals and Objectives**

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This training is appropriate for counselors, therapists, caseworkers, supervisors, or caretakers responsible for treatment, management, and/or supervision of the criminal offender. It also will offer valuable information for anyone involved with offenders and victims.

During this training, attendees should be able:

- To develop an understanding of the types of lies and deception common;
- To learn to identify both verbal and non-verbal indicators of deception;
- To recognize signs of credibility as well as deception;
- To understand the impact of trauma on disclosure, reporting, and deception signals in victims;
- To have a better ability to accurately assess written and verbal information;
- To develop interview and questioning techniques;
- To understand "Miller's Law" and how it applies to deception;
- To learn to recognize the behavior of a skilled and psychopathic liar.