

# GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY School of Social Work Continuing Education

## TOPIC:

## How Toxic Male Socialization Can Lead to Sexual Misconduct/Addictive Behaviors

Through 25 years of work with men in court-related and wellness programs, The Men's Resource Center of West Michigan has found that sexual misconduct/addiction issues can be effectively addressed through a diagnostic paradigm that evaluates men's experience with toxic male socialization and the psychological sequelae impacting men's healthy development particularly in the areas of emotional intelligence, healthy self-concept and relational capacity. This can cause men to have a propensity for non-relational sexuality including issues with sexual misconduct, addiction, compulsions, and sexual paraphilias. This workshop provides an introduction to gender-specific treatment modalities to both address the need for resocialization of men to challenge their core beliefs regarding masculine identity, emotionality, intimacy, and sexuality while offering them group experiences for accountability and support.

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## OBJECTIVES

- 1) Increase awareness of how a toxic male socialization process cultivates gender specific mental, emotional, and behavioral health problems for males, particularly their sexuality and ideas regarding emotions and intimacy.
- 2) Understand how a more precise diagnostic category—Mascupathy—explains the problems men have with their self-concept, emotional intelligence, intimacy skills, and propensity for externalization.
- 3) Explore how toxic male socialization can lead to males having specific problems of sexual acting out including features of addiction, compulsions, and sexual paraphilias.
- 4) Review and explain how specialized gender sensitive treatment approaches can effectively engage and help males make progress in counseling by learning about addiction cycles, typologies of sex addicts, and other features that interfere with recovery or overall personal growth and wellness.

## DATE:

Friday, April 22, 2022  
8:45am—12:00pm

## LOCATION:

Online Live Webinar via Zoom

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## Presented By:



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Intermediate

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