Statistics consistently report that 28-40% of the entire population has been sexually abused. Victimization can happen at any point in an individual’s lifespan, and its consequences can be felt throughout life. Understanding the impact of sexual abuse from a trauma-informed perspective is imperative. Drawing from an Adverse Childhood Perspective (ACE), participants will understand how sexual abuse impacts the various facets of an individual’s functioning, including physical, emotional, and behavioral, throughout the lifespan. Evidence based practices as well as the latest brain plasticity and neurological research will be presented to facilitate an understanding of how to help clients heal and transform the trauma. Participants will learn about the correlation between being a victim of sexual abuse and later causing sexual harm.

**About Our Presenter**

Robin Gerry, LCSW-R, has been working in the Sex Abuse and Trauma Unit (SATU) for the Orange County Department of Mental Health for nearly 20 years. She is frequently called to testify as an expert witness in sex abuse cases and has helped hundreds of children, teens, and families in recovering from the impact of sexual abuse and assault. Robin has served as Co Chair of the Trauma Institute of Orange County since 2013.

**September 27, 2018**

9:00AM-12:00PM

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