

## ABOUT YOUR FACILITATOR - Jim Tanner, Ph.D.



Dr. Tanner has been a community corrections professional since 1970. He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Illinois with specialties in Cognitive Social Psychology, Sociology of Law, and Evaluation Research. His primary interests are the adaptation of cognitive sciences in treatment of offender populations, cyber crime analysis, and improving the efficacy of sex offender treatment. He is a nationally recognized authority on sex offender digital behavior, grooming strategies, and sex offender management. Dr. Tanner is the author of *Quick Skills*, a comprehensive modular cognitive-behavioral treatment curriculum in use in the United States and Australia. He and Dr. Stephen Brake

developed the Structured Sex Offender Treatment Review (SSOTR), a tool which allows professionals to monitor the progress of sex offenders in treatment. Dr. Tanner designed *Field Search*, a computer investigation software application developed by PM Investigations for the National Law Enforcement and Correctional Technology Center. Field Search is in use by law enforcement in the United States, Canada, UK, Australia, Europe, and by the U.S. Military.

He served as a Professor at two universities, was a Supervising Probation Officer, Executive Director of halfway houses (2), Director of Boulder County Colorado's Community Corrections Division, Vice President of Correctional Management Incorporated, Cyber Crime Analyst for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Colorado, and President of KBSolutions Incorporated. His applied experience includes operating secure detention facilities, halfway houses for juveniles and adults, day reporting centers, probation/parole services, intensive treatment programs, and computer forensics.

He has appeared before the Colorado Legislature numerous times as an expert on corrections. He drafted legislation subsequently passed by the Colorado Legislature which substantially altered the service delivery of the Colorado Juvenile Justice System. Dr. Tanner has testified as an Expert Witness in the U.S. Federal Courts and the District Courts of the States of Kansas, Colorado, and Washington. He has been qualified as an Expert Witness in computer forensics and sex offender cognitive sets and grooming strategies by the Colorado District Courts. In 1993, the National Association of Criminal Justice Planners awarded Dr. Tanner the prestigious Weller Award in recognition of his contributions to criminal justice planning. In 2017, the American Probation and Parole Association awarded him the University of Cincinnati Award for lifetime contributions to corrections in the U.S.A. and Canada.

Dr. Tanner has presented hundreds of seminars and workshops for professionals at the national, state, and local level. Consultation and training clients include the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Department of Defense, National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center, U.S. Secret Service, Project Safe Childhood, American Probation and Parole Association, Center for Sex Offender Management, High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA), Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), National Association of Attorneys General, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), Police Service of Northern Ireland, National Policing Improvement Agency (UK), Colorado Supreme Court, Probation/Parole Departments in 32 states, Colorado District Attorneys Association, Kansas Department of Social Services, Crimes Against Children Conference, Conference On Crimes Against Women, Irish Penal Reform Trust, Correctional Services of Victoria Australia, Correctional Services of Australian Capital Territory, Mental Health Organizations in six states, American Red Cross, Child Welfare agencies in seven states, and a wide variety of private organizations.

He served as the principal investigator in more than 50 applied research projects and numerous applied studies. Results have been presented as academic papers at the national conferences of organizations such as American Criminological Society, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, International Conference on Humor, and Evaluation Research Society. His current research interests include cognitive interventions, Discourse Analysis, cyber crime, sex offender grooming, and the use of technology by sex offenders.

Dr. Tanner led an intelligence analysis team affiliated with the National Security Agency in Berlin, Germany during the 1960s. He is a computer programmer and helped develop a still classified method of computer analysis of cryptographic systems. He is advanced trained in numerous computer forensics packages and specializes in sex offender management. He currently provides computer forensic services and training for a wide variety of criminal justice agencies nationally and internationally. He has examined over 1,700 sex offenders' computers. He developed and taught a Field Forensics course sponsored the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center and is the developer and instructor of the Certified Field Search Instructor course.