

Joseph Plaud and Applied Behavioral Consultants Celebrate Years of Success

Joseph Plaud is a leading authority on sexual offenders.

WHITINSVILLE, MA, USA, July 1, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- <u>Joseph Plaud</u> is a clinical psychologist who is dedicated to providing comprehensive, technologically advanced and empirically validated clinical services. He received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1993.

"I am a clinical and forensic psychologist licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of New York," <u>Joseph Plaud</u> says, "whose graduate training was primarily focused on behavioral assessment and treatment with sexual offenders. I received my B.A. in psychology in 1987 from Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude, with High Honors in Psychology. I enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Maine, in Orono, Maine, where I received my Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 1993, after completing my clinical internship at the University of Mississippi and Jackson Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in Jackson, Mississippi."

The University of Mississippi's division of psychology has a rich history of conducting clinical research. Common areas of clinical research include substance abuse disorders, anxiety disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder, children's psychological response to chronic illness, especially cancer, sleep disorders, personality disorders, suicide, obesity, and neuropsychology.

<u>Joseph Plaud</u> focused his research on sexual offenders. Even before he completed his research at the University of Mississippi, Joseph Plaud was given an award for Best Research Article in the Journal of Behavior Therapy and Experimental Psychiatry.

Joseph Plaud completed his graduate studies and received his Ph.D. in 1993. From there, "I joined the clinical psychology faculty as an assistant professor at the University of North Dakota, and served as Director of Research for the Cambridge Center for Behavioral Studies." He stayed at the University of North Dakota for five years. "For the past ten years I have actively worked in sexual offender evaluations, particularly in relationship to civil commitment." Civil commitment is a formal term for confinement.

Today, Joseph Plaud is a recognized authority on the subject of sexual offenders. He has published and lectured widely on the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders, and his expert opinion is frequently sought in forensic cases. He is the Executive Director of Applied

Behavioral Consultants, LLC, a practice dedicated to providing comprehensive, technologically advanced, and empirically validated clinical services.

Much of Joseph Plaud's work through Applied Behavior Consultants is focused on sexual offenders, but it is not limited to that. "I have clinical and research interests in the application of behavioral principles to everyday life, as well as abnormal behavior," he points out. "For example, research areas include the study of lifespan developmental psychology, including developmental disabilities and behavioral gerontology (especially Alzheimer's disease), behavioral allocation and choice, behavioral momentum, quantitative analyses of human behavior, and stimulus equivalence. Other clinical and research areas include sexual disorders and sexual dysfunctions, the conditioning and habituation of human sexual arousal, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, and the study of how mental health professionals make and justify treatment decisions."

When he has some free time, Joseph Plaud actively supports cultural institutions in the Boston area. One of his favorites is the Boston Symphony Orchestra. He is also on the Board of Trustees at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York.

About: Joseph Plaud is an expert on sexual offenders.

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