

# TRAINING TOOLKIT

FOR

## OVERVIEW OF ADOLESCENT CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS (SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES)

### Presenter's Bio

**Donna L. Johnson, CAS, ICADC, ICCJP, ICCDP, LADC**, received her undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University in Criminal Justice Administration and Sociology with a minor in Psychology. She attended Nashville Law School with a Juris Doctor and has also completed course work at Harvard University and Harvard School of Addiction Studies. She has been trained by the Matrix Institute and the University of California Los Angeles on the Matrix Model of Treatment and provides specialized training and education on addiction, mental health and co-occurring disorders. She is currently a consultant and trainer for the Matrix Institute on Addictions in Los Angeles, Ca. She is a nationally and internationally recognized consultant, and trainer in the areas of addiction, criminal justice, methamphetamine, co-occurring disorders, mental health, drug courts and offender populations.

She is a Certified Addiction Specialist with the American Academy of Healthcare Providers in Addictive Disorders, Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Internationally Certified Criminal Justice Addiction Professional, Certified Co-Occurring Disorder Professional and Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor with the International Consortium of Addiction and Prevention Credentialing Boards.

Donna has over 25 years of experience in the field of addiction, mental health and criminal justice. She has worked for the Tennessee Department of Corrections, Tennessee Board of Pardons and Paroles, Tennessee District Attorney General and worked 18 years for a 35 million dollar community public provider in Georgia, holding positions as Director of Substance Abuse Services and Deputy Director of Behavioral Health. Donna also had the opportunity to provide training and consulting in over 35 states for SAMSHA and CSAT projects, including Access to Recovery, Matrix and criminal justice. She also has extensive experience with offender and correctional populations and with adolescent and juvenile justice populations. She has a strong background in working with the families in addiction and mental health. She also served on the Georgia Governor's Advisory Council for Mental Health and Addiction. She was also invited by the President of the United States to attend the First Annual White House Conference on Mental Health and made recommendations to the White House and other national organizations in the areas of addiction, mental health and co-occurring issues.

She is currently CEO for Addiction Solutions of Georgia, Inc., a company specializing in consulting and training in addiction, forensic addictions, criminal justice, co-occurring disorders, and mental health for adults and adolescents. She also contracts with numerous drug courts and other agencies nationally and internationally for consultation and training. She is also a consultant and trainer for the Matrix Institute on Addiction and a wide variety of topics in the addictions field. She works with numerous state agencies and universities across the nation and other countries. She had been on faculty for University of Florida, University of Georgia, University of North and South Carolina, University of Chicago, Bermuda College, University of Colorado, University of Texas and UCLA. She also contracts with SAMSHA, CSAT and NIDA to provide training and has contracts with numerous private correctional companies for consulting and training. Most recently Donna has worked in South Africa, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica and Bermuda providing training and consulting in addictions, corrections and mental health. She served as a consultant on numerous projects and has published articles on addiction issues in Counselor Magazine and numerous other publications.