

## **JESSICA PRATLEY: BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION**

- Registered Forensic Psychologist with the Psychology Board of Australia.
- Member of the Australian Psychological Society and a Member of the College of Forensic Psychologists.
- Accredited at clinical level to work with adults with the NSW Child Sex Offender Counsellors Accreditation Scheme.
- Executive Committee Member of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse

### **EDUCATION**

- 2000-2003 Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours), University of Queensland, Brisbane. My honours thesis investigated factors that influence an individual's ability to form positive adult attachments after having experienced traumatic childhood events.
- 2006-2007 Master of Psychology (Forensic), University of New South Wales, Sydney. My thesis focussed on disclosure by intrafamilial child sex offenders once they have entered into a treatment program. My study provided empirical support for a clinically observed pattern of offenders disclosing information beyond the initial report provided by the victim/s. My research was published in 2011 in *Sexual Abuse in Australia and New Zealand*.
- Current: Master of Psychology (Clinical) at Macquarie University

### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

My employment and experience has been primarily within the field of sexual abuse. I have experience assessing, writing court reports, and treating young people who have committed sexual offences. I have conducted assessments of and provided treatment to parents who have sexually abused a child, children who have been sexually abused, and nonoffending family members. I have worked extensively with families where a parent has sexually abused a child, as well as conducting research in this area.

I have experience assessing, writing reports and providing therapy to young people who have committed violent offences and other types of offences. I have experience working with substance dependence and abuse, depression and anxiety. As well as working with children who have been sexually abused, I have worked with male and female adult survivors of sexual abuse and other trauma. I have experience providing individual, group and family therapy. I primarily practise CBT, solution-focused and narrative therapy. I have provided education and training to a number of organisations.

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

I have presented at a number of conferences since 2007. Topics I have presented include public perception of juries and juror satisfaction, the process of disclosure in sexual offenders, engaging in victim-focused work with offenders, treatment of parents who have sexually abused, and managing vicarious trauma in clinicians working within the field of sexual abuse.