

**NON- OFFENDING PARENT PROGRAM
FOR CARETAKERS OF SEXUALLY ABUSED CHILDREN**

The Non-offending Parent Program (NOPP) has been developed in response to court ordered conditions and child advocacy agency requests regarding caring for and parenting a child that has been sexually abused. Often, the sexually abused child is victimized by someone they know, which presents unique parenting challenges to the child's current caretaker(s). This can result in confusion for the guardian placed in the role of a "safe" adult for the child and requires they have a working knowledge of:

1. What is "Child Sexual Abuse" and how does it happen
2. The emotional impact for victims and their families
3. Their own feelings of anger, shame, guilt, and frustration towards their child's offender
4. How to support the victim and help them re-establish boundaries and safety
5. How to interrupt the "cycle of abuse" that can occur within families and help their child to become a productive member of society

In order to meet this need, Northeast Clinical Specialists LLC has developed an educational and training program for individuals interested in better understanding these critical issues. Interested applicants must complete a 9 hour training program, including any assigned reading materials.

Referrals can be made directly to Vince Edwards LCSW, the program instructor, or can be made via the child's therapist, if this is appropriate.

The 9-hour course is offered at one of our office in Mansfield Center or Plainfield, CT. The cost of the course is \$300, which includes materials and proof of completion. You may contact Vince Edwards at 860-456-4442, ext. 8 or at vinceedwardslcsw@yahoo.com for more information.