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Paul Shawler, PhD, is the Chief Psychologist of the Oklahoma Office of Juvenile Affairs and an Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center. Dr. Shawler completed his doctorate and master's degree in clinical psychology from Oklahoma State University. He went on to complete his predoctoral internship and postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in the Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. Paul grew up in Hurricane, West Virginia and received his B.S. in Psychology from West Virginia University. He has served in the Army National Guard since 2006 and is currently attached to C Co. 700 Brigade Support Battalion with the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Norman, OK.

Dr. Shawler serves as a consultant and is a trainer across the nation as a member of the National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth. His areas of interest and expertise include policy development and implementation of evidence-based programs for children and adolescents, juvenile justice and child welfare system reform, training in trauma informed practices and prevention of child maltreatment, family systems, and the treatment of youth with developmental disabilities. Paul was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to serve on the State Advisory Group for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in 2017 given his work in addressing child maltreatment, serving youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and policy initiatives for delivering evidence-based mental services for families of children and adolescents.

Dr. Shawler is an active researcher and has numerous publications in academic peer-reviewed journals. He is a strong advocate for data driven policy and family centered services. His primary research focus includes dissemination and implementation of evidence-based treatments, policy impact on treatment trajectory for youth, and early intervention and diversion alternatives for youth with problematic sexual behavior.

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