The training day with DHS Foster Care was a success. In collaboration with the OU Norman Simulation team, Lashowann from DHS, Dr. Paul Shawler and Haruv USA, the participants were able to gain a better understanding of how children are affected by sexual abuse among siblings.

Introductions were given by Lashowann and one of her colleagues, then we welcomed Dr. Paul Shawler to present on “Problematic Sexual Behaviors in Children”. Dr. Shawler shared his knowledge on how professionals can recognize and be proactive in helping children and their families who have been affected by sibling sexual abuse. After his lecture, the DHS participants were given a short break before the simulation team presented their scenario. In a theater style simulation, the participants were able to observe a therapy session between a therapist and a grandmother (who’s granddaughter had been sexually abused by her grandson). The actors did a wonderful job portraying what this type of interaction might look like, and how to navigate through a challenging conversation with an overwhelmed grandmother. At the end of the scenario, Angela Pharris, from OU Norman, asked multiple debrief questions to the actors and the audience. The participants were engaged and provided good examples and ideas for how to communicate successfully in this type of scenario.

Overall, we were thrilled with the number of participants who arrive for the training day (78 people). Dr. Paul Shawler gave an excellent presentation and the simulation provided a positive learning experience for the participants.
Below are a few pictures that were captured during the training day:
More than just a treatment
Working with families and children impacted by problematic sexual behavior of youth
National Center on the Sexual Behavior of Youth

Haruv USA at OU - Tulsa

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[Image of a group of people standing together]