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## **SUMMARY**

In this study the researcher developed a training programme for state prosecutors to address re-victimization of the sexually abused child during forensic procedures. The study commenced with a literature study focusing on the following aspects:

- Person-centred approach as scientific foundation for the work with sexually abused children during forensic procedures.
- Sexual abuse and the long-term effects thereof.
- Addressing re-victimization of the sexually abused child during forensic procedures.

After finalizing the literature study, the researcher did the empirical study, which was a combined qualitative-quantitative study. The researcher started with the qualitative study, where prosecutors dealing with sexual abuse cases were interviewed to determine their training needs. After their training needs were determined a training programme was compiled. This training programme formed part of the quantitative study and was implemented during a training session for prosecutors at the Justice College in Pretoria. The programme was also evaluated making use of a pre- and post-test questionnaire to determine whether there was a knowledge improvement after the presentation of the programme.

**Key words:**

Sexual abuse

Person-centred approach

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## **OPSOMMING**

Die navorser het tydens hierdie studie 'n opleidingsprogram vir staatsaanklaers ontwikkel om hertraumatisering van die gemolesteerde kind tydens forensiese prosedures aan te spreek. Die navorser het hierdie studie met 'n literatuurstudie begin. Die literatuurstudie het die volgende ingesluit:

- 'n Persoongesentreerde benadering wat as die basis bied vir die hantering van seksueel gemolesteerde kinders tydens forensiese prosedures.
- Seksuele misbruik en die langtermyn gevolge daarvan.
- Die aanspreek van hertraumatisering van die seksueel gemolesteerde kind tydens forensiese prosedures.

Na die voltooiing van die literatuurstudie, het die empiriese studie gevolg wat 'n kombinasie is van 'n kwalitatiewe-kwantitatiewe studie. Daar is eers met die kwalitatiewe studie begin. Tydens die kwalitatiewe studie is onderhoude met staatsaanklaers wat met seksuele misbruik sake werk gevoer om hul opleidingsbehoefte te bepaal. Hierna is 'n opleidingsprogram vir staatsaanklaers ontwikkel wat tydens die kwantitatiewe studie geïmplementeer en geëvalueer is by wyse van 'n voor- en natoets om te bepaal of die staatsaanklaers se kennis na die afloop van die program verbeter het.