

Identifying the Personality Traits and Characteristics of Those in the Field

We may be compelled to do this work by strong emotions and beliefs about sexual victimization, or perhaps the desire to be of service to other people. We might be driven by the need to understand how and why people can think, feel, and behave the way that they do. We may have experienced trauma ourselves and feel committed to trying to prevent the victimization of others. Whatever the reasons, it is important to consider why we find ourselves in this line of work and how it might impact us.

Take a few minutes to answer the three questions below. Once you are finished, we will discuss our responses as a group.

1. Why did you choose to do this work?

2. What do you think the most common personality traits or characteristics are for those who work in the field of sex offender management?

3. How do you think these traits could make professionals vulnerable to secondary trauma?
