



## Law Enforcement Training Advisory Commission

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# The Games Cons Play

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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## LETAC Training Center

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**Purpose of Course:** This eight hour training has been designed with the purpose of addressing the issues of incarcerated men and women and the manipulative interactions they display in the country's prison system. The problem is that they have all day with little else to do rather than scheme and plot as to how to manipulate the correctional guards and the system that has held them accountable for their crimes. The psychological organization of the criminal mind can, and does, amuse itself during long times of incarceration with games of deviant and harmful nature. These deviant "games" can be deadly for the staff at worst and at least disruptive to the institution. While society is demanding prosecution and longer incarceration for criminals, the correctional system has not prepared officers for the deluge of psychological "con games" that they will be dealing with on a regular and increasing basis.

**Course Description:** One of the problems with modern prisons is the time that the inmates have to develop deviant behaviors. Often the inmates will play their con games on the correctional guards, unsuspecting citizens and each other. This course will outline the psychological organization of the incarcerated deviant individual and the kinds of games they perpetrate while they are incarcerated. The course will outline the major categories of "con games" and the most helpful response by correctional guards.

**Course Goals:** The goal of this course is to train participants to more fully understand the manipulative and deviant games that are perpetrated by incarcerated men and women. It includes a private self evaluation of the correction officer to determine vulnerability. Also included are suggestions for supervisors to assist their staff in avoiding inmate manipulation. The skills addressed will include, but not be limited to, will be the following:

- Explore assumptions regarding human deviant behavior
- Understand major theories sociopathic and psychopathic behavior
- Explore inmate culture and manipulation
- Understand the inappropriate staff/inmate relations
- Exploring religious con games
- Exploring Internet usage in manipulation
- Understand the "inmate selection and seduction" process
- Identify manipulative medical and suicidal behavior
- Understand the sexual relationships between inmates
- Review an analogy of famous incarcerated manipulative inmates
- Increase understanding of the female inmate and her con games
- Identify patterns of manipulation in inmates
- Learn how to address "the con" before they "con" you



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**Instructor:** GAIL SULLIVAN, M.A., Professor of Criminal Justice, Westwood College, Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Sullivan is a certified trainer through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. She has conducted training programs for public and private sector organizations, social service agencies, school systems, the Cook County Juvenile Court, Cook County Adult Probation, the Chicago Police Department and numerous mobile teams to include Mobile Team #10 where she has previously presented several training programs. Gail's programs are always well received, as she has proven to interact very well with law enforcement.

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**Cancellation:** If a class must be canceled for any reason, every effort will be made to do so at least 2 weeks before the class is scheduled to begin. However, there are circumstances where last minute cancellation is out of our control. All officers who have been registered for training will be contacted at the email address given at registration, so please be sure to provide an email address which is checked often. If you are registered for a class and find that you will be unable to attend, please contact our office as soon as possible to let us know. We often have a waiting list for classes and another officer may be contacted to fill your newly vacated seat.