

Supervision, Treatment, Reentry Strategies, & Future Approaches Related to Sex Offenders & The Sex Offender Registry Program

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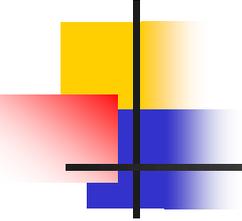
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OBJECTIVES

- LEARN ABOUT COMMON CHARACTERISTICS OF SEX OFFENDERS
- SHARE DATA AND STATISTICS ON SEX OFFENDERS IN WISCONSIN AND MILWAUKEE COUNTY
- DISCUSS DCC REGION 3'S APPROACH TO THE SUPERVISION OF SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY
- REVIEW RESEARCH RELATED TO SEX OFFENDER RISK DYNAMICS AND TREATMENT STRATEGIES
- COVER RECENT ENHANCEMENTS TO WISCONSIN'S SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY PROGRAM
- FORECAST CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF SEX OFFENDER RESIDENCY OPTIONS IN THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE



MYTHS

- MYTH:

- MOST SEXUAL ASSAULTS ARE COMMITTED BY STRANGERS

- FACT

- 93% OF VICTIMS WERE KNOWN TO THE OFFENDERS
- 93% OF OFFENDERS HAD NO PRIOR ARRESTS FOR A SEX CRIME



MYTHS

- **MYTH:**

- SEX OFFENDERS SEEK OUT AND MAKE CONTACT WITH POTENTIAL VICTIMS IN PLACES WHERE CHILDREN CONGREGATE

- **FACT:**

- A 2007 STUDY BY THE MINNESOTA DOC OF 224 OFFENDERS FOUND THAT NONE OF THE PERPETRATORS HAD THEIR FIRST CONTACT WITH A CHILD IN ONE OF THOSE SETTINGS



MYTHS

- MYTH

- TREATMENT IS A WASTE OF MONEY ON SEX OFFENDERS

- FACT

- NUMEROUS STUDIES AND META-ANALYSIS HAVE SHOWN SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN RECIDIVISM FOR OFFENDERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT



MYTH

■ MYTH

- SEX OFFENDERS HAVE A 94% RECIDIVISM RATE- THEY NEVER CHANGE

■ FACT

- MOST SEX OFFENDERS HAVE LOW SEX CRIME RECIDIVISM RATES.
- RECIDIVISM RATES VARY BY THE TYPE OF SEXUAL OFFENSE
- THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 5.3% WITHIN THREE YEARS OF RELEASE



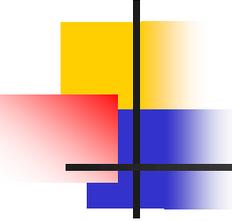
SEX OFFENDERS: WHO ARE THEY?

- DOC DEFINITION INCLUDES
 - SEXUAL ASSAULT CONVICTION (OR READ-IN)
 - OFFENSES OR SUBSTANTIATED VIOLATIONS WHEREIN BEHAVIORS WERE SEXUALLY MOTIVATED OR DEVIANT



SEX OFFENDER PROFILES

- REPRESENT A BROAD VARIETY OF RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND SOCIO- ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS
- WIDE RANGE OF AGES
- MALE & FEMALES



TRENDS IN SENTENCING

- MANDATORY MINIMUMS HAVE IMPACTED LENGTH OF SENTENCES
- INCREASING LIKELIHOOD OF INCARCERATION
 - 25% OF WISCONSIN INMATES HAVE AN ACTIVE CONVICTION FOR A SEX OFFENSE



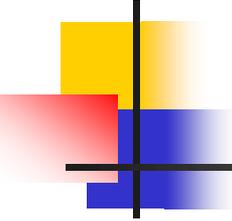
WISCONSIN STATS (2014)

- 5,659 PRISON & REGISTERED SO
- 5,543 COMMUNITY SUPERVISION & REGISTERED SO
- 23,372 TOTAL REGISTERED SOs
- 363 CHAPTER 980 PATIENTS (2011 STAT)

MILWAUKEE COUNTY STATS (2014)

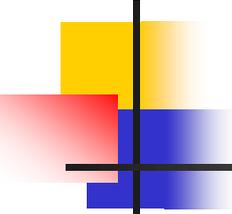


- 2717 # OF REGISTERED SOs
- 1938 # OF TERMINATED REGISTERED SOs
- 779 # OF REGISTERED SOs ON ACTIVE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION
- 5 # OF ACTIVE CHAPTER 980 SUPERVISED RELEASE PATIENTS
- 50 # OF DCC SO AGENTS (5 UNITS)



PRIMARY GOALS IN SUPERVISING SEX OFFENDERS

- PREVENT ADDITIONAL VICTIMIZATION
- REDUCE SEX OFFENDERS RISK TO RE-OFFEND
- PROVIDE OFFENDERS TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN PROLONGED POSITIVE COMMUNITY ADJUSTMENT



SEX OFFENDER SUPERVISION IN WISCONSIN AND REGION 3:

- WISCONSIN HAS CONTINUALLY EVOLVED IN ITS APPROACH TO SUPERVISING SEX OFFENDERS
- WISCONSIN HAS MADE EFFORTS TO ADOPT EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES
- EXAMPLES INCLUDE:
 - APPROPRIATE UTILIZATION OF TECHNOLOGY TO MONITOR ACTIVITIES (GPS)
 - IMPLEMENTATION OF RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS
 - MORE ROBUST AND TARGETTED TREATMENT INTERVENTIONS

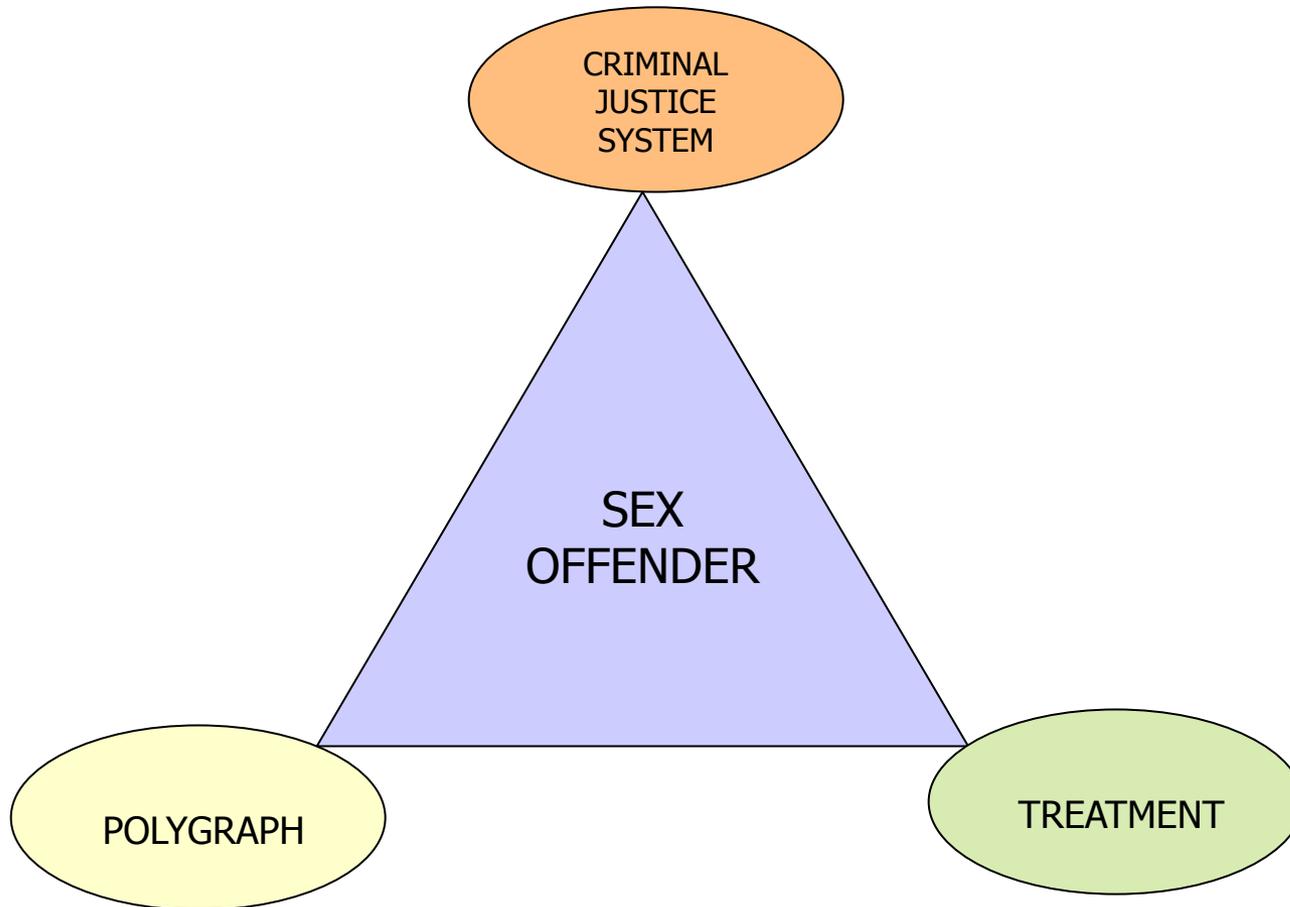


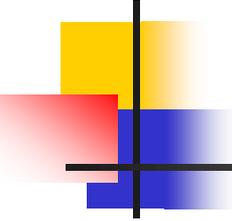
RESEARCH

- EACH SEX OFFENDER NEEDS TO BE INDEPENDENTLY EVALUATED TO DETERMINE THE LIKELIHOOD THEY WILL SEXUALLY REOFFEND
- IN OTHER WORDS, THE CRIME FOR WHICH THE SEX OFFENDER WAS CONVICTED DOES NOT NECESARRILY CORRELATE TO THEIR RISK LEVEL

RESEARCH CONCLUSIONS

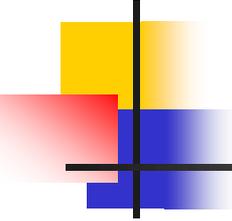
- CONTAINMENT APPROACH:





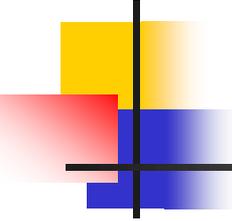
SUPERVISION STRATEGIES FOR SEX OFFENDERS

- WHEN DEVELOPING AN OFFENDER'S CASE PLAN, AGENTS ADDRESS RISKS, NEEDS AND RESPONSIVITY BY:
 - IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC OFFENSE PATTERNS
 - IDENTIFYING THE TRIGGERS OF THE OFFENSE PATTERNS



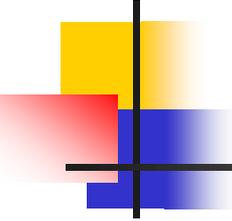
ACTIVE CASE SUPERVISION

- INITIAL PHASE/INTAKE PERIOD/RESIDENCE ASSESSMENT
- FACE TO FACE CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT
- ENFORCING COMPLIANCE WITH REGISTRY (WHEN APPLICABLE)
- FREQUENT OFFICE VISITS WITH AGENTS
- MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING
- TREATMENT
- TEAM STAFFINGS
- RANDOM HOME VISITS
- ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE TOOLS



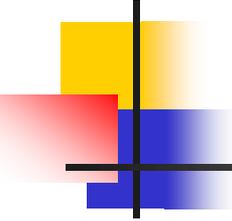
ASSESSING RISK AND NEEDS:

- CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS AS IDENTIFIED USING EVIDENCE BASED RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL
- NATURE OF OFFENSE, CRIMINAL RECORD, AND PREVIOUS ADJUSTMENT TO COMMUNITY SUPERVISION
- ASSAULTIVE/ THREATENING BEHAVIOR
- HISTORY/ PATTERNS OF ABUSE
- VULNERABILITY OF VICTIMS (CHILDREN, DISABLED)
- DYNAMIC RISK FACTORS, FOR EXAMPLE:



SEX OFFENDER PROGRAMMING

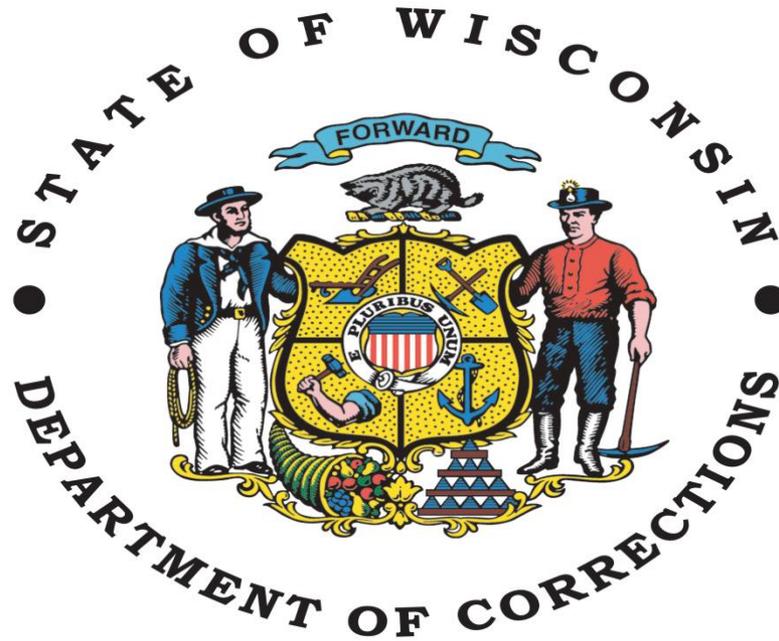
- TYPES OF TREATMENT
- STANDARDS FOR PROGRAMMING
- AGENT INVOLVEMENT
- EFFECTIVENESS

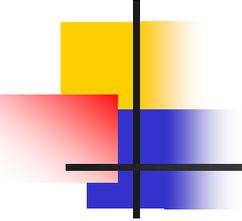


CHALLENGES OF SUPERVISION

- **ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY**
- **AGING OFFENDER
POPULATION**
- **LIMITED RESIDENTIAL
PLACEMENT**

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY EDUCATION





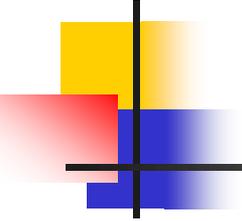
THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY PROGRAM (SORP)

- A DATA BASE OF REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS
- AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC
- SEARCHABLE BY SEVERAL DATA POINTS
- PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE
- ACTIVE VERSUS TERMINATED

WHO REGISTERS?

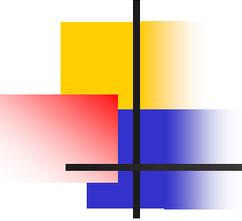


- CONVICTED, ADJUDICATED, COMMITTED, ON SUPERVISION, OR INCARCERATED ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 25, 1993



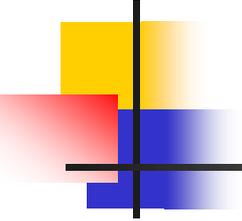
TERMINOLOGY

**ACTIVE VS.
TERMINATED
FROM DCC
SUPERVISION**



NON- COMPLIANCE

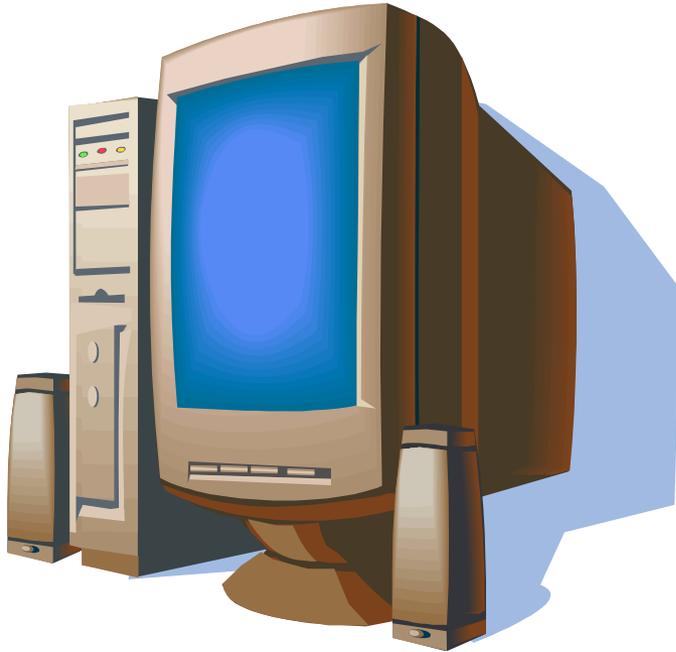
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- CHANGES (NAME) 301.47
- LETTERS
- FALSE INFORMATION
- PHOTOS (<17) 948.14



VERIFICATION PROCESS

- LETTERS
- RESIDENCE CHECKS
- COMMUNITY

SEX OFFENDER WEBSITE ACCESS



GENERAL PUBLIC WEBSITE

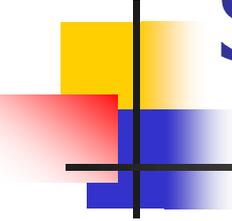
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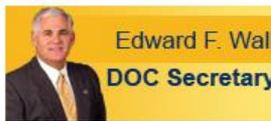
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The DOC is the state's largest cabinet agency with multiple areas of responsibility and one core mission: public safety. Our goal is the safe custody and supervision of offenders using the best, most effective correctional policies and procedures. Our focus is on keeping our citizens protected, helping offenders succeed in the community and making every effort to reduce the cost of corrections to taxpayers. A variety of programs and offices support the DOC's public safety mission, which includes providing support and services to crime victims.

A key goal of the DOC is to reduce recidivism, which is the percentage of offenders that are convicted of new crimes after they finish their sentences. The DOC is fully committed to an expanded reentry philosophy that aims to cut repeat crime. We work toward this goal by implementing evidence-based practices that have been shown to be successful in reducing the number of prisoners returning to the state correctional system.

The men and women of the DOC are our most important asset and a constant source of inspiration. Only through their concerted efforts are we able to deliver on our public safety responsibilities to the citizens of Wisconsin.

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Secretary

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WI Sex Offender Registry

The [Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry](#) is maintained by the Sex Offender Registration Program (SORP). The Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification law allows for the collection and dissemination of information related to certain sex offenders.

Information included in the Registry is available to law enforcement agencies, victims, neighborhood watch groups and the general public. Access for each of these groups is limited to certain types of information. Information about juveniles who are required to register is not available to the public.

The Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry displays the current reported home address of adult sex offenders who are required to register and who are living in the community. Some of these registrants may also be under community supervision (probation, parole or extended supervision) by a DOC agent and must follow additional rules of supervision. Others may have discharged from DOC supervision but are still required by law to register their address and other pertinent information on the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry. The Registry also provides valuable information about the ways in which individuals and communities can protect themselves and those they love from acts of sexual violence.

[Wisconsin's Sex Offender Registry](#)

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individual. This web site allows the criminal justice community to promote public awareness concerning the potential threat that sex offenders pose to Wisconsin's citizens.

Sex Offenders [Conditions of Use Accessibility Disclaimer](#) es, but it was not until the passage of the registration law in 1997 that law enforcement was authorized to notify the public of a sex offender's whereabouts. Furnishing the public with information regarding convicted sex offenders is a critical step towards encouraging the public to develop constructive plans to prepare themselves and their families. Additional information about ways to reinforce personal protection is available in our [on-line publications](#) and on the Department of Corrections [Victim Web Site](#).

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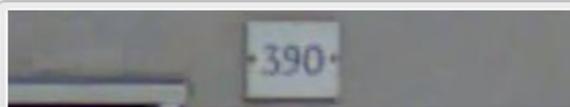
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Enter a last name and/or first name to search for sex offenders by name.

Last Name: * First Name: Middle Initial:

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Geographic Radius Search:

Search for sex offenders that live within a 1, 2, or 3 mile radius of a specific address or within a specific zip code.

Select the type of search:

- Distance from this address
- In my zip code

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Register for Community Notifications

Please fill out the following form and click *Register* to begin receiving community notifications.

Sign up for Search Type:

- Distance from my address
- In my zip code

E-Mail Address:

Location Name:

Street:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

Agreement terms:

The community notification system endeavors to provide you with electronic mail ("e-mail") information notifying you of certain eligible incidents or events about registered sex offenders that may be living in your community. The goal of

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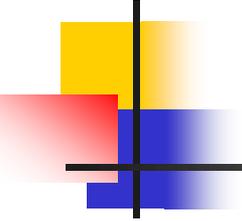
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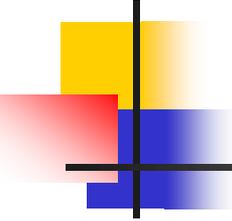
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CONCLUSIONS

- SEX OFFENDERS ARE A COMMUNITY ISSUE THAT REQUIRES COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS
- YOU ARE PART OF THE SOLUTION; THERE ARE CHILDREN AND PLACES THEY FREQUENT EVERYWHERE
- YOUR AWARENESS WILL HELP MAKE OUR COMMUNITY SAFER
- THE COMMON GOAL IS TO REDUCE ANONYMITY AND WORK TOGETHER



QUESTIONS?

- THANK YOU!