

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending,
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FY 2010 Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Newsletter
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Introduction

This edition of the newsletter for CASOM grantees features:

- Information about technical assistance and training available from CSOM and the National Judicial College sponsored by the SMART office;
- Resources for the Judiciary on Responding Effectively to Sex Offense Cases: Webcast Series for Judges;
- News and announcements from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP);
- Information about a call for submissions for a special edition of *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*; and
- Important upcoming events.

Training and Technical Assistance Available from CSOM and the National Judicial College (NJC)

With funding from the Office of Justice Programs' Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART) through its *FY2011 Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management Training and Technical Assistance Program*, the National Judicial College (NJC) and CSOM are very pleased to announce the availability of training and technical assistance to courts and their partners as a means of enhancing sex offender management efforts within the Comprehensive Approaches to Sex Offender Management (CASOM) model. This assistance will be offered in the forms of:

- Multi-disciplinary training events to be provided in local jurisdictions regarding the CASOM model; and
- Targeted technical assistance to address specific issues in order to support the efforts of the courts and their partners in enhancing sex offender management efforts.

The training and technical assistance will be conducted during 2013 and 2014. Because resources are limited, jurisdictions will be selected on a competitive basis. Details about both training and technical assistance are provided below.

For more information about, or to apply for training, [click here](#).

For more information about, or to apply for technical assistance, [click here](#).

Resources for the Judiciary on Responding Effectively to Sex Offense Cases: Webcast Series for Judges

The National Judicial College, along with the American Parole and Probation Association and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, have partnered to bring you two hour-and-fifteen minute webcasts addressing central sex-offender management related issues. The webcasts are brought to you without cost by the SMART Office.

Register today for the courses below:

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Probation's Role in Sex Offense Cases

September 4, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
PT / 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. MT /
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. CT / 2:00 p.m. – 3:15
p.m. ET

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When a sex offender is released, the probation officer's role becomes critical in ensuring public safety, providing offender accountability, and facilitating behavioral change. Unfortunately, too often the judge is unaware of the resources and capacity of the probation department's ability to assess, manage, and supervise sex offenders. This webcast will cover the essential information a judge must know to determine realistic and relevant sex offender-specific conditions of release and supervision. Judges will review how this information can be provided in pre-release and pre-sentence investigation reports as well as sex offense-specific evaluations. Faculty will present explicit supervision strategies employed by probation such as specialized sex offender supervision, monitoring available through the use of technological devices, treatment providers collaboration approaches, and the use of administrative sanctions and incentives. The webcast will also present information regarding the role probation plays in sex offender registration, community notification, and community awareness and education. The National Judicial College has partnered with The American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) to present this webcast. Carl Wicklund, Executive Director of the APPA, will be the faculty for this free webcast.

Dealing With the Media in Sex Offender Cases

October 16, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
PT / 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. MT / 12:00 p.m.
– 1:15 p.m. CT / 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. ET

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Sex offense cases can put the judge, trial process, and parties under intense public scrutiny. Within hours of filing, the judge must begin to balance the public's right to know through media access with the parties' rights to due process and a fair and unbiased trial. In today's era of ubiquitous media, judges must know what legal issues come into play and what you as a judge can do to mitigate harm and facilitate a balanced trial. This webcast addresses the competing interests between judiciary concerns and media coverage of these sensational cases. After the webcast, judges will be able to identify the Constitutional issues associated with media access, discuss prominent court cases, and develop practical applications to ensure justice. The Honorable Sharen Wilson, experienced criminal court judge in the Fort Worth, Texas Criminal District Court No. 1, will present this session.

[Resources and Announcements from the Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\)](#)

Measuring Costs and Benefits of SORNA

NIJ is conducting a [challenge](#) that seeks creative and innovative research strategies for future researchers to use when studying (1) the implementation costs associated with complying with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) and/or (2)

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SORNA's public safety benefits. The application deadline is October 31, 2013. (NIJ)

Measuring the Effects of SANE Programs

[“Evaluating Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner \(SANE\) Programs”](#) (NCJ 241930) explains how to use a toolkit that SANE program staff developed to evaluate how their program affects the prosecution of sexual assault cases in their community. It also offers ideas for using the findings to improve practice and enhance a program's positive impact on the reporting, investigation, and prosecution of sexual assault cases. (NIJ)

Report Summarizes AI/AN SANE-SART Committee Meeting

On April 17, 2013, members of the National Coordination Committee met to discuss and develop formal recommendations to present to the Attorney General. Read the [summary](#) and visit the [American Indian/Alaska Native Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner-Sexual Assault Response Team \(SANE-SART\) Initiative Web pages](#) for more information about this project and the committee. (OVC)

Call for Submissions for a Special Issue of the ATSA Journal

Among the various principles underpinning the Risk-Needs-Responsivity model is the Strengths Principle, which requires that personal strengths be assessed and integrated into interventions for those who offend (Andrews, Bonta, & Wormith, 2011). In clinical practice, it is important to assess for the presence and influence of static or dynamic variables within intrapersonal, interpersonal/social, and environmental domains that might mitigate risk factors

(Rogers, 2000). Although the field has seen considerable progress in the development and validation of risk assessment tools for adolescents and adults who have sexually offended (Hanson & Morton- Bourgon, 2005; Rich, 2009), efforts to identify factors that, in the wider literature, have been described as enhancers of personal competencies, stabilizers, or ameliorators of risk (Luthar, Cicchetti, & Becker, 2000), have not kept pace. Work with adolescents and adults who have sexually offended still lacks a firm empirical basis.

This special issue will be comprised of empirical reports of the assessment of strengths and protective factors in the assessment of adolescents and adults who have committed sexual offenses. This will include articles on the development and psychometric evaluation of specific tools, as well as articles testing moderators of risk in these populations. In this special issue we aim to encourage and disseminate research in this pivotal but still neglected area, to provide a preliminary evidence base for this aspect of assessment. The deadline for submissions is September 30, 2013. Visit the manuscript submission page [here](#).

Important Upcoming Dates and Events

***2013 National Sexual Assault Conference:
“Inspire a Movement, Invest in Change,
Imagine...”***

The National Sexual Assault Conference is a two and a half day, advocacy-based conference providing advanced training opportunities and information regarding sexual violence intervention and prevention. This year's conference is hosted by the

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California Coalition Against Sexual Assault and will be convened from August 28-30, 2013 in Hollywood, California. For more information, visit <http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac>.

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 2013 Conference

The 32nd Annual Research and Treatment Conference sponsored by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers will be held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers in Chicago, Illinois, October 30 through November 2, 2013. This conference will offer symposia, workshop presentations, poster sessions, discussion groups, and advanced clinics relating to issues in both victim and perpetrator research and treatment. All sessions, with the exception of posters, have been approved for [Continuing Education](#) credits. Each presentation will provide information and training based on cutting edge research development and clinical application. In addition to the three-day Conference schedule, ATSA will offer a selection of intensive half- and/or full-day Pre-Conference Clinics. For more information, visit <http://www.atsa.com/conference>.

*Crimes Against Children Conference:
Providing Professionals the Instruction,
Information and Strategies They Need to
Protect Child Victims and Prosecute their
Offenders*

This event is a nationally and internationally-recognized conference for professionals from

the fields of law enforcement, prosecution, child protective services, social work, children's advocacy, therapy, and medicine who work directly with child victims of crime. This year's conference will be held from August 12-15, 2013 at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas. Please visit <http://www.cacconference.org/dcac/default.aspx> for more information.

Final Newsletter

This is the final edition of the newsletter. For updates about a variety of sex offender topics, visit the CSOM web site (www.csom.org) or the SMART web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/smart.



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