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Introduction

In 1995, Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson convened a working group of representatives from the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) to study the issue of sex offender management. The group sought to better understand the challenges facing the criminal justice community and to identify how OJP could effectively assist those charged with managing this difficult offender population.

In November 1996, the Office of Justice Programs convened the *National Summit: Promoting Public Safety Through the Effective Management of Sex Offenders in the Community*. The Summit sought input from over 180 practitioners, academic researchers, and other experts about the most effective management strategies for this offender population. Participants were asked as well about the information, training, and other needs of their colleagues as they work together to make America's communities safer. The goal of the Summit was to create a forum through which practitioners and others could advise OJP on the variety of assistance most needed in the field, to better equip practitioners to effectively manage those sex offenders under supervision in their communities.

Their recommendations have resulted in the creation of the Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM). The four components of the Center for Sex Offender Management are designed to: establish an information exchange; conduct intensive training programs; identify and foster resource jurisdictions; and provide technical assistance to promote innovations in the field.

This compendium of Department of Justice-sponsored initiatives relating to sex offender management is one of the products that CSOM has developed in an effort to encourage and promote cooperation between the many agencies providing assistance to the field.

Overview of This Document

The purpose of this compendium is to document under one cover the various initiatives related to sex offender management currently being sponsored by OJP and to promote the exchange of information and ideas within OJP, other federal agencies, and throughout the field.

The compendium is organized into eleven subsections. These subsections are topically based. Each topical subsection reflects the variety of projects sponsored by OJP and other federal agencies, reflecting these agencies' commitment to enhance the knowledge and experience in the field on a range of issues related to sex offender management.

This document will be updated periodically.

I.

RESEARCH INITIATIVES

Adult Classification Research

PROJECT TITLE	SEXUAL VIOLENCE: THE UTILITY OF RAPIST CLASSIFICATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPLICATIONS
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Robert Prentky, Principal Investigator, New England Forensic Associates
AWARD AMOUNT	\$258,608
TIME PERIOD	1992-1994, with extensions to the present
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	1. Is the MTC (Massachusetts Treatment Center: Rapist 3) typology of rapists, developed on samples of incarcerated offenders, generalizable to other groups of sexually aggressive offenders?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This study is evaluating the generalizability of a proposed classification of rapists to correctional settings beyond the prison where it was developed. Data have been gathered from four sites (Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Vermont) on three samples of offenders: rapists, offenders with no known history of sexual aggression, and a matched sample of non-offenders.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The project will result in a final report (Winter 1998) which will be available through the National Institute of Justice.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	The purpose of this study is to apply and refine a version of a typology for use by law enforcement officers (for the profiling of suspects to enhance their identification and apprehension) and for use by practitioners (for use in designing appropriate treatment programs).
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Christy Visher, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-0694
AWARDEE CONTACT	Robert Prentky, Justice Resource Institute, 617-727-6013

Community Notification Research

PROJECT TITLE	IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION ON WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES: RESEARCH FOR IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONAL RESPONSES
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Richard Zeritz and Mary Ann Farkas, Marquette University
AWARD AMOUNT	\$49,972
TIME PERIOD	February 1998 - November 1998
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is sex offender legislation being implemented in Wisconsin communities and what are the common problems with implementation? 2. What is the impact of community notification on law enforcement and corrections in terms of resources, time, workload, and costs? 3. What is the community's reaction to the notification process? Are they satisfied with the process? 4. What is the impact of community notification on sex offenders?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Using Wisconsin as a case study, this project examines the effects that various local community notification approaches has on community members. Specifically, the study seeks to assess Wisconsin's recently enacted Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification law. Data are being gathered through several methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Field research and statewide surveys of law enforcement officers, probation/parole agents, and community residents where sex offenders are or will be residing; 2. Observations of community notification meetings and surveys of attendees at these meetings; and 3. In-depth interviews with sex offenders under supervision in the community.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The grantee will produce a final report and a Research In Brief (early 1999). Both will be available through the National Institute of Justice.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will result in a written report that will provide federal, state and local correctional administrators, and other key policy makers, with an assessment of the impact of sex offender registration and community notification on the criminal justice system and the local community.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Voncile Gowdy, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-2951
AWARDEE CONTACT	Mary Ann Farkas, Ph.D., Marquette University, 414-288-7917

Evaluation of Supervision and Treatment Approach Research

PROJECT TITLE	PROCESS AND OUTCOME EVALUATION OF THE SEX OFFENDER THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY AT THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne Evaluation Partnership Program
AWARDEE	Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
AWARD AMOUNT	\$149,907
TIME PERIOD	February 1999 - January 2002
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What services are delivered to sex offenders in the prison therapeutic community? 2. What do program staff intend for the program to accomplish? 3. How are participants selected for the program? 4. Is the program being delivered as planned?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The first year of the study will focus on the process evaluation. The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) will bring stakeholders together to discuss the project and modify the research questions to ensure their usefulness. The process evaluation will include interviews with staff and inmates, a systemic document review, and observation of service delivery. The outcome evaluation will involve data collection from offender files for population description, including those who drop-out or are otherwise terminated unsuccessfully, along with collecting data from sex offenders who are awaiting treatment. This data will include sexual history information obtained with the threat of polygraph. The DCJ will collect psychometric data from the files as well as more typical criminal justice variables. DCJ will collect treatment data, including length of time in treatment, compliance violation information, and other measures of treatment progress. DCJ will also collect data that describes the release environment of offenders. DCJ will work closely with program staff to modify the research design as necessary and feedback interim analysis to keep the evaluation relevant to the operation of the program.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	This project will result in a full research report, expected in March 2002. Interim findings will be reported in the Colorado DCJ newsletter, <i>Elements of Change</i> .
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	The research findings will assist program managers and staff to deliver the program as intended. The findings will also help identify program improvements for prison administrators.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Heber Willis, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3456
AWARDEE CONTACT	Kim English, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, 303-239-4453

Evaluation of Supervision and Treatment Approach Research

PROJECT TITLE	SPECIALIZED PROGRAMMING COMPONENT FOR SEX OFFENDERS-TAYLORVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Corrections
AWARDEE	Illinois Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	Technical assistance to cover costs of consultants
TIME PERIOD	April 1999 (anticipated)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This project provides for three days of on-site consultation services to assist in the development of a program that incorporates the concepts of Lifestyle Redirection with the specific treatment needs of the sex offender. Taylorville Correctional Center is a minimum security prison that was designated as a gang-free prison. There is a zero tolerance on past or present gang activity. The inmate population housed within the prison is unlike any other in the Illinois prison system. A primary core programming component at the prison is Lifestyle Redirection. The fundamental tenets of this program promote cognitive/behavioral changes and personal life/development skills. To maximize programming options for sex offenders, a specialized component that blends Lifestyle Redirection with the specialized treatment needs of the sex offender will be developed and implemented.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The project will result in a written document providing recommendations for implementation of sex offender treatment component.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will provide professionals with an innovative approach to sex offender treatment services.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Kim Rendelson, National Institute of Corrections, 202-307-3106
AWARDEE CONTACT	Margie Groot, Illinois Department of Corrections, 630-584-0750

Juvenile Sex Offender Research

PROJECT TITLE	THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM HANDLING OF SEX OFFENDERS AND OFFENSES
FUNDING AGENCY	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
AWARDEE	National Council on Crime and Delinquency
AWARD AMOUNT	\$199,856
TIME PERIOD	1992 - 1996
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the personal and offense characteristics of court-involved juvenile sex offenders? 2. What is the nature of the system's response to these juveniles in terms of prosecution, placement, and treatment? 3. What is the extent and nature of sexual and non-sexual recidivism among court-involved juvenile sex offenders? 4. What are the cross-site similarities and differences in characteristics, system processing, and outcomes?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, through a grant to the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), has recently completed a project to examine the handling of juvenile sex offenders by the juvenile courts in order to identify promising practices in the field. The project included a comprehensive literature review, and individual data collection on a sample of approximately 500 juvenile sex offenders from court records in three urban jurisdictions.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The final draft report, <i>Juvenile Sex Offenders: Characteristics, System Response and Recidivism</i> , is currently available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, 800-851-3420.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This study provides the field with the first cross-site empirical portrait of court-involved juvenile sex offenders, the nature of the system's response to them, and recidivism. Findings support the need for better risk assessment and classification of juvenile sex offenders. The seriousness of many of the referral offenses supports the need for holding juvenile sex offenders strictly accountable. However, the low rates of sexual recidivism found across sites (a finding that reflects those of several prior studies) calls into question the need for an offense-specific treatment response for most juvenile sex offenders.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Michael Goodnow, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 202-307-3676
AWARDEE CONTACT	Richard G. Wiebush, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 608-831-8882

Juvenile Sex Offender Research

PROJECT TITLE	JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER TYPOLOGY: FEASIBILITY STUDY USING EXISTING ARCHIVAL DATA
FUNDING AGENCY	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
AWARDEE	University of Illinois at Springfield, Center for Legal Studies
AWARD AMOUNT	\$99,996
TIME PERIOD	June 1998 - May 1999
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the archival data in the files maintained by various juvenile sex offender treatment agencies accessible, reliable, valid, and of sufficient quality to develop a juvenile sex offender typology? 2. Based on the literature, what data elements should be collected to develop a juvenile sex offender typology? 3. Can a national sample of juvenile sex offenders be created in a way to insure that the findings (a subtype of juvenile sex offenders determined by offender, offense and treatment-linked variables) can be generalized within the confines of the archival resources available?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This is one of two tandem projects sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to assess the feasibility of an approach to develop a juvenile sex offender typology.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to determine the feasibility of creating a typology of juvenile sex offenders from existing archival data. The research approach is designed to determine the feasibility of obtaining reliable and valid archival data from various agencies who administer treatment programs for juvenile sex offenders that is of sufficient quality to develop a juvenile sex offender typology. The following activities are being conducted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct of a literature review on juvenile sex offenders and the creation of a database of the offender, offense, and treatment-linked variables considered to be significant in assessing juvenile sex offenders. 2. The conduct of a study to determine the feasibility of developing a national research design to collect comprehensive data on a representative national sample of 1,500 sex offenders in the juvenile justice system. This includes: a) The development of data collection forms to document various data, including test scores and practitioner assessments, from offender records; b) Assessment of the adequacy of file data and institutional openness to the research, through preliminary site visits; and c) The development of a sampling strategy, through the assistance of an advisory committee, to obtain a representative sample of cases. (The project will over sample minority youth and females).
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report will be prepared, which will include both a literature review and a detailed review of the feasibility of creating a typology for juvenile sex offenders.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	In 1996, a working group on juvenile sex offenders met at the National Summit and emphasized the urgent need to compile existing knowledge on juvenile sex offenders and to develop an improved empirical base to inform decisions about treatment interventions and sanctions for this population. This feasibility study will determine the next step in developing and compiling the necessary knowledge to meet this objective.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Elissa Rumsey, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 202-616-9279
AWARDEE CONTACT	Barbara Hayler, University of Illinois, 217-206-6343

Juvenile Sex Offender Research

PROJECT TITLE	JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER TYPOLOGY: FEASIBILITY STUDY USING PROSPECTIVE AND SELF-REPORT DATA
FUNDING AGENCY	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
AWARDEE	Health Related Research
AWARD AMOUNT	\$99,969
TIME PERIOD	June 1998 - May 1999
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is prospective, self-reported data obtained from juvenile sex offenders valid, reliable, and of sufficient quality to develop a juvenile sex offender typology? 2. What is the best way to use a large, multi-state sample of juvenile sex offenders -- at various points in the criminal justice/treatment process -- to yield information that can form the basis of a juvenile sex offender typology?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This is one of two tandem projects sponsored by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to assess the feasibility of an approach to develop a juvenile sex offender typology.</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to determine if it is feasible to create a typology of juvenile sex offenders from prospective data. Currently, there is limited knowledge about the effectiveness of one treatment approach over another for juvenile sex offenders. The development of a juvenile sex offender typology would enable correctional personnel and treatment providers to match offender types to those treatment models most likely to be effective with specific types of offender.</p> <p>The researchers will conduct a feasibility study to determine whether a valid representative national sample of 1,500 juvenile sex offenders can be obtained through self-reports and then used to develop a juvenile sex offender typology.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report will be prepared that details the results of the feasibility of creating a typology for juvenile sex offenders using prospective, self-report data.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	In 1996, a working group on juvenile sex offenders met at the National Summit and emphasized the urgent need to compile existing knowledge on these offenders and to develop an improved empirical base to inform decisions about treatment interventions and sanctions for juvenile sex offenders. This feasibility study will determine the next step in developing and compiling the necessary knowledge to meet this objective.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Elissa Rumsey, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 202-616-9279
AWARDEE CONTACT	John Hunter, Health Related Research, 804-924-8573

Juvenile Sex Offender Research

PROJECT TITLE	RISK PROFILING OF JUVENILE SEXUAL OFFENDERS: DEVELOPMENT OF A CLASSIFICATION MODEL FOR PREDICTING OUTCOME IN A COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT PROGRAM
FUNDING AGENCY	Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
AWARDEE	Health Related Research
AWARD AMOUNT	\$69,938
TIME PERIOD	1996 - 1998
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	1. What are the variables predictive of client response to community-based alternative treatment programming for juvenile sexual offenders?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This study was a preliminary step in the development of a comprehensive system for classifying juvenile sexual offenders at the point of intake, including their amenability to treatment, and the risk that they represent for further sexual and non-sexual delinquency.</p> <p>Existing data suggest that juvenile sex offenders represent a heterogeneous clinical population with various criminal justice and mental health programming needs. A typology of juvenile sex offenders which provides empirical guidance as to the treatment needs and the likelihood of recidivism of subtypes of these offenders does not exist. As a result, the juvenile justice system is dependent on subjective assessments to determine an offender's appropriateness for community-based programming.</p> <p>The project is designed to demonstrate the manner in which an empirically-derived system for classifying juvenile sexual offenders can aid the juvenile justice system in determining the appropriate disposition of cases, and guide mental health providers in the development of comprehensive community intervention programs which prescriptively place youth in treatment tracks according to need. Methodology includes profiling 204 juvenile male offenders who were referred for community-based treatment. A multi-variate prediction model is used to identify variables predictive of youths' treatment program compliance.</p> <p>The study will result in a classification model that will help place youth who may not succeed in the program in an alternative or intensive program.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The study is currently in press: Hunter, John and Figueredo, Aurelio (1998). <i>Factors Associated with Treatment Compliance in a Population of Juvenile Sexual Offenders</i> . <i>Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment</i> .
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	The results of this study will assist the juvenile justice system in determining the appropriate disposition of cases, and guide mental health providers in the development of comprehensive community intervention programs, which prescriptively place youth in treatment tracks according to their needs.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Michael Goodnow, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 202-307-3676
AWARDEE CONTACT	John A. Hunter, University of Virginia, Department of Health Evaluation Sciences, 804-924-8573

National Surveys

PROJECT TITLE	LEARNING ABOUT CRIME AND CRIMINALS FROM CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS
FUNDING AGENCY	This project is funded by a consortium of agencies: the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Corrections Program Office, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
AWARDEE	This project is being conducted by Bureau of Justice Statistics staff.
AWARD AMOUNT	Project costs are estimated at \$750,000.
TIME PERIOD	This study will track self-representing State samples drawn to represent approximately 300,000 prisoners discharged from prisons in fifteen States during 1994. All releasees convicted of a violent sex offense will be tracked. All releasees will be followed for a three year period through State and Federal Criminal history records.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can we learn from criminal history records about the impact of a particular sanction, intervention, or treatment on the subsequent behavior of convicted sex offenders? 2. What can we learn from criminal history records about the subsequent reinvolved of convicted sex offenders in crime?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Criminal history records, or the cumulative record of criminal justice system contacts with an individual, are maintained by a central repository in each state. The Bureau of Justice Statistics is conducting a number of research projects on post-prison recidivism, by tracking prison releases in selected states and from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Samples are designed to identify factors associated with recidivism on selected types of offenders after they leave prison. Current plans entail the participation of up to 18 states in these efforts with significant over-sampling of violent sex offenders.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A series of Bureau of Justice Statistics studies on criminal careers and recidivism will be prepared as a result of this project. In addition to the reports, the Bureau of Justice Statistics will provide each participating state with the data for their own self-representing sample of releasees. Preliminary reports from the study should be forthcoming in late 1999. These documents are available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS, 800-851-3420). The full data set will be made available through the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data at the University of Michigan.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This effort is the largest follow-up study of released offenders ever undertaken and is expected to provide the most extensive analysis of sex offender post-release recidivism rates available to date.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Lawrence A. Greenfeld, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 202-616-3281

National Surveys

PROJECT TITLE	NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMIZATION SURVEY
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Statistics
AWARDEE	This project is being conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
AWARD AMOUNT	\$12,000,000 annually
TIME PERIOD	This effort, first initiated in 1972, is an ongoing project of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the age, sex, race, perceived drug/alcohol use, and the relationship to victims of offenders involved in violent crime, including rape and sexual assault? 2. With what frequency do victims report crimes to the police? 3. What self-defense measures are taken by victims?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The National Crime Victimization Survey is one of two Justice Department measures of crime in the United States. It has been conducted since 1972 to complement the FBI's annual compilation of information reported to law enforcement agencies (Uniform Crime Reports). The survey, which also counts incidents not reported to police, obtains information about the victims, incidents, offenders, incident circumstances and consequences for the following crimes: rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated and simple assault, theft, household burglary, and motor vehicle theft. Data are collected every year from a sample of approximately 50,000 households with about 100,000 individuals age 12 and older.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The Bureau of Justice Statistics publishes a number of ongoing and topical reports based on survey data. Ongoing reports include: Criminal Victimization (an annual bulletin), and Criminal Victimization in the United States (also an annual bulletin). Recent topical reports include: Violence by Intimates and Sex Differences in Violent Victimization (1994). These documents are available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS, 800-851-3420). The Bureau of Justice Statistics archives all of the National Crime Victimization Survey data (as well as all other BJS data) at the BJS Criminal Justice Data Archive at the University of Michigan. This data is available for public use.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This survey will provide information on the characteristics of victims and offenders, and the circumstances surrounding sex offenses.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Michael Rand, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 202-616-3494

Risk Assessment Research

PROJECT TITLE	COMPUTERIZATION AND EVALUATION OF AN INVENTORY TO ASSESS ADULT AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Raymond Knight, Brandeis University
AWARD AMOUNT	\$275,484
TIME PERIOD	1994 - 1996
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can juvenile sex offenders be classified for treatment and future risk using the Multidimensional Assessment of Sex and Aggression (MASA) diagnostic instrument? 2. Can the adult version of the MASA diagnostic instrument be validated for juveniles?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This study extends the development of diagnostic instruments and offender typologies that have been created under prior studies by this research team (the previous study was conducted under an National Institute of Justice grant from 1992-1994). The Multidimensional Assessment of Sex and Aggression (MASA) was developed by these investigators as a self-report instrument for classifying adult rapists for treatment and future risk. This grant extends the development of the MASA for both adults and juveniles in three ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The research team is conducting additional validation tests on the adult sex offender instrument; 2. The research team is adapting and validating the instrument for juvenile sex offenders; and 3. The project is also supporting the automation of the administration, scoring, and profiling of both the adult and juvenile instruments.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report is currently in development. Both the final report and the database will be available through the National Institute of Justice (Spring 1999).
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will provide criminal justice professionals, researchers, and policy makers with assessment tools that can evaluate key risk areas in order to inform dispositional decisions in juvenile and adult sex offense cases.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Voncile Gowdy, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-2951
AWARDEE CONTACT	Raymond Knight, Brandeis University, 781-736-3259

Risk Assessment Research

PROJECT TITLE	DEVELOPMENT OF AN ACTUARIAL RISK ASSESSMENT SCALE FOR ADULT SEX OFFENDERS
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne Memorial Grant Program
AWARDEE	Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
AWARD AMOUNT	\$149,907
TIME PERIOD	June 1996 - June 1999
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What variables predict the failure of adult male sex offenders to successfully complete supervision and treatment? 2. Beginning with this study, with a one year follow-up, what variables predict case revocation or treatment failure for offenders placed on (1) probation, (2) participating in prison treatment, and (3) those in post-prison supervision and discharge? 3. Can researchers develop an instrument (or identify an existing instrument) that has face and construct validity, is reliable, and is easy to use by staff who work in a variety of correctional placements (i.e., probation, prison and parole)?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This study was conducted on behalf of the state Sex Offender Management board, the policy making board for the evaluation, assessment, treatment and monitoring of sex offenders. The research design required collecting data on all adult male sex offenders sentenced to identified placements during a one year period (n= 496). Collection of approximately half of the data elements required the participation of the sex offender treatment provider. In prison, this consisted of nearly 30 therapists; in the community, approximately 25 therapists participated by completing data collection instruments and forwarding them to the Division of Criminal Justice. Risk assessment data items collected included the Hare Psychopathy Checklist and the Million Clinical Multiaxial Inventory III personality inventory, a comprehensive sexual history, criminal history and demographic information, a cognitive think scale, a scale developed for the study to capture constructs Board members believed to be associated with relapse or reoffense. Outcome data included arrest checks on Colorado Crime Information Center and National Crime Information Center, file reviews of polygraph data, and interviews with case managers about the status of the case. Because the follow-up is only 12 months, and because the research literature is clear that treatment failure is linked with recidivism, outcome data focus on revocation activity.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	<p>The grantee will develop a risk assessment scale(s) for use to identify the Sexual Predator, pursuant to the federal crime act requirement, and to assist in structured decision making by the state's lifetime supervision legislation.</p> <p>The instruments and accompanying documentation will be disseminated statewide through comprehensive training, will be mailed to interested parties, and may be presented at national research conferences.</p>
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	<p>Actuarial instruments developed and validated on specific populations are more accurate than instruments developed on populations in other jurisdictions, thus the development of a specific instrument for Colorado will enhance public safety within the state. Further, such an instrument(s) will assist in criminal justice decision making related to sex offender supervision level, release from prison and release from lifetime supervision. It is further expected that this study will contribute to the growing literature about risk factors associated with sexual reoffending and poor performance in treatment and on supervision.</p>
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Heber Willis, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3456
AWARDEE CONTACT	Kim English, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, 303-239-4453

Risk Assessment Research

PROJECT TITLE	DEVELOPMENTAL ANTECEDENTS OF SEXUAL AGGRESSION
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Robert Prentky, Principal Investigator, Joseph J. Peters Institute
AWARD AMOUNT	\$205,662
TIME PERIOD	1994 - 1996
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	1. What are the developmental and life history antecedents of adult sexual offenders?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This project is using data collected from convicted rapists, offenders with no known history of sexual aggression, and a matched sample of non-offenders to examine the role of early risk factors (e.g., family background, personality traits, and behavioral indicators) for sexually aggressive behavior. These three groups completed a lengthy computerized interview (MASA, Multi-Dimensional Assessment of Sex and Aggression) regarding their background, life experiences, and sexual behavior. The data will be analyzed to determine if the developmental antecedents of sexual aggression differ for convicted rapists and self-reported sexually coercive college students as compared to two control groups (non-sexual battery offenders and non-offenders). In addition, developmental paths leading to different typological outcomes will be examined.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	Final report forthcoming (Spring 1999).
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will advance the current state of knowledge regarding the roots of sexual aggression and potentially inform prevention and treatment efforts.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Voncile Gowdy, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-2951
AWARDEE CONTACT	Robert Prentky, Justice Resource Institute, 508-697-6941

Risk Assessment Research

PROJECT TITLE	RISK FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO SEX OFFENDER RECIDIVISM
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Arizona State Superior Court
AWARD AMOUNT	\$120,237
TIME PERIOD	April 1997 - April 1999
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can we add to the research on evaluating risk assessment of sex offenders under community supervision? Can we isolate and evaluate certain dynamic variables which can contribute to offenders success on community supervision? 2. Can we measure pre- and post-polygraph information given by sex offenders to determine the extent of adequacy of self-report?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Most existing risk assessment instruments are based on static variables, such as criminal history and the nature of the offense. Presently, Arizona is using the Minnesota risk assessment instrument as an instrument that measures static variables. In addition, Maricopa County, Arizona is attempting to isolate, analyze, and follow those dynamic variables which can contribute to the success of the offender's placement in the community, such as treatment, family support, level of denial, employment, substance abuse, and others.</p> <p>This project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolate and track dynamic variables related to recidivism, with concurrent follow-up on the risk instrument currently in use in these jurisdictions; 2. Analyze the use of the polygraph as a reliable tool to counteract sex offenders' poor self-report -- and to affirm risk factors which might not be detected by any other method.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report and a Research In Brief will be prepared (Winter 1999).
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	To develop resource information for federal, state, and local correctional administrators and policy makers on techniques to determine those risk factors that contribute to the recidivism of sex offenders.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Voncile Gowdy, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-2951
AWARDEE CONTACT	Lori Scott, Maricopa County, Arizona, Adult Probation Department, 602-372-5310

II.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Community Notification and Registration

PROJECT TITLE	THE COST IMPLICATIONS OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRIES AND COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Discretionary Grant Programs
AWARDEE	National Criminal Justice Association
AWARD AMOUNT	\$61,799
TIME PERIOD	January 1998 – January 1999
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) is assisting criminal justice policy makers and practitioners to assess the costs and impact of sex offender registration and notification laws. NCJA has created and disseminated a survey for high level state officials charged with maintaining sex offender registration and notification information. NCJA is analyzing the survey results, comparing costs, and analyzing effective practices across jurisdictions.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	Information will be compiled in a detailed report and disseminated to relevant state and local decision makers, the Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM), and interviewees in mid-1999. The report will also be available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS, 800-851-3420) or the National Criminal Justice Association (see awardee contact information).
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	To inform officials and state and local criminal justice professionals about the costs associated with community notification and registration and how jurisdictions are using resources to implement these laws.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Jennifer Knobe, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3212
AWARDEE CONTACT	Liz Pearson, National Criminal Justice Association, 202-624-1440

Community Notification and Registration

PROJECT TITLE	SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION -- A POLICY REPORT
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Discretionary Grant Programs
AWARDEE	National Criminal Justice Association
AWARD AMOUNT	\$68,151
TIME PERIOD	October 1996 - October 1997
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This project produced a descriptive analysis for criminal justice practitioners and policy makers on sex offender community registration and notification laws. The report focuses primarily on notification laws and their development and implementation. The manual provides detailed information on four states' statutory provisions (Alaska, Louisiana, New Jersey and Washington), a description of how these statutory provisions have been enforced, an overview of constitutional arguments that have been raised regarding the statutes, and the courts' responses to those arguments.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	This document, <i>Sex Offender Community Notification - A Policy Report</i> , was released in October 1997 and is available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS, 800-851-3420) or the National Criminal Justice Association (see awardee contact information).
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	To inform state and local criminal justice professionals about how community notification and registration are being implemented in four different states.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Jennifer Knobe, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3212
AWARDEE CONTACT	Liz Pearson, National Criminal Justice Association, 202-624-1440

Community Notification and Registration

PROJECT TITLE	SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY REGISTRATION AND NOTIFICATION LAWS -- PROBLEM AVOIDANCE AND BARRIERS TO IMPLEMENTATION
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Discretionary Grant Programs
AWARDEE	National Criminal Justice Association
AWARD AMOUNT	\$72,623
TIME PERIOD	January 1998 - January 1999
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This project expands upon the issues raised in the manual on <i>Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Statutes</i> , the product of a project previously funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) is assisting criminal justice agencies to examine current practices and develop collaborative approaches to respond to the challenges of addressing barriers to implementation of sex offender registration and notification laws, while protecting the rights of communities and victims. To this end, the NCJA is conducting interviews with officials in the four states previously studied (Alaska, Louisiana, New Jersey, Washington) in addition to at least two other states (Arizona and Wisconsin) to document policy issues connected to implementation of sex offender registration and notification laws. (The State of Wisconsin will be included as an additional state, in cooperation with a separate National Institute of Justice sponsored project, examining the methods and impact of implementation of these laws in that state.) A working group of state criminal justice officials and others has been convened to identify barriers to effective enforcement of the laws and recommend policies to support their more effective enforcement.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report will be issued in mid-1999. The report will be available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS, 800-851-3420) or the National Criminal Justice Association (see awardee contact information).
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	To inform state and local criminal justice professionals about the impact of community notification and registration laws on their communities, and to share policies and practices to enhance the effective implementation of these laws.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Jennifer Knobe, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3212
AWARDEE CONTACT	Liz Pearson, National Criminal Justice Association, 202-624-1440

Use of the Polygraph

PROJECT TITLE	MONITORING SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY: THE VALUE OF THE POLYGRAPH
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
AWARD AMOUNT	\$250,000
TIME PERIOD	September 1997 - December 1999
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the state of knowledge and practice regarding the use of the polygraph with sex offenders? 2. Can the use of the polygraph with sex offenders reduce the likelihood of future victimization, and if so, in what ways?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This project explores the value of polygraph data for the purpose of monitoring and treating sex offenders who have been released to the community. Research data suggests that the use of the polygraph holds enormous promise in the prevention of sexual assaults. This project is designed to further this evidence.</p> <p>The project involves a three-phase approach:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The conduct of a review of the literature on the polygraph. 2. The exploration of the current use of the polygraph with sex offenders. This will be accomplished in two ways: (a) by conducting over 700 telephone interviews with probation/parole supervisors, to determine the level of use of the polygraph; and (b) by conducting site visits in California, Colorado, New York, Oregon, Texas, and Wisconsin in order to understand the barriers and possible solutions to the use of the polygraph with sex offenders. 3. Analyzing data from approximately 200 polygraph examinations to document the range, frequency, and number of victims self-reported by each offender before and after the polygraph, and determine the number and type of community placement violations detected through the use of the polygraph. <p>An additional focus of this study is to provide insight into the legal and ethical questions regarding the use of the polygraph with sex offenders.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report on the telephone survey results and a Research In Brief will be produced, and will be available through the National Institute of Justice. In addition, a polygraph handbook for professionals managing convicted sex offenders will be prepared (publisher and date are yet to be determined.)
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	To explore the value of the polygraph for the purpose of monitoring and treating sex offenders who are under community supervision.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Voncile Gowdy, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-2951
AWARDEE CONTACT	Kim English, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, 303-239-4453

Use of the Polygraph

PROJECT TITLE	QUANTIFYING THE VALUE OF THE POLYGRAPH IN SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Justice
AWARDEE	Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
AWARD AMOUNT	\$252,231
TIME PERIOD	July 1996 - October 1998
RESEARCH QUESTIONS	1. Does the use of the polygraph with sex offenders in treatment and on parole increase disclosures of sexual behaviors and crimes that assist with treatment and supervision?
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This project is the evaluation component of a Byrne Memorial Fund (Bureau of Justice Assistance) grant to the Colorado Department of Corrections to polygraph prisoners in sex offender treatment and parolees under supervision in the community. The Colorado Department of Criminal Justice's Research Office is collaborating with DOC researchers to quantify the number and type of crimes and deviant sexual interests known about sex offenders at the time of the presentence investigation, by examining the self-reported sex history questionnaire completed by offenders in treatment (threat of the polygraph was present), and at first, second and subsequent polygraph examinations.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report is currently in development, indicating significant increases in disclosures (number of victims and number of crimes) and important crossover information obtained through the use of the polygraph. An additional paper is being drafted for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	Preliminary data have been used to influence the Colorado General Assembly to fund polygraph examinations as part of the treatment program at the Department of Corrections. This project also provides the field with additional information on the value of the polygraph as a management tool and the frequency of crossover among sex offenders.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Voncile Gowdy, National Institute of Justice, 202-307-2951
AWARDEE CONTACT	Kim English, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, 303-239-4453; Sean Almeyer, Colorado Department of Corrections, 719-540-4743; Peggy Heil, Colorado Department of Corrections, 719-269-5667

Supervision and Treatment Programs for Sex Offenders

PROJECT TITLE	DAY REPORTING CENTER -- DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS NON-RESIDENTIAL SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne Evaluation Partnership Program
AWARDEE	Utah Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	\$125,000 per year over four years
TIME PERIOD	October 1996; renewable annually for up to four years
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This program provides resources for sex offenders under probation or parole supervision who are in need of treatment services. Offenders convicted of a felony for rape, sexual assault, or sexual abuse of a child are the primary targets for treatment.</p> <p>The project was initiated to address the treatment needs of higher risk offenders who were often dropping out of treatment due to a lack of funds to support treatment costs. The project provides resources for indigent offenders to receive treatment in the community. Since its inception, the project has been expanded to provide treatment resources to other sex offenders (those considered less than high risk) who are on probation supervision and are in need of assistance to gain access to appropriate treatment.</p> <p>A three year evaluation of this program's effectiveness will include documentation of participants' program participation, the percent of offenders completing the program, the characteristics of participants who successfully complete the program and the recidivism rate of unsuccessful participants over the three year project period.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	This project will result in an analysis comparing the recidivism of participants in this program with the recidivism of other sex offenders who receive or do not receive treatment. A preliminary report will be prepared (date yet to be determined) and will be available from Marvin Dodge, Utah Department of Corrections, 801-538-1739.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	The primary goal of the program is to assist offenders in developing mechanisms to control their sexual impulses in order to increase the likelihood that they will not commit further victimizations, through the provision of treatment services. A secondary project goal is to better understand the effectiveness of treatment interventions of this nature.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Heber Willis, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3456
AWARDEE CONTACT	Duane Kaneko, Utah Department of Corrections, 801-322-1550, ext. 141

Supervision and Treatment Programs for Sex Offenders

PROJECT TITLE	IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROJECT (CORRECTIONAL OPTIONS PROJECT)
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Discretionary Grant Program
AWARDEE	New Hampshire Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	\$200,000
TIME PERIOD	Funds will support this initiative through September 1998.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This project brought together key representatives from two state correctional systems to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the knowledge and experience base regarding correctional treatment of sex offenders, and 2. Engage in a planning process to develop pilot project designs and implementation plans for sex offender treatment in both New Hampshire and Maine. Since the initial planning phase, each state has embarked upon its own developmental process. <p>Following the planning process, the project has provided six two-day trainings on sex offender treatment to over 600 clinicians. A request for proposals was awarded in April 1998 to provide sex offender treatment to offenders on probation and parole and in county corrections in Merrimack County, New Hampshire. Two specialized probation and parole officers have been hired and computerized polygraphing is being utilized.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final report will be prepared (Summer 1999) and will be available from the grantee.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	To increase the number of treatment providers with a basic knowledge of sex offender treatment in the state and to initiate the containment model of sex offender treatment in Merrimack County, New Hampshire.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Richard Sutton, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3214
AWARDEE CONTACT	Tim Ackerson, New Hampshire Department of Corrections, 603-271-5632

Supervision and Treatment Programs for Sex Offenders

PROJECT TITLE	ISSUES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES: RURAL SEX OFFENDER PROJECT
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Discretionary Grant Programs
AWARDEE	Fifth Judicial District -- Des Moines, Iowa
AWARD AMOUNT	\$30,045
TIME PERIOD	November 1997 - September 1998 (with an extension request through June 1999)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This project adapts a prison diversion program that is currently operating in the Fifth Judicial District of Iowa (which encompasses 16 counties) and will result in its implementation in several rural areas across the state, where offenders have little access to sex offender specific treatment services.</p> <p>The program offers sex offender specific treatment to both men and women in the community (psychological testing, group and individual counseling and aversion therapy), coupled with intensive community supervision, polygraphy, and electronic monitoring. The program utilizes a case management team approach and provides for individualized treatment and supervision plans based upon on individual needs as determined through the assessment process, criminal history and program performance.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A final project report, available directly from the awardee contact (see below), will be produced at the conclusion of the award period.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	It is anticipated that the incidence of sex offender reoffense will be lowered as a result of this project. The Fifth Judicial District will track recidivism through the Iowa Department of Corrections database to determine the actual rate of recidivism of these offenders. The program could serve as a model to other rural communities with little access to sex offender specific treatment resources.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Richard Sutton, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3214
AWARDEE CONTACT	Beth Lenstra, Iowa Fifth Judicial District, 515-242-6585

Supervision and Treatment Programs for Sex Offenders

PROJECT TITLE	JUVENILE SPECIAL SUPERVISION UNITS
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA); Anti-Drug Abuse Act federal funds
AWARDEE	Illinois Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	Year 1: \$523,425; Year 2: \$553,030; Year 3: \$583,341; Year 4: \$641,176. A portion of funds are designated for sex offender programming.
TIME PERIOD	Four-year funding cycle, beginning May 16, 1996.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This Project aims to provide a continuum of care for juvenile sex offenders under the custody and/or control of the Illinois Department of Corrections. Grant funds were used to establish a 38-bed residential sex offender treatment unit for juvenile males at the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg. Program components include: assessment, individual and group therapy, psycho-education, substance abuse education, violence interruption, and case management. This project also established a community-based component to provide intensive supervision, treatment services, and support to juvenile sex offenders released from the Illinois Department of Corrections juvenile institutions and residing in Cook County.</p> <p>The University of Illinois at Springfield is conducting process and impact evaluations of the residential treatment and the community-based components. The process evaluation focuses on practical, management-oriented issues and interpersonal and group dynamics. The impact evaluation places emphasis on program design, implementation, and operation to determine the extent the program is impacting treatment outcomes.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A preliminary evaluation report was released in June 1998. This report is currently available through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Data is still being collected; a final report is pending.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will provide specific information on assessments, use of intensive supervision, use of drug and alcohol testing, and treatment modalities for community-based programs used with juvenile sex offenders.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Robert Taylor, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 312-793-8550
AWARDEE CONTACT	Margie Groot, Illinois Department of Corrections, 630-554-0750

Supervision and Treatment Programs for Sex Offenders

PROJECT TITLE	PRESTART SPECIAL NEEDS PROJECT
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; Anti-Drug Abuse Act federal funds
AWARDEE	Illinois Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	Year 1: \$395,403; Year 2: \$356, 554; Year 3: \$427,136; Year 4: pending
TIME PERIOD	Four-year funding cycle, beginning September 1996
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This project established a community-based sex offender treatment program for 150 adult offenders released from Illinois Department of Corrections prisons that returned to Cook County. Target populations include individuals that participated in prison sex offender residential programs and individuals with no prior treatment that are amenable to treatment in the community. Program components include assessment, individual and group therapy, psycho-education, family counseling, and case management.</p> <p>An evaluation will assess the following elements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Implementation process effectiveness; and 2. Impact of the program's measurable outcomes. <p>The process evaluation will focus on several components including organization, staffing and management of the program; client population and methods of selection/criteria; program services and delivery; and program background and environment. The impact evaluation will assess the extent to which the program is successful in providing treatment to the target population and the long-term benefits of such services.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	A preliminary report was published and released in January 1998. This report is currently available through Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. A final report is pending.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will provide specific information on assessments, use of intensive supervision, use of drug and alcohol testing, and treatment modalities for community-based programs.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Robert Taylor, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 312-793-8550
AWARDEE CONTACT	Margie Groot, Illinois Department of Corrections, 630-584-0750

Supervision and Treatment Programs for Sex Offenders

PROJECT TITLE	SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PILOT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT (CORRECTIONAL OPTIONS PROJECT); SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance, Discretionary Grant Programs
AWARDEE	Maine Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	\$200,000
TIME PERIOD	March 1998 through September 1998 (awardee has requested an extension through September 1999)
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This project brings together key representatives from two correctional systems (Maine and New Hampshire) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the knowledge and experience base regarding correctional treatment of sex offenders, and 2. Engage in a planning process to develop pilot project designs and implementation plans for sex offender treatment. Following this planning process, each state will develop their own sex offender management initiatives. <p>Seven state-wide training events were conducted between May 4, 1998 and May 14, 1998, to provide training a broad audience (including the local police, sexual assault center staff, district attorney's office staff, mental health practitioners, the faith community, victim advocates, and the community at large) on a variety of topics including sex offender management, sex offender typology, and community collaboration.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	These sex offender management training events were open to the criminal justice and non-criminal justice community alike, and were advertised and televised across the State of Maine in order to maximize the availability of the training.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	The purpose of this project is to enhance community supervision of sex offenders and increase collaboration among system actors. It is believed that the enhancement of supervision and the collaboration of system actors will reduce the number of convicted offenders who re-offend in the State of Maine.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Richard Sutton, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-616-3214
AWARDEE CONTACT	Nancy Buchard, Maine Department of Corrections, 207-287-4384

III.

TRAINING AND TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Training and Technical Assistance for Policy Makers and Practitioners

PROJECT TITLE	THE CENTER FOR SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT: A NATIONAL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECT
FUNDING AGENCY	Office of Justice Programs in collaboration with the State Justice Institute and the National Institute of Corrections
AWARDEE	Center for Effective Public Policy
AWARD AMOUNT	\$1,427,881 (FY 1997); \$1,850,721 (FY 1998)
TIME PERIOD	Funded in 1997, this project is expected to continue through December of 2000.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The Center for Sex Offender Management (CSOM) is a national project that supports local jurisdictions in the effective management of sex offenders under community supervision. The four components of the Center for Sex Offender Management are designed to: establish an information exchange; conduct intensive training programs; identify and foster resource jurisdictions; and provide technical assistance to promote innovations in the field of sex offender management.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	CSOM is disseminating information to the field through periodic trainings, development of a comprehensive training curriculum, publication of policy and practice briefs on pressing issues in the field, operation of a web site, and documentation of the activities of the project's Resource Sites through a series of case studies. These products can be obtained directly from the awardee.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project is designed to promote more effective supervision practices among supervision agencies across the country. In addition, the project is designed to foster the exchange of information among practitioners within local, state and regional jurisdictions, and to promote collaboration among key individuals within a jurisdiction to ensure the development and implementation of effective sex offender management practices.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Marlene Beckman, Office of Justice Programs, 202-307-5933
AWARDEE CONTACT	Madeline M. Carter, Center for Effective Public Policy, 301-589-9383

Training and Technical Assistance for Policy Makers and Practitioners

PROJECT TITLE	NATIONAL SEXUAL OFFENDER REGISTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Statistics
AWARDEE	This program is administered by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.
APPROPRIATION	\$45 million has been appropriated in FY 1999 for the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). Through this program, monies will be provided for activities formerly funded separately under the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) program.
TIME PERIOD	FY 1999
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) is designed to help states ensure that state sex offender registries identify, collect, and properly disseminate relevant information that is consistent, accurate, complete, and up-to-date. Additionally, the program will help states establish appropriate interfaces with the FBI's national system so that the state registry information on sex offenders can be obtained and tracked from one jurisdiction to another. The program will also assist states in meeting relevant requirements of current federal legislation.</p> <p>The Bureau of Justice Statistic's FY 1999 appropriation includes \$45 million for the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP). Starting in FY 1999, the activities formerly funded separately under the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) program will be funded under the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) appropriation. There is no legislative set aside for sex offender registry related activities. Where the state agency designated by the Governor to administer the sex offender registry program is the same agency as the agency designated to administer the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) program, a single application may be submitted and a single award will be made. Where the agencies designated by the Governor to administer both programs are different, either a single application or separate applications may be submitted at the option of the states. The Program Announcement will be released by March 1999.</p>
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project is designed to promote an effective national registry of convicted sex offenders -- that includes accurate and complete information about sex offenders -- to protect the public and prevent further victimizations.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Carol G. Kaplan, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 202-307-0759

Training and Technical Assistance for Policy Makers and Practitioners

PROJECT TITLE	SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT SKILLS
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Corrections
AWARDEE	This training program is designed and managed by National Institute of Corrections staff.
TIME PERIOD	These training programs are offered on an annual basis, contingent upon on-going funding.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>Three 36-hour intensive training programs are offered annually at various locations around the country where sex offender management and treatment programs are already in operation. These education and skill building sessions are open to correctional and treatment staff on an application basis. New requests are received on an ongoing basis with a rolling application process.</p> <p>In addition, since January 1996, the Academy has offered seven programs on Sex Offender Treatment Skills with a total of 158 participants. There were three programs in 1997 with 57 participants; three programs in 1998 with 71 participants; and, so far, one program in 1999 with 30 participants. Two more programs will be offered in 1999 - one in March and one in June.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	Training curriculum and related materials.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	Improved sex offender programming.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Robert Brown, National Institute of Corrections, 303-682-0382

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PROJECT TITLE	SHORT-TERM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
FUNDING AGENCY	National Institute of Corrections
AWARDEE	Technical assistance requests from jails, prisons and community corrections staff are managed by National Institute of Corrections staff and are typically filled by contracted consultants.
AWARD AMOUNT	Technical assistance requests must be under \$10,000 per event.
TIME PERIOD	Technical assistance is funded on an annual basis.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Since January 1996, nine jurisdictions in eight states have requested and received short-term technical assistance regarding sex offenders through the National Institute of Corrections. Services provided include staff training, program development, and management techniques.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	Final reports are provided to each jurisdiction receiving assistance. These reports specifically address the issues identified by the requestor.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	Improved delivery of services as identified by the requesting agency.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Kenneth S. Carpenter, National Institute of Corrections, 202-307-3995, ext. 134 (for technical assistance); Robert M. Brown, Jr., Chief, Academy Division, 800-995-6429 (for training seminars).

Training and Technical Assistance for Policy Makers and Practitioners

PROJECT TITLE	STATE AND LOCAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance
AWARDEE	Florida Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Community Assistance
AWARD AMOUNT	\$100,000
TIME PERIOD	August 1998 - July 2000
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program, State and Local Training and Education Assistance Program, is designed to consider the training and educational needs of practitioners within the criminal justice system. As part of LLEBG's technical assistance initiative, states and territories were invited to develop responses to address the needs of at least three component groups in their state. Recipients were encouraged to include the entire criminal justice system in the development of the project, especially traditionally underserved components and populations such as probation, parole, indigent defense, Indian tribes, and rural communities. Program funds could be used in a variety of ways including scholarships, training or education courses, reimbursement (in whole, or in part) for course fees to organizations providing training activities, and for travel expenses related to attending training or education courses.</p> <p>The Florida Department of Community Affairs will sub-grant training and education funds to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for purposes of implementing the State's Program Outreach Plan. Activities to be undertaken include the convening of a state Sexual Predator Conference and a series of workshops that will focus on "best practices." The training will equally weight sexual predator/sex offender training sessions in three areas of the criminal and juvenile justice system: police protection, judicial and legal, and corrections.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The conduct of a Sexual Predator Conference and a series of workshops held throughout the state.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will assist with the training needs of criminal and juvenile justice professionals within the state on Wetterling Act compliance issues, and the state's sex offender registration and notification laws.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Jose A. McLoughlin, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-305-2088
AWARDEE CONTACT	Clayton H. Wilder, Florida Department of Community Affairs, 850-488-8016

Training and Technical Assistance for Policy Makers and Practitioners

PROJECT TITLE	TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS TREATING SEX OFFENDERS
FUNDING AGENCY	Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority; Anti-Drug Abuse Act federal funds
AWARDEE	Illinois Department of Corrections
AWARD AMOUNT	Year 1: \$67,500; Year 2: \$33,750; Year 3: pending; Year 4: pending
TIME PERIOD	Four year funding cycle, beginning January 1998
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This project convenes multi-disciplinary teams of Illinois Department of Corrections sex offender treatment staff, Illinois Department of Corrections parole agents, and community-based providers treating sex offenders to participate in training and networking opportunities that ensure the effective management of sex offenders released back in the community. Approximately 360 professionals throughout Illinois will be trained; six sites have been designated. Training content includes: sex offender treatment, dual-diagnosed sex offenders, clinician burnout and stress management, assessment, supervision, and relapse prevention. Annual follow-up sessions will be conducted.
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	This project will result in a comprehensive training manual and materials for each attendee. A resource directory of available treatment resources for sex offenders throughout Illinois is being compiled. This directory will be distributed and updated by the Illinois Department of Corrections.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	This project will increase the training available to staff and increase networking opportunities for professionals throughout Illinois who are treating sex offenders.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Robert Taylor, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, 312-793-8550
AWARDEE CONTACT	Margie Groot, Illinois Department of Corrections, 630-584-0750

Training and Technical Assistance for Policy Makers and Practitioners

PROJECT TITLE	A VIDEO SEMINAR FOR JUDGES: IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE SENTENCING STRATEGIES FOR SEX OFFENDERS
FUNDING AGENCY	State Justice Institute and the Violence Against Women Grants Office
AWARDEE	Center for Effective Public Policy
AWARD AMOUNT	\$167,421
TIME PERIOD	September 1998 - September 1999
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>This project is developing a stand-alone video-based curriculum for judges that synthesizes the current state of knowledge about the treatment and management of sex offenders to assist judges as they develop sentencing policies for sex offenders and make individual sentencing decisions. The curriculum is being tested and refined via a preview with an audience of judges. The project includes a demonstration of the curriculum and presentation of a "training for trainers" session with judicial educators in order to introduce the curriculum to judicial educators and to familiarize them with its availability and its contents.</p> <p>The curriculum package includes video segments in which recognized experts provide presentations, interviews, discussions, and demonstration of key materials and practices. Additionally, the package includes a judicial educator's guide and a participant's manual that includes exercises, discussion questions, resource materials, and a bibliography.</p> <p>Curriculum modules address plea negotiations, sentencing options, current research on risk and treatment, juvenile sex offenders, and judicial involvement in the development of statewide standards for sex offender supervision.</p>
FINAL PRODUCT & METHOD OF DISSEMINATION	The curriculum package will consist of a judicial educator's guide, a participant manual, and a set of videotapes that enables judicial educators to offer a self-contained training event for judges, either in the setting of a judicial meeting or as an independent event for criminal justice teams or individual judges. The curriculum packages will be distributed to JERITT, all state judicial education directors, and all SJI-designated libraries.
ANTICIPATED IMPACT ON THE PRACTICES IN THE FIELD	The completed video curriculum will assist judges to develop sex offender sentencing policy -- as well as craft appropriate individualized sanctions for individual defendants.
FUNDING AGENCY CONTACT	Stephanie Condon, Violence Against Women Grants Office, 202-305-2613
AWARDEE CONTACT	Peggy Burke, Center for Effective Public Policy, 301-589-9383

IV.

OTHER INITIATIVES

In addition to the initiatives described previously, the following chart reflects additional efforts -- program initiatives conducted within specific states -- supported by the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Assistance Formula Grant Program.

For further information on these initiatives, contact Linda McKay, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 202-514-6638.

Bureau of Justice Assistance Byrne Formula Grant Program

STATE	GRANTEE	PROJECT	AMOUNT	PERIOD
Colorado	Larimer County Community Corrections	Sex Offender Systematic Approach*	\$9,168	10/1/96-9/30/97
Colorado	Department of Corrections	Integration of Polygraph Testing/Sex Offenders*	\$26,389	10/1/96-9/30/97
Colorado	Judicial Department State Court Admin.	Specialized Sexual Abuse Offender Program*	\$49,655	10/1/96-12/31/97
Colorado	Judicial Department State Court Admin.	Juvenile Sex Offender Integrated Supervision Program	\$42,312	10/1/96-12/31/97
Colorado	Durango/La Plata Community Corrections Board	Sexual Offender Treatment Program	\$49,786	7/1/97-6/30/98
Colorado	Division of Criminal Justice	Sex Offender Assessment and Treatment*	\$187,457	10/1/96-9/30/97
Hawaii	The Judiciary	Juvenile Sex Offender Project	\$93,860	10/1/96-9/30/97
Hawaii	Honolulu Prosecutor's Office	Child Sex Assault	\$195,000	11/1/95-10/31/96
Hawaii	Honolulu Prosecutor's Office	Child Sex Assault*	\$190,000	11/1/96-10/31/97
Illinois	County of Dupage	Sex Offender Probation Program	\$88,694	8/1/97-7/31/98
Illinois	County of Vermillion	Sex Offender Probation	\$39,750	7/1/97-6/30/98
Illinois	County of Coles	Sex Offender Probation Program	\$46,815	8/1/97-7/31/98
Illinois	County of Lake	Sex Offender Probation Program	\$128,530	7/31/97-7/30/98
Illinois	County of Winnebago	Sex Offender Probation Program	\$104,504	8/1/97-7/31/98
Nevada	Division of Parole and Probation	Sex Offender Registry	\$96,853	12/1/97-12/31/98
New Hampshire	Department of Corrections	PDD Operator for Sex Offender Treatment Program	\$44,382	1/1/98-12/31/98
Ohio	Department of Health	Sexual Assault Training*	\$36,207	1/1/97-12/31/97
Ohio	Jackson County Commissioners	Assist Sexually Abused*	\$47,969	1/1/97-12/31/97
Utah	Department of Corrections	Day Reporting Center	\$93,820	7/1/96-6/30/97
Utah	Department of Corrections	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (Non-Residential Sex Offender Treatment)	\$95,213	8/1/96-7/31/97
Utah	Department of Corrections	Residential Sex Offender Treatment*	\$29,787	8/1/96-6/30/97
* Continuation Grant		TOTAL	\$1,696,151	

