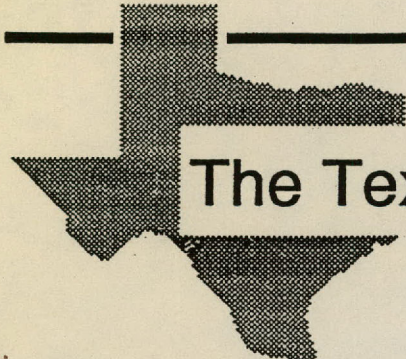
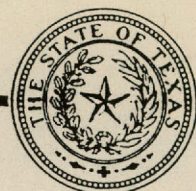


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## Sex Offender Registration in Effect

The Seventy-Second Legislature established the sex offender registration program. Authored by Senator Judith Zaffirini, the law is an effort to protect the public from sex offenders on parole or placed under probation. Administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), the registration program became effective September 1991.

All sex offenders convicted of indecency with a child, sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, incest or four convictions of indecent exposure must register with the chief of police or sheriff where they reside or intend to reside for more than seven days. Offenders must register no later than the seventh day after arrival in a municipality or county.

The responsibility for the registration program is dependent on the courts, the parole system and DPS. Courts are responsible for providing written notification to the offender, local law enforcement agency and DPS.

The parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) must provide notification of a convicted offender pending parole to the nearest law enforcement agency wherein the paroled offender intends on residing. This notification is currently published in the DPS Crime Analysis Service Bulletin.

Enforcement personnel registering offenders submit completed registration forms to DPS where information is processed and data maintained.

DPS notifies law enforcement agencies of offenders when movement from one county jurisdiction to another occurs.

Currently, DPS collects and maintains the data received from the program. DPS also provides to the law enforcement agencies, registration submissions forms and offender registration receipts. DPS is also very active in communicating to the Criminal Justice System agencies information regarding the Sex Offender Registration Program, it's intentions and specific requirements. However, DPS does not enjoy the administrative power needed to implement the statutory requirements of the registration program. This weakness could lead to voluntary participation within local judicial and law enforcement entities.

It is hoped that the sex offender registration program in the future may provide information leading to the resolution of other sex offenses.

The Interagency Council on Sex Offender Treatment (IACSOT) is informing registered sex offender treatment providers (RSOTP) statewide of the registration program and encourages RSOTP's to inform sex offenders on their caseloads of the registration law and its requirements.

As of October 1992, 1200 sex offenders paroled or on probation had registered in Texas.

For more information, contact the IACSOT at (512) 454-1314 or Paul Jordan, DPS at 465-2200.



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Dear Colleague:

It is with great pride that the Interagency Council on Sex Offender Treatment (IACSOT) publishes its first newsletter. Beginning with this issue, the IACSOT will publish quarterly THE TEXAS RESOURCE, the newsletter on sex offender treatment.

I'd like to start this issue with a brief historical perspective on the development of the IACSOT. In the early 1980's, a group of pioneering professional in the treatment and criminal justice arenas visualized the need to examine the sexual offending behavior of repeat sexual abusers. In 1983, these individuals convinced the Legislature of the need for an Interagency Council on Sex Offender Treatment mandated to assess the efficacy of the rehabilitation of sex offenders and establish a database of sex offender treatment providers from which research and services could be conducted.

The IACSOT was funded in 1989 and the two staff positions were filled in 1990. In 1991, the IACSOT published the first edition of the REGISTRY, a compilation of mental health and medical professionals providing rehabilitation services to sex offenders.

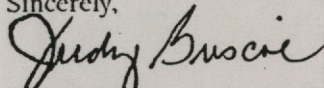
This year, we co-sponsored with Sam Houston State University, the First Annual Texas Conference on the Treatment and Supervision of Sex Offenders. We will also co-sponsor with the Pebble Project of Austin and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, a similar conference focusing on juvenile sex offenders, July 8-9, 1993.

The needs of our registered sex offender treatment providers and the field are growing. It is our desire to provide this field with information, resources and technical assistance to better address sexual offending behavior and methods to deter victimizations.

If you have ideas on how we can improve the state's response and how the IACSOT can provide better service, please contact me or the executive director of the IACSOT, Eliza May.

Together we will positively affect the cycle of sexual abuse.

Sincerely,



Judy Briscoe  
Chair, IACSOT



Continuing Education.....Workshops

Date(s)	Place	Topic	Contact Information
October 29- November 1, 1992	Fairmont Hotel Dallas, Texas  Sat, 1:15-2:30 p.m. Sat, 8:00-10:45 a.m. Sat, 8:00-9:15 a.m. Sat, 11:00-12:15 a.m. Sun, 1:15-4:00 p.m.	1992 Joint Convention, TPA Below sessions on S.O.T.  Identification and Treatment of Male Sexual Abuse Survivors Adolescent Sex Offenders: Assessment and Treatment Pedophile: Denial or Dissociation Hypnotherapy with Victims of Sexual Abuse Effects of Incest: Do They Ever End?	Texas Psychological Association 9101 Burnet Rd., #212, Austin, TX 78758 (512) 835-2036
November 6, 1992	The Westchase Hilton 9999 Westheimer Houston, TX 77042	Sexual Abuse: Treatment of the Adult Survivor	Susan Forward, Ph.D. 8353 Mentor Avenue Mentor, Ohio 44060
November 7, 1992	Holiday Inn Riverwalk N. 110 Lexington Ave. San Antonio, TX 78205	Sexual Abuse: Treatment of the Adult Survivor	Susan Forward, Ph.D. 8353 Mentor Avenue Mentor, Ohio 44060
November 8, 1992	Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza 4099 Valley View Ln. Dallas, TX 75244	Sexual Abuse: Treatment of the Adult Survivor	Susan Forward, Ph.D. 8353 Mentor Avenue Mentor, Ohio 44060
November 19, 1992	Hilton Hotel McAllen, Texas	Treatment Modalities for Incest Families	Rio Grande Counseling Center 800 West Avenue, #A101 Austin, Texas 78701, (512) 480-0205
January 10-15 1993	Raintree Plaza Longmont, CO	Treatment Programming: An Element of Offender Risk	National Institute of Corrections * 1960 Industrial Circle, #A Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 682-0382
March 1993	Burlington, VT	Assessing and Treating Intellectually Disabled Sex Offenders	Safer Society Training Institute RR1, Box 24-B, Orwell, VT 05760 (802) 897-7541
March 7-12, 1993	Raintree Plaza Longmont, CO	Sex Offender Treatment Skills for Professionals (training for trainers)	National Institute of Corrections * 1960 Industrial Circle, #A Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 682-0382
March 10-13, 1993	Huntsville, Alabama	Ninth National Symposium on Child Sexual Abuse	Marilyn Grundy, National Symposium 106 Lincoln Street, Huntsville, AL 35801 (205) 533-5437
June 13-18, 1993	Raintree Plaza Longmont, CO	Developing and Administering Sex Offender Treatment Programs	National Institute of Corrections * 1960 Industrial Circle, #A Longmont, CO 80501, (303) 682-0382
July 8 & 9, 1993	Wyndham Hotel Austin, Texas	Working with the Juvenile Sex Offender	IACSOT P.O. Box 12546, Austin, TX 78711 (512) 454-1314

\* in order to participate in seminars offered by the National Institute of Corrections, an application must be completed - NIC pays all tuition, materials, fees, air travel, lodging, and meals fees.



## BOOK IN REVIEW

A MANUAL FOR STRUCTURED GROUP TREATMENT WITH ADOLESCENT SEXUAL OFFENDERS by Ineke F. Way and Thomas J. Balthazor

The following review was offered by RSOTP, Carlos M. Lored, Ph.D., a psychologist specializing in the treatment of juvenile sex offenders in Austin, Texas.

The manual is written as a "practical guide to structure group therapy for adolescent male sexual offenders". It is based on the work of the adolescent sexual offender treatment program at Family and Children's Services of Mishawaka, Indiana. It includes chapters on adolescent offender theory and research, group therapy, and the program's treatment philosophies, objectives and program goals.

The greater portion of the manual is devoted to structured group exercises. The exercises are divided into two sections. The "Core" exercises constitute the foundation of the structured group therapy. These "Core" exercises focus on self disclosure, sharing the details of the abuse, patterns of abuse, and the Protection Plan. The "Advanced" exercises are used with a group that has become more cohesive and is implemented at any time in the group process as deemed appropriate and beneficial.

The manual provides practical and useful exercises for the group therapy process. The authors correctly indicate that the exercises are only a tool, and that the therapists' use of self and therapeutic skills are the most important aspects of working with adolescent sexual offenders. The danger, particularly with beginning and/or inexperienced therapists however, is that they will rely heavily on structured exercises as a way of imposing "group structure" into the therapeutic process.

The manual however, has one glaring omission. Since the exercises are devised to create self disclosure, it is imperative that therapists discuss confidentiality issues and informed consent with clients and their parents, particularly as impacted by child abuse reporting statutes. The manual never addresses the necessity of discussing these issues, prior to the beginning of any form of treatment. Failure to do so could have huge legal implications for clients and their parents. Therapists who do not regularly provide informed consent and who do not discuss confidentiality issues with adolescent sexual offenders and their guardians will be faced with ethical, moral, and/or legal nightmares.

The information is useful and the exercises can be used with any group therapy format. I recommend the manual and personally will purchase a copy. (The manual is available through Jalice Publishing, P.O. Box 455, Notre Dame, Indiana 96556.)

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### RESOURCES FOR SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT LITERATURE

Alexandria Associates  
911 S.W. 3rd Street  
Ontario, Oregon 97914

The Haworth Press, Inc.  
10 Alice Street  
Binghamton, New York 13904-1580

The Safer Society Press  
RR1, Box 24-B  
Orwell, Vermont 05760-9756

Sage Publications, Inc.  
P.O. Box 5084  
Newbury Park, California 91359



**\* \* \* CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT \* \* \***

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**WORKING WITH THE JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER**

**Conference Dates:** July 8 & 9, 1993  
**Conference Location:** Wyndham Hotel, Austin  
**Registration:** \$35.00

**TOPICS TO INCLUDE:**

- Overview of the Juvenile Court System.
- What Juvenile Court Personnel Need to Know When Handling the Juvenile Sex Offender.
- Legal Issues for Treatment Providers Handling the Juvenile Sex Offender.
- Ethical Issues in the Treatment of Juvenile Sex Offenders.
- Treatment of Juvenile Sex Offenders.
- Types of Juvenile Sex Offenders.

**THIS CONFERENCE IS APPROPRIATE FOR:**

**Law Enforcement, Juvenile Probation/Detention Officers, Treatment Providers, Juvenile Judges, Juvenile Prosecutors, Educators, Runaway Shelter Personnel, Inpatient Facilities Staff, Secure Facilities Staff.**

**For Registration Information,  
Contact the Sex Offender Treatment Council at (512) 454-1314**

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*Conference Sponsors  
Texas Juvenile Probation Commission  
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The Pebble Project*







## CONFERENCE DRAWS 400

The First Annual Texas Conference on the Treatment and Supervision of Sex Offenders held at Sam Houston State University, October 11-13, 1992, was lauded as a success by conference participants. Co-sponsored by Sam Houston State University and the IACSOT, the conference drew an audience of 400 including Judges, Senators, probation and parole officers and treatment providers.

The conference provided training on a variety of topics such as Group Treatment, Treating the Developmentally Handicapped, Use of Medication in Treatment, and Responding to Victims. Dr. Gene G. Abel, an internationally recognized expert in the treatment of sex offenders spoke on "Sex Offenders and Sexual Violence" and "Approaches to Treatment". A special evening panel presentation on "Castration: Treatment or Punishment" included Judge Michael T. McSpadden, the jurist who captured worldwide attention when he agreed to allow a rapist to be castrated as punishment for assaulting a twelve year old girl. Also in this debate was IACSOT Board member Walter J. Meyer, III, M.D., a child psychiatrist.

The IACSOT will provide other training and conference opportunities in the months ahead.

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## REGISTRY CRITERIA PROPOSED

The Board of the IACSOT is considering adoption of new criteria to the REGISTRY. All proposed changes will be published in the TEXAS REGISTER. A public hearing on the proposed changes is scheduled on December 11, at 9:30 a.m. The Texas Juvenile Probation Commission located on 2015 So.IH-35 will host the hearing.

All Registered Sex Offender Treatment Providers (RSOTP) are encouraged to call or write to the IACSOT to express their comments regarding the changes. The proposed changes are intended to strengthen the REGISTRY program and ensure that the state's pool of treatment providers are qualified and experienced treatment providers.

For a copy of the proposed changes please call the IACSOT or check with your local library for the current printing of the TEXAS REGISTER.

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## SENATE INVESTIGATION ON PENILE PLETHYSMOGRAPH

The Senate Interim Committee on Health and Human Services has requested that the IACSOT examine the use of the penile plethysmograph and the practice of aversion therapy in the treatment of child sex offenders.

The IACSOT will report jointly to the standing Senate Committees on Human Services and Criminal Justice. The report will include an examination of such regulatory issues as the regulation of terms, e.g., therapists, sex therapist, and registered sex offender treatment provider. The IACSOT will also review the regulation of the assessment instrument. Additionally, training for operators, reporting requirements and age appropriateness of the device's use will be examined. The IACSOT will make recommendations to the Senate based on its examination.

This report will be submitted to the Senate in January 1993.



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F.Y.I.....

- ... Formation of Texas chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)...contact Deborah Moore at (817) 496-9796 or Vivian Lewis Heine (512) 495-9917.
- ... Call for papers...3rd International Congress on the Treatment of Sex Offenders...Conference Date September 19-21, 1993...Submission Date February 1, 1993...contact University of Minnesota, Treatment of Sex Offenders, Continuing Medical Education, Suite 107, 615 Washington Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.
- ... Collection of over 45 bibliographies on juvenile sex offender treatment research...contact the IACSOT at (512) 454-1314.
- ... Collection of 6 reports on sex offender treatment issues...some examples: "The Sex Offender - A Review of the Literature"..."Sex Offender Treatment Program Plan"...contact the IACSOT at (512) 454 -1314.
- ... Board meeting of the IACSOT...November 13, 1992, 10:00 a.m., Texas Youth Commission, 4900 N. Lamar, 7th Fl. Conference Rm...Adoption of Standards of Care for Adult Sex Offenders, Standards for Use of the Penile Plethysmograph, and Proposed Rule Changes.



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