5760.6

Government Publications
Texas State Documents



AUG 1 0 2000

Denository Dallas Plotenas Resource

TDH

The Official Newsletter of the Council on Sex Offender Treatment

Spring 2000 Volume 8, No. 1

The Creation of the Cexas Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment Instrument

by Ana Torrez Aguirre, TJPC Sr. Trainer, TDCJ Review Committee Member

Passed by the 76th Texas Legislature, Senate Bill I 650 required the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to establish a Risk Assessment Review Committee (Committee). The primary responsibility of the Committee is to select or develop a risk assessment screening tool to be used statewide by the courts and the Committee for assigning the risk level of sex offenders. All sex offenders who are required to register and are being released from penal institutions or placed on probation on or after January I, 2000 must be assessed.

Senate Bill 1650 also directed TDCJ to establish a five-member committee, each of whom is a state employee whose service on the review committee is in addition to the employee's regular duties. The Committee should include:

- 1) one member having experience in law enforcement;
- 2) one member having experience working with juvenile sex offenders;
- 3) one member having experience as a sex offender treatment provider, and
- 4) one member having experience working with victims of sex offenses.

Senate Bill 1650

The Committee selected separate risk assessment instruments for adult offenders (18 years of age and older) and juvenile offenders (10 to 17 years of age). The selection process for the adult instrument was simplified since the Committee had several instruments from which to select.

The Static 99 instrument, developed by David Thorton, from Great Britain, and Carl Hansen, from Canada, was the adult instrument selected by the Committee.

Unfortunately, as many seasoned practitioners are aware, the Committee did not have the same luxury in their search for a validated juvenile risk assessment instrument. The Committee membership made numerous inquiries at the local, state, and national level organizations, institutes, as well as various sex offender treatment providers in the public and private sector. Instruments that were available, although not yet validated, included the Prentky Instrument from Maine, the Tarrant County Juvenile Probation Department Instrument, and an instrument from the State of New Mexico.

Upon the Committee's review, it was determined that

none of the current instruments reviewed would be selected. The Committee requested that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission (TJPC) and the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) develop an instrument for the Committee's consideration.

The Committee developed the Texas Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment Instrument as the official Texas instrument to be used for assessing the juvenile sex offender's risk. The selection of the factors to be considered in assessing the risk are based on empirical data derived from the TYC database. (Creation of the Texas Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment Instrument continues on page 5)

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES & PHONE NUMBERS



COUNCIL OFFICE

Phone: (512) 834-4530 Fax: (512) 834-4511

E-mail: csot@licc.tdh.state.tx.us Web site:

http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/plc/csot.htm

COUNCIL MAILING ADDRESS

1100 West 49th Street Austin, TX 78756-3183

COUNCIL OFFICE (PHYSICAL) ADDRESS

8407 Wall Street, S-420 Austin, TX 78754

(NOTE: Please do *not* send correspondence to this address)

CONSUMER COMPLAINT ADDRESS & PHONE #

P. O. Box 141369 Austin, TX 78714-1369 1-800-942-5540

(Please do not use this phone # if you wish to reach the Council office.)

Council On Sex Offender Treatment



Council Members

Walter J. Meyer, III, MD, Chairperson Galveston, Professional Member

Work: (409) 772-3619 Fax: (409) 772-9598 E-mail: wmeyer@utmb.edu Term Expires: 2/1/2001

Liles Arnold, LPC Richardson, Professional Member

Work: (972) 671-3400 Fax: (972) 671-3102 E-mail: lsajjcd@aol.com Term Expires: 2/1/2003

Kristy M. Carr Austin, Public Member Work: (512) 424-6710 Fax: (512) 424-6717

E-mail: kristy.carr@tjpc.state.tx.us

Term Expires: 2/1/2005

Richard Mack, M.Div,LMFT Lubbock, Professional Member

Work: (806) 797-4283
Fax: (806) 797-4284
E-mail: rnmack@prodigy.net
Term Expires: 2/1/2005

Maria T. Molett, MA, LPC, LMFT

Garland, Professional Work: (972) 494-0160 Fax: (972) 494-0431 E-mail: exdirmjtm@aol.com Term Expires: 2/1/2003

David Swinson, Jr. Hewitt, Public Member Work: (254) 666-7400 Fax: (254) 666-3242

E-mail: n/a

Term Expires: 2/1/2001

OFFICE STAFF

Executive Director
Kelly Page

Administrative Assistant Emily M. Mathers Administrative Technician
Deborah Scott

Council appointments are made by the Governor's Office.

For more information on the appointment process,

visit the Governor's web site at:

www.governor.state.tx.us/appointments/appointments.html

Texas Resource is the official publication of the Council on Sex Official Fernance Treatment and is printed by the Texas Department of Health.

Subscriptions are free to registrants and upon request. Subscribers must notify the Council office of any address change. The Council is not responsible for lost, misdirected, or undelivered correspondence, including forms and fees, if sent to the address last reported to the Council.

Material in the Texas Resource is not copyrighted and may be reproduced. The Council would appreciate credit for material used and a copy of the reprint. For comments concerning the content for the Texas Resource, suggestions for articles for future issues, or information, write:

Council on Sex Offender Treatment 1100 West 49th Street Austin, Texas 78756-3183 Phone: (512) 834-4530 Fax: (512) 834-4511 E-mail: csot@licc.tdh.state.tx.us

Editor: Emily M. Mathers

INTERAGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IAC)

Glen A. Kercher, Ph.D., Chairperson Professor, Criminal Justice Center Sam Houston State University

Work: (409) 294-1642 Fax: (409) 294-1653 E-mail: icc_gak@shsu.edu

Mary Ruth Bahari, Program Specialist
Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services

Child Protective Services Work: (512) 438-3403 Fax: (512) 438-3782

E-mail: baharimr@tdprs.state.tx.us

Rosalie Boldin, Deputy Director Texas Council of Community MH / MR Centers

Work: (512) 794-9268 Fax: (512) 794-8280

E-mail: rboldin@txcouncil.com

C. Camille Cain, Director of Planning

Criminal Justice Division Office of the Governor Work: (512) 463-1789 Fax: (512) 475-2440

E-mail: ccain@governor.state.tx.us

Grace Davis, Office of the Attorney General Sexual Assault Prevention & Crisis Services

Work: (512) 936-1598 Fax: (512) 936-1650

E-mail: grace.davis@oag.state.tx.us

Estella Guillen, Field Services Specialist Texas Department of Criminal Justice Community Justice Assistance Division

Work: (512) 428-1736 Fax: (512) 912-8015

E-mail: estella.guillen@tdcj.state.tx.us

Judy Johnson, Sex Offender Treatment Program TDCJ-Institutional Division, Goree Unit

Work: (409) 295-6331

Fax: (409) 295-6331 ext. 361 E-mail: sotp1@txucom.net

Paul Jordan, Program Administrator Sex Offender Registration & Notification Texas Department of Public Safety Work: (512) 424-2200 ext. 3213

Fax: (512) 424-5715

E-mail: paul.jordan@txdps.state.tx.us

Michael D. Maples

Service System Development and Implementation

Texas Department of MH / MR Work: (512) 206-5968

Work: (512) 206-5968 Fax: (512) 206-4784

E-mail: michael.maples@mhmr.state.tx.us

Janet Latham, Program Administrator for Sex Offenders

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Pardons and Parole Division

Work: (512) 406-5724 Fax: (512) 406-5366

E-mail: janet.latham@tdcj.state.tx.us

Pat Logterman, Treatment Specialist

Texas Youth Commission Rehabilitation Services

Work: (512) 424-6229 Fax: (512) 424-6300

E-mail: pat.logterman@tyc.state.tx.us

Wesley Shackelford Texas Juvenile Probation Work: (512) 424-6700 Fax: (512) 424-6717

E-mail: wesley.shackelford@tjpc.state.tx.us

CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE

Liles Arnold, LPC
Summit Counseling Center
Work: (972) 671-3400
Fax: (972) 671-3102
E-mail: Isajjcd@aol.com

Collier Cole, Ph.D. Rosenberg Clinic Work: (409) 763-0016 Fax: (409) 763-2969

Glen A. Kercher, Ph.D.
Criminal Justice Center
Work: (409) 294-1642
Fax: (409) 294-1653
E-mail: icc_gak@shsu.edu

Walter J. Meyer, III, M.D. University of Texas Medical Branch Department of Psychiatry Work: (409) 772-3619

Fax: (409) 772-9598 E-mail: wmeyer@utmb.edu

Richard Mack, LMFT
Marriage & Family Therapy Associates

Work: (806) 797-4283 Fax: (806) 797-4284 E-mail: rnmack@prodigy.net



Maria T. Molett, LPC, LMFT Counseling Institute of Texas Work: (972) 494-0160 Fax: (972) 494-0431 E-mail: exdirmjtm@aol.com

Judith W. O'Brien, LPC O'Brien Counseling Services Work: (713) 908-5758 pager Fax: (281) 679-0929

Norma W. Reed, LMSW-ACP Reed & Associates Work: (915) 542-1582

Fax: (915) 542-0494



Governor George W. Bush appointed Richard Mack as a professional member to the Council on March 25, 1999. His term expires February 1, 2005. Mr. Mack is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist.

Dear Colleagues,

Nearly 10 years ago I arrived in Texas, with experience in couples, family, and sex therapy, specializing in domestic violence. Little did I know that responding to a telephone call from Levelland, Texas, would propel me into the field of sex offender treatment. When I agreed to treat 13 people in the 286th Judicial District, I discovered there was very little literature, and even less West Texas experience, in the field. I learned by paying close attention to my clients and by listening carefully to the supervision officers who had contact with these clients before me. The Texas Legislature has come and gone five times in these ten years, passing laws concerning sex offenders, as my contact with sex offenders and the field of sex offender treatment has increased. In fact, the field has developed significant literature and an evolving conceptualization of effective approaches toward promoting the goals of preventing additional victims, ensuring safety in our communities, and protecting the individual sex offenders from sexually acting out or placing themselves in highrisk situations.

Two primary concerns have emerged over the past ten years. First, all Texans deserve to live in safe communities. It is my belief that this can be accomplished if we have a comprehensive approach to sex offending behavior. It has been my experience that, as professionals in the field, we tend to operate in reaction to legislative mandate. The legislature attempts to respond as rapidly as possible to societal needs, but in the process, the legislature has created a patchwork of legislation, the pieces of which don't quite fit together. It is my belief that a comprehensive approach cannot be developed and legislation implemented

within the context of one legislative session without prior planning and collaborative effort. My vision for treatment providers in Texas is to develop a Task Force that includes all areas of professionals, and legislators, in order to develop a comprehensive approach to sex offenders, beginning with legislation and ending with implementation of effective supervision and treatment.

The second area of concern is that approaches to sex offender treatment differ throughout Texas. While some differences are among approaches are natural, and are desirable to foster growth in the field, there are some differences that are not acceptable. Some programs do not include appropriate assessments, some do not include monitoring techniques, some are not oriented to therapeutic change, and some do not collaborate with other professions interfacing with cases. The people of Texas deserve the highest standard of sex offender treatment, including all of those components. The expression "the people of Texas" includes the sex offenders who have been placed in the community by the courts; these offenders deserve the best of our efforts to assist them in protecting themselves from deviant sexual impulses and to avoid high-risk situations. We must work to upgrade the standards of sex offender treatment. All Registered Sex Offender Treatment Providers and other professionals must invest in the upgraded standards so that increasing numbers of Texans can live in safe communities. It is my hope, and the focus of my involvement with the Council on Sex Offender Treatment, that these goals may be accomplished so that all Texans might be able to live in communities safe from sexual offending.

Sincerely, Richard Mack

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Disciplinary actions are taken by regulatory authorities (boards, committees and programs) in response to a violation of the law or rules. Different kinds of actions may be taken depending on the severity of the offense, the history of previous violations, efforts made to correct the violation, the harm to the victim(s), the likelihood of a repeat violation, and other matters related to each particular case. These actions are taken to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Texas. To see actions the council has taken, please visit our web site. http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/plc/csot.htm



(Creation of the Texas Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment Instrument continued from page 1)

The instrument considers the following factors in scoring the offender's risk: 1) Seriousness of the Sex Offense; 2) Use of Weapon in the Sex Offense; 3) Age at First Referral; 4) Prior Adjudications for Sex Offenses; 5) Prior Referrals for Sex Offenses; 6) Prior Adjudications for Felony Offenses; and 7) Prior Felony Referrals. An offender scoring 1-5 points should be assigned risk level two, and an offender scoring 6-13 points should be assigned risk level one.

The Juvenile Court is required to assign a risk level of one or two. A level one risk score is a result of 1) a designated number of points (6 or higher) on the juvenile sex offender instrument; and 2) a basis for concern that the offender poses a serious danger to the community or will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct. A level two (1-5 points) risk score indicates that either, but not both, of the aforementioned criteria exists.

The law stipulates circumstances under which a person may be assessed a level three risk score. A level three would indicate that there is "no basis for concern that this person poses a serious danger to the community or will continue to engage in criminal sexual conduct." To be eligible for a risk level three assignment, the offender has to meet the following criteria: 1) prior risk level two assignment; 2) prior adjudication for Indecency with a Child or Sexual Assault of a Child; 3) victim must be of the opposite sex; 4) victim cannot be more than five years younger; and 5) the offender intends to relocate.

Every juvenile offender receiving an

order of probation or being released from a penal institution on or after January 1, 2000 must be assessed. The assigned risk level must be indicated on the sex offender registration form at the time of disposition or at the time of release. Code of Criminal Procedure Art. 62.01(3) was amended by House Bill 2145 and expanded the definition of "penal institution" to include pre- and post-adjudication secure juvenile facilities. Therefore, sex offenders placed in a secure juvenile facility as a condition of probation or who are already on probation and are subsequently detained, must be assessed prior to release. This requirement applies to all secure juvenile facilities operated by a county or under contract with a private vendor. TIPC recommends that juvenile courts and juvenile boards discuss this issue and designate a person or persons in their county to receive training on the instrument and be responsible for administering the assessment instrument to juvenile offenders (i.e., probation officers, facility administrators, court personnel, etc.).

Community notification is another major component related to the risk level assigned to the juvenile sex offender. Residents will receive written notification (mailed or delivered) from the Department of Public Safety on juvenile sex offenders who: 1) were adjudicated on or after January 1, 2000; and 2) receive an assigned risk level one. Residential addresses eligible to receive notice are those who reside within a one-mile radius of the juvenile sex offender in an area that has not been subdivided or a three-block radius in an area that has been subdivided.

The Committee reconized there might be other predictive factors that need to

be considered in assessing a sex offender's risk of re-offending. To assist the Committee in analyzing the validity of these factors that are suggested by research literature in this topic, a Data Collection Form was developed and must be completed for every offender who is assessed by the Texas Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment Instrument. The same person who assesses the offender should complete the Data Collection Form. The information. collected will be submitted to TJPC for analysis and TJPC will report monthly to the Committee. At a later date, the Committee will analyze the data collected and potentially consider the expansion of the risk assessment instrument to include additional validated variables (factors) that may enhance the predictability of juvenile sex offender recidivism. Data currently being requested pertaining to victims includes the current victim's age at the time of the offense, gender, indication of whether the victim lived with the offender at the time of the offense, and the victim's relationship to offender (relative, stranger or acquaintance). This same information pertaining to prior sex offenses and those victims is also being requested. Additional information being requested and pertaining to the offender includes the following: I) prior out-of-home placements; 2) prior school behavior (suspensions, expulsions, failed a grade in school, and placement in a disciplinary alternative education program); and 3) a listing of multiple offenses referred or adjudicated within one event.

The Committee and the TJPC emphasize that proper training on the use of the instrument and the data collection process is essential to ensure consistent and accurate application of the instrument statewide.

Call for Proposals

The 9th Annual Texas Conference on The Treatment & Supervision of Adult Sex Offenders

presented by

★ Correctional Management Institute of Texas (CMIT)
 Sam Houston State University
 ★ Council on Sex Offender Treatment (CSOT)
 The Texas Department of Health
 ★ Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCI)

February 11-13, 2001 Holiday Inn Select - Greenway Plaza Houston, Texas

CMIT & CSOT request submission of proposals for workshop presentations (1.5 to 2 hour sessions)

Submitted proposals must include:

- One paragraph biography for each presenter
- One page abstract including objectives for the presentation
- 25 word summary of workshop for publication in the conference program
 - Track requested for workshop(see below)

Tracks Include:

- 1-2 Years Treatment Experience Basic & Intermediate Level Workshops
- 1-2 Years Supervision Experience Basic & Intermediate Level Workshops
 - Polygraph Utilization
 - 3 + Years Advanced Treatment Techniques
 - 3 + Years Advanced Supervision Issues
 - Sexual Assault Survivor Issues
 - Criminal Law Issues

Submission Deadline: September 30, 2000 (see proposal form on page 11)



To review topics in their entirety, you may view them on CSOT's web page or you may contact us and we will provide you a copy.

http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/plc/csot.htm or (512) 834-4530

LEGISLATION/RULES/LAW

Health and Safety Code

Subtitle E. Special Provisions relating to mental illness mental retardation

Chapter 611. Mental Health Records

Sec. 611.001. Definitions.

Sec. 611.002. Confidentiality of Information and Prohibition on Against

Disclosure.

Sec. 611.003. Persons Who May Claim Privilege of Confidentiality.

Sec. 611.004. Authorized Disclosure of Confidential Information other

 Authorized Disclosure of Confidential Information other than in Judicial or Administrative Proceeding.

Sec. 611.0045. Right to Mental Health Record.

Sec. 611.005. Legal Remedies for Improper Disclosure or Failure to

Disclose.

Sec. 611.006. Authorized Disclosure of Confidential Information in

Judicial or Administrative Proceeding.

SB 1232 (1997)

An act relating to conditions for probation and release for a child adjudicated for engaging in certain criminal conduct and to certain instruction and treatment for the parent or guardian of the child.

SB 149 (1995)

Relating to the release of information concerning the treatment of sex offender by a treatment provider, a criminal justice agency or a local law enforcement authority.

Government Code Section 493.017

Mandatory Reports on Sex Offender Treatment.

Family Code

Subchapter B, Sec. 261.101 - 261.109

Subchapter B. Report of Abuse or Neglect; Immunities

Sec. 261.101 Persons Required to Report; Time to Report.

Sec. 261.102 Matters to be Reported.

Sec. 261.103 Report Made to Appropriate Agency.

Sec. 261.104 Contents of Report.

Sec. 261.105 Referral of Report by Department of Law Enforcement.

Sec. 261.1055 Notification of District Attorneys.

Sec. 261.106 Immunities.

Sec. 261.107 False Report; Penalty.

Sec. 261.108 Frivolous Claims Against Person Reporting.

Sec. 261.109 Failure to Report; Penalty.

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL LEGAL OPINIONS

Opinion No. DM-458

Does Family Code Sec. 261.101(a) permit discretion on reporting possible child abuse?

Opinion No. JC-0070

Must a polygraph examiner report suspected abuse or neglect?

Council on Sex Offender Treatment web site address:

http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/hcqs/plc/csot.htm

TABLE OF CONTENTS

- * Council & Committee Members
- * Legislation/Rules/Law
- * Attorney General Legal Opinions
- * Council Policies
- * Registry of Treatment Providers
- * Disciplinary Actions
- * Filing a Complaint
- * Conferences & Public Hearings New listings!
- * Reports, Minutes & Newsletters
- * Information on the Treatment of Sex Offenders
- * Sexual Assault Survivor Information
- * Database of sex-offenders in Texas
- * Regulatory Review Initiative



Please submit any web page additions to CSOT.



Dear Liles and Maria:

I have been noticing a great difference in RSOT providers. That is, some are following the CSOT standards of treatment and philosophy and others are not. It is very frustrating as a probation officer to not

have all my probationers receive the same standards of treatment. Is it unethical for a RSOTP not to follow the CSOT standards of practice?

Signed, a Very Confused Probation Officer.

The Ethics Corner is a regular feature of the Texas Resource. Council members Maria Molett and Liles Arnold review and provide responses to frequently asked questions.

Please submit your "Ethics Corner" questions to the Council E-mail address: csot@licc.tdh.state.tx.us

The Ethics Corner



Dear Confused Probation Officer:

You are not alone. Many providers are also confused about the differences in the treatment of sex offenders. This is particularly evident in the courtroom when defense attorneys hire "experts" to evaluate sex offenders and then testify as to their low risk. As a RSOTP, we have gone up against such "experts" many of whom are not even RSOTP. This can be handled very effectively by educating the prosecutor about the CSOT standards (Listed on the CSOT WEB Page). When a person presents themselves as a RSOTP, one should be able to assume that they agree with and comply with the CSOT standards. It is one thing to not have access to a poly-

graph or plethysmograph, it is quite another to state you will not use these instruments; it is one thing to only have one sex offender client and treat them in individual sessions, it is quite another to have 20 sex offender clients and not have group sessions or put them all in the same group. It is all of our responsibility to educate the public, attorneys, probation/parole officers, and therapists who are not RSOTP about the CSOT standards. It is everyone's responsibility to report unethical behavior and hold professionals accountable for their actions. The good news is that we are hearing that probation/parole departments are taking a more proactive role and requiring that the providers they contract with adhere to the CSOT standards of assessment and treatment.



Dear Liles and Maria:

As a therapist, I have always been conscientious to have my clients sign releases before sharing information about them with others. It is my understanding that a law was passed a few years ago that actually enables me to talk with others regarding my sex offender clients whether these offenders sign a release or not. Can you shed some light on this for me?

Signed, Conscientious in Conroe, Tight Lipped in Tyler, Wondering in Waxahachie, Questioning in Quinlax, Whaddayasy in Mexia



Dear Provider:

It is certainly good practice to obtain releases from your sex offender clients; however, your recollection about a law addressing that issue is correct. In 1995, the Texas Legislature passed the law which enables you as a licensed professional providing mental health services to sex offenders in the state, to release information about an offender with or without a release. However, this does not mean you can share information with anyone, or for any reason. The law provides a specific purpose for the release of information on a sex offender, "the administration of criminal justice." It also specifies to whom you may release the information, which includes a criminal justice agency, local law enforcement, and other mental health providers. If you would like to review the law you may view it on our web page.

BUILDING VICTIM EMPATHY INTO SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT

By: Collier M. Cole, Ph.D., RSOTP, Program Director,
Paraphilia Treatment Program, Rosenberg Clinic, Galveston, Texas
Co-Authors:

Lisa Voyles, Crime Victim Assistance Coordinator, City of Friendswood Police Department & Lisa Y. Zapata, S.W.A., Director of Education, The Bridge, Pasadena, Texas

One of the cornerstones of contemporary sex offender treatment involves developing an understanding of victim empathy, helping perpetrators to become aware of the damage inflicted on others. As professionals, we know the impact of sexual abuse and assault can be devastating and last a lifetime. Perpetrators, because of minimization, denial, and other cognitive distortions, do not readily see this side of their behavior.

To address victim empathy, many programs utilize work-book exercises or films, and more recently victim impact panels, as part of the treatment process. For several years now in Galveston, we have utilized a variation that we have found to be highly effective. Several professionals from victim services have come into our treatment groups each April (Sexual Assault Awareness month in Texas), taking an entire session to discuss this topic. This is a unique interactive experience where they share personal information about what they have been through, as well as stories of clients they work with and continue to support. Group members can ask questions, sharing information about their offenses, thus often gaining insight into how their victims may be feeling. This back and forth discussion becomes very meaningful, evidenced by their comments and reactions.

vance. Not every victim or victim services professional may be able to handle this experience. It is one thing to talk to a class of students or a local civic organization about sexual assault, it is quite another to go into a room full of perpetrators, some of whom may elicit painful memories and feelings, simply based on what they look like, the nature of their offense, or the sound of their voices. Treatment providers need to meet in advance with the victim services professional to prepare them for who is in the group, the nature of the offending behaviors, and the current level of openness from the members. Such preparation can also include specific target behaviors or comments the treatment provider would like the victim services professional to address during the presentation.

From this experience, we as professionals have learned much about each other's viewpoints on sexual assault and abuse as well, and we feel we are making a difference with the offender by helping to foster victim empathy through this type of intervention. After all, it makes sense to combine our efforts and collaborate toward reducing sexual violence in our communities. Consider giving this a try in your treatment program.

We have found such a live interactive experience to be a far more powerful intervention technique than completing a written exercise, watching a film, or listening passively to a panel of victims. It is not uncommon for a long time afterwards for group members to recall this experience and, pleasing to us, when questioned periodically as to why it is important to monitor one's behavior and not re-offend, we get more responses of, "don't want to hurt anybody again" and not just, "don't want to go to prison for 35 years." Having the same individuals come back yearly also has been helpful, allowing group members to hear these stories again, often with a slightly different twist, but recognizing how sexual assault and abuse remains in the psyche for a lifetime... an important firsthand lesson.

One important caution, however, before you run out to try this in your program, it is critical to prepare for this intervention well in ad-



FILING A COMPLAINT
An individual who wishes to file a
complaint against a registered
sex offender provider may write to:

Complaint Investigations Unit P.O. Box 141369 Austin, TX 78714-1369,

call 1-800-942-5540 to request the appropriate form or visit our web site.

This phone number is for complaints only.

ISSUES FACING ADOLESCENT SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS

By Annette Burrhus - Clay, M.A.
Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
http://www.taasa.org/

Adolescence can be a complicated and often painful phase of our lives. The self-doubt and confusion that is experienced by many teens can be radically compounded for those who have experienced sexual abuse. Because this is an age of fast and often dramatic growth, both physically and emotionally, traumatic events such as sexual assault can have a profound effect on personal and social development.

Adolescent sexual assault survivors are likely to experience similar reactions to adult survivors: guilt, shame, fear, anger, depression, etc.; however, because of their young age and limited life experiences, this violent encounter can be an overwhelming defining moment in their lives. They aren't likely to have well-developed coping mechanisms nor the perspective of putting a painful experience in the context of their 'whole life', that hopefully will come with maturity.

Their healing is further complicated by the reality that most of them will know their attacker as a peer or even a friend. The victim's support system is often closely tied to that of the offender as well. Their shared friends and social environment frequently leads to additional stressors for the adolescent sexual assault survivors. Adolescents sexually victimized by peer offenders face consequences not always apparent to other survivors. The dynamics of these complicated, interconnected relationships make recovery for the victim enormously difficult and can make victim advocacy a challenge for service providers as well.

The school, the neighborhood, and sometimes even the community will make judgements as they line up to support the victim or the accused. This can be a very divisive experience and extremely painful for those involved. It is little wonder then that victims often choose to drop charges, transfer schools,

or even recant their story? Unfortunately, not following through on criminal charges is often seen as a indication of a false outcry. The subsequent ostracism faced by the victim in these situations further erodes the possibility of healing.

Service provides including: law enforcement, victim advocates, school counselors, and others need to remember that adolescents are a unique population and that helping strategies that are effective with adults or younger children do not necessarily work for this age group. All of the factors regarding their informal support networks, usually their peers, need to be considered when assisting them in their recovery. Since teens are so overrepresented in sexual assault statistics, we would all be better served in having a working understanding of their culture and their reality.

	June 5, 2000	RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO ALL CURRENT REGISTRANTS.
	July 15 -17, 2000	THE EIGHT ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON WORKING WITH JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL, AUSTIN, TEXAS.
	September 1, 2000	ALL RENEWAL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE OR A LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.
Uncomind	September 30, 2000	ALL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES EXPIRE, NO MATTER THE DATE OF INITIAL REGISTRATION.
Upcoming Events	September 30, 2000	LAST DAY TO REQUEST A CONTINUING EDUCATION (CE) EXTENSION. THE REQUEST MUST BE MADE IN WRITING AND MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE. THERE IS A \$50 FEE FOR CE EXTENSION. THE REGISTRANT WILL HAVE 90 DAYS TO COMPLETE CE HOURS.
	September 30, 2000	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION OF ADULT SEX OFFENDERS.
	October 1, 2000	DEADLINE FOR REGISTRANTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL ON SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROVIDER REGISTRY NO. 10 2000-2001.
	October 2, 2000	THE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROVIDER REGISTRY ON DISK NO. 10 WILL BE PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION.
	December 2000	FALL/WINTER TEXAS RESOURCE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED.
	February 11-13, 2001	THE NINTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE TREATMENT AND SUPERVISION OF ADULT SEX OFFENDERS. THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE HOLIDAY INN SELECT - GREENWAY PLAZA, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Registered Sex Offender Treatment Providers (RSOTP) &

Affiliate Sex Offender Treatment Providers (ASOTP)

added to the

1999 - 2000 REGISTRY

Austin

Fred E. Hill, Ph.D. 8140 Mopac Expressway West Park II, Suite 420 Austin, TX 7873 I (512) 343-2327 RSOTP

Charles E. Holland, Ph.D. 5806 Mesa Dr. Suite 220 Austin, TX 78731 (512) 467-1376 RSOTP

Sherri Stiles, LPC, SWA
Greg Maksymowicz, MD & Associates
1605 B West Avenue
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 292-8953 ASOTP

Amarillo

Belinda Gonzales Taylor, M.Ed., LPC Amarillo Counseling Associates 1102 I-40 West Amarillo, TX 79102-2667 (806) 372-1092 RSOTP

Arlington

Richard F. Dangel, Ph.D., LMSW-ACP University of Texas at Arlington 211 S. Cooper Arlington, TX 76019-0129 (817) 272-3181 RSOTP

Beaumont

Nancy Lyons, M.Ed., LPC 985 I-10 N Suite 107 Beaumont, TX 77706 (409) 898-4548 RSOTP

Buda

Ruben Roberto Garza, Jr., LMSW Brown Schools -San Marcos Treatment 12619 Eagle Nest Dr. Buda, TX 78610 (512) 295-4744 RSOTP

Dallas

Kathie Higgins, M.A., LPC Allied Youth & Families 2700 Stemmons, Suite 402 Dallas, TX 75207 (214) 943-1044 RSOTP

Dallas

Allison Anne Krauth, Ph.D 2600 Lone Star Drive Dallas, TX 75212 (214) 698-2272 RSOTP

Roger T. McMahon, ACP P.O. Box 550553 Dallas, TX 75355 (972) 494-0160 RSOTP

Charles N. Msewe, LMFT 2600 Lone Star Drive Dallas, TX 75212 (214) 698-2273 RSOTP

Leilani K. Oana, Ph.D. 15741 Covewood Circle Dallas, Texas 75248 (972) 225-9781 ASOTP

Christine C. Ramirez 2600 Lone Star Drive Dallas, TX 75212 (214) 698-4286 RSOTP

James A. Runnels, M.A., LPC 8610 Southwestern Apt. 2315 Dallas, TX 75206 (214) 361-9797 RSOTP

Anna J. Shursen, LPC 4318 Windward Circle Dallas, TX 75287 (972) 768-1033 ASOTP

Fort Worth

David N. Davis, M.A., LPC 9016 Sunridge Circle #1021 Fort Worth, TX 76120 (817) 303-8535 RSOTP

Houston

Sharon Burns, LPC 905 Cypress Station #106 Houston, TX 77090 (713) 697-0776 RSOTP

Donna G, Hughes, Ph.D. 3000 Weslayon, Suite 305 Houston, TX 77027 (713) 623-6263 RSOTP

Houston

Noel C. Gonzalez, LPC-TEMP ADAPT Counseling 3355 W. Alabama, Suite 585 Houston, TX 77098 (713) 961-0651 ASOTP

Karen Alice Lawson, Ph.D 2245 Maroneal St. Houston, TX 77030 (713) 664-3989 RSOTP

Frances L. Love, LPC-TEMP 1136 Walling Houston, TX 77009 (713) 697-0776 ASOTP

Jorge E. Ordonez, Ph.D., LPC 8821 Cedarbrake Houston, TX 77055 (713) 522-1677 RSOTP

Jennifer C. Welch, Ph.D.
The Children's Assessment Center
2500 Bolsover
Houston, TX 77005
(713) 986-3449 RSOTP

Killeen

Ferdinand Fernandez, LMSW 1403 Karen Drive Killeen, TX 76542 (254) 288-6474 ASOTP

Kingwood

Leigh Falls, LPC 5127 Timber Shade Dr. Kingwood, TX 77345 (409) 762-8636 RSOTP

Odessa

Elma Peacock Nunley, LMFT 2445 E. 11th Odessa, TX 79761 (915) 580-3115 RSOTP

Richard Stafford, Ph.D. 875 Central Drive, Suite IA Odessa, TX 79761 (915) 580-8280 RSOTP

Plano

Linda Frantz Huber, LPC 705 W. Avenue B, Suite 306 Plano, TX 75040 (972) 494-0160 RSOTP

Planview

Larry Keltz, LPC P.O. Box 996 Plainview, TX 79073 (806) 293-9524 RSOTP

San Antonio

Fredrick Allen Thomas, LPC 6933 Borderbrook #1306 San Antonio, TX 78238 (210) 366-2288 ASOTP

Stuart S. Young, LPC 14927 Forward Pass San Antonio, TX 78248 (210) 366-2288 ASOTP

Michael J. Wodkins, M.A., LPC 7718 Chatsworth San Antonio, TX 78250 (210) 340-1810 RSOTP

Sour Lake

Gail P. Rexses, LPC 401 Countrywood Blvd. Sour Lake, TX 77659 (409) 753-3289 RSOTP

Sugar Land

Vaugn O'Neal, LMSW-ACP P. O. Box 211 Sugar Land, TX 77487 (281) 701-3024 ASOTP

Philip M. Packwood, LMSW 10 Grants Lake Circle Sugar Land, TX 77479 (281) 265-7311 ASOTP

Tyler

Grover Campbell Loughmiller, Ph.D. Loughmiller Institute for Human Betterment 422 South Spring Avenue Tyler, TX 75702 (903) 593-8395 RSOTP

Waco

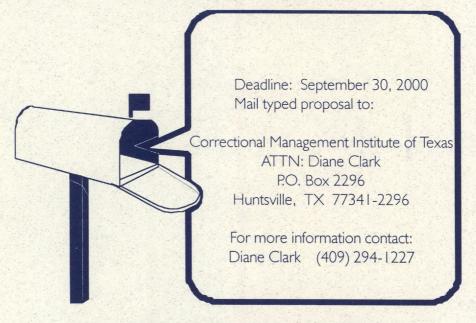
Daniel Arredondo Jr., LPC 4008 Cumberland Avenue Waco, TX 76707 (254) 829-1920 RSOTP

Call For Proposals

The 9th Annual Texas Conference on the Treatment and Supervision of Adult Sex Offenders

February 11-13, 2001

Presenter			
Education / Licensure			
Organization			
Address			
City / State / Zip code			
Phone	Fax		
Title of Presentation			
Track			
Target Audience			



PLEASE SUBMIT A FORM FOR EACH PRESENTER

Inside This Issue

Creation of the Texas Juvenile Sex Offender Risk Assessment Instrument.	
Important Addresses & Phone Numbers	
Interagency Advisory Committee	
Clinical Issues Committee	
Letter from Council Member Richard Mack	
Hot Topics	
Ethics Corner.	
Ethics Corner	Government Line (30)
Issues Facing Adolescent Sexual Assault Survivors	
Upcoming Events	2月15人人1 全海人
Additions to the 1999 - 2000 Registry	Papository
Call for Proposals	VIII THE PARTIES HERE

Council on Sex Offender Treatment 1100 W. 49th St. Austin, Texas 78756-3183

BULK RATE US POST PD AUSTIN TX PERMIT 28

