

Judicial support for effective management efforts can be demonstrated tangibly in the following ways (see, e.g., CEPP, 2007; English et al., 1996; Holmgren, 1999; Schafran, 2001b):

- Promoting victim-centeredness throughout the court process;
- Handing down well-informed and assessment-driven dispositions that include evidence-based and promising management strategies;
- Reinforcing offender progress and compliance, as well as imposing appropriate sanctions for non-compliance;
- Using the leverage of the court to enlist the support or involvement of parents/caregivers in juvenile sex offense cases;
- Demanding accountability from the stakeholders responsible for offender management;
- Becoming familiar with local resources and assisting with capacity-building efforts when critical gaps are identified;
- Supporting multidisciplinary training events, as both an educator and a participant;
- Representing the courts as an active team member on collaborative initiatives; and
- Educating policymakers as a means of promoting evidence-based legislation.

► *Summary*

As highlighted throughout this section, cases involving sex offenses pose unique challenges to the criminal and juvenile court system, whether for the law enforcement or other professionals responsible for investigations, the officers of the court charged with bringing these cases to successful resolution, or the judges responsible for disposition decisions. Through informed policies and practices, meaningful partnerships and information-sharing with key agencies, and critical assessment data to drive decisionmaking, stakeholders in this initial phase of the sex offender management process can establish a solid foundation for ongoing and effective management efforts.