

SECTION 2: SUPERVISION OF SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES

Exercise 3: A First Step Toward Collaboration— Mapping Sex Offender Management in Your Jurisdiction

Perhaps the most distinctive aspect of sex offender supervision that has emerged in diverse jurisdictions around the nation in recent years is its reliance upon a collaborative approach—involving a range of agencies and disciplines to supervise safely and effectively this population of criminal offenders and thereby prevent future sexual victimization. Even for those agencies who have already developed strong collaborative partnerships between supervision officers and treatment providers, the notion of a broader collaboration may be uncharted territory. The exercise which follows is designed to assist participants in a discussion of and reflection upon the range of functions, roles, and responsibilities associated with sex offender supervision; and the different individuals, agencies, and professions who share responsibility for supervising them in the community.

Please use the following format—either in an individual exercise or in group discussion—to “map” the full range of entities and activities involved in sex offender management.

1. Please list, in the left hand column, under the general categories provided, the agencies and/or individuals involved in sex offender management in your jurisdiction. If there are agencies/general categories (e.g., victim, law enforcement, prosecutor, etc.) missing from the chart, add them in the spaces which are provided. After each agency/general category in the chart, place a checkmark in each column indicating a specific activity in which they are engaged.
2. Consider the joint functions and the number of agencies involved in sex offender supervision in your jurisdiction. Are all of the agencies in the chart now routinely involved in your work as a supervision agency (as a partner or at least as a provider of information)? If not, do you think that those who are not currently involved should be? Is so, could they be? Are there certain agencies with whom you have little contact now, but that might prove helpful in your work?
3. Please do not ignore the legislative, standard-setting bodies and the range of individuals that are listed under the victim categories. How might you involve the stakeholders in these categories more in your work?

Map of Sex Offender Management

Agency	Functions									
	Investigation of Offense	Assessment of Offender	Assessment of Victim	Services to Victim	Treatment of offender	Supervision/ Surveillance	Observation of Behavior	Imposition of Sentence/ Sanction	Setting/ Adjusting Sanctions	Notification/ Registration
Victim										
Law enforcement 1 2 3										
Prosecutor										
Judge										
Probation/ parole agency 1 2 3										
Private Treatment Provider(s) 1 2 3										

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Polygraph Examiner										
Probation Officer										
Surveillance Officer										
Victim Services										
Social Services										
Family Services										
Children's Services										
Victim Advocacy Case level:										
Policy level:										

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Mental Health Agencies										
Family of offender										
Employer of offender										
Standard-setting bodies										
Legislature										