

## **SECTION 2: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO SUPERVISION OF SEX OFFENDERS IN THE COMMUNITY: COLLABORATION**

### ***Option 1 – Community Mapping***

Perhaps the most distinctive aspect of sex offender supervision that has emerged in recent years is its reliance on a collaborative approach that involves a range of agencies. Even for those agencies that have already developed strong collaborative partnerships between supervision officers and treatment providers, the notion of a broader collaboration may be uncharted territory. The exercise that follows is designed to assist participants in a discussion of and reflection on the range of functions, roles, and responsibilities associated with sex offender supervision and the different individuals, agencies, and professions that 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. List, in the left column, under the general categories provided, the agencies and/or individuals involved in sex offender management in your jurisdiction. If agencies or general categories (e.g., victim, law enforcement, prosecutor) are missing from the chart, add them in the spaces provided. After each agency/general category in the chart, place a check in each column to indicate 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 that are not currently involved should be? Could they be? Are there certain agencies with which you have little contact now, but that might prove helpful in your work?
3. Please do not ignore legislative, standard-setting bodies and the range of individuals 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<br>1<br>2<br>3               |                          |                        |                      |                    |                       |                           |                         |                                  |                              |                            |
| Prosecutor                                   |                          |                        |                      |                    |                       |                           |                         |                                  |                              |                            |
| Judge  |                          |                        |                      |                    |                       |                           |                         |                                  |                              |                            |
| Probation/ parole agency<br>1<br>2<br>3      |                          |                        |                      |                    |                       |                           |                         |                                  |                              |                            |
| Private Treatment Provider(s)<br>1<br>2<br>3 |                          |                        |                      |                    |                       |                           |                         |                                  |                              |                            |

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

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