

## **SECTION 4: A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PRACTICE**

### **Learning Activity 4-1: Participant Observations of Practice in Their Own Jurisdictions**

Participants may divide into smaller groups or they may remain in a large group for this discussion depending on the size of the group, meeting space available, and length of time allotted to the discussion.

This section of the training has been a rather quick and cursory overview of practice patterns in the United States. Now we'd like to take a few moments to get your reactions and observations about sex offender treatment practices in your own jurisdiction(s). Consider the following discussion questions:

1. First, with respect to the now decreasing number of sex offender treatment programs, have you observed such changes in your community?
2. What treatment methods seem to be most common in your community? Is it difficult to access treatment resources that reflect the kinds of approaches we have discussed today?
3. Would you say that relapse prevention and cognitive behavioral treatment are methods that are commonly in use in your jurisdiction?
4. Is polygraph used in your jurisdiction? The plethysmograph? Is the use of either on the increase or in decline?