

SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT JUVENILE STANDARDS IMPLEMENTATION ASSESSMENT PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Eleven Judicial Districts participate in the Assessment Project

The Site Coordinator from Division of Criminal Justice completed site visits to all 11 judicial districts (1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 11th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 20th, and 21st judicial districts) by January 10th of 2006. The assessment process was completed and the results of the assessments were processed and put into comparison graphs for each site in the project.

At the current time the Site Coordinator (Jim Pyle) is working with the sites to develop action plans based on their individual outcomes. In addition, a more comprehensive report identifying state trends regarding the Juvenile Standards is being developed. The findings thus far in the sites that volunteered for the Assessment Project are very promising with about 80% of the standards being reported as "always or typically" being administered. Kudos to those diligent agencies and individuals working to make our communities safer and to provide quality services to juveniles who have committed sexual offenses.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance has extended the Juvenile Standards Implementation Assessment Project grant for one year to allow for the provision of technical assistance and support services to stakeholders in the state after the statewide July 1, 2006 implementation of the Juvenile Standards. Agencies and communities that previously did not participate in the project that are seeking technical assistance are encouraged to contact Jim Pyle at 303-239-4458 or jim.pyle@cdps.state.co.us.

Additionally, the Site Coordinator is developing a Resource Guide regarding Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses to assist professionals in the field. This will be made available in the coming months. Agencies and individuals are encouraged to share any resources related to

Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses that might benefit other stakeholders in Colorado.

July 1, 2006 Implementation of the "Standards and Guidelines for the Evaluation, Assessment, Treatment and Supervision of Juveniles who have Committed Sexual Offenses"

The Juvenile Standards are scheduled for full implementation effective July 1, 2006. This decision has been made by the Sex Offender Management Board in order to meet the legislated mandate to implement the Juvenile Standards. This decision has been made with the full realization that while many areas of the Juvenile Standards are being met, there are both resource and systemic issues that affect the full implementation in some communities. The SOMB has established a standing committee comprised of representatives from both County Social/Human Service agencies and SOMB members to collaborate on the challenges faced by County Departments.

The SOMB has developed a protocol for a "variance" to address barriers to standards implementation on an individualized basis. Please contact the Juvenile Standards Coordinator- Chris Lobanov-Rostovsky at Chris.Lobanov-Rostovsky@cdps.state.co.us or 303-239-4447 regarding this process.

Training Opportunities

Many training opportunities have recently been developed to address identified needs related to working with both adult Sex Offenders and Juveniles Who Have Committed Sexual Offenses. Please see the Training tab on the Division of Criminal Justice website at:

http://dcj.state.co.us/odvsom/Sex_Offender/index.html

For copies of the Juvenile Standards and Guidelines and School Reference Guides, please contact Jim Pyle at 303-239-4458 or jim.pyle@cdps.state.co.us.