

CASOMB's Guidelines for Treating and Supervising Youth Who Have Committed a Sexual Offense (YWCSO)

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Level

Intermediate

Track

Juvenile/Sex Offender

CE

CPA/BBS/BRN/CJER

Bio

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Narrative

The California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) has drafted guidelines for treating and supervising youth who have committed a sexual offense. CASOMB has developed evidence-based standards and guidelines for a collaborative model of treatment and supervision of youth, supported by the principles of Risk-Need-Responsivity (RNR). These guidelines apply to youth who are adjudicated for committing a sexual offense and mandated to attend sex offense specific treatment by the court. The intensity of services is defined by individualized assessments of risk and treatment needs and managed by a case management team. The guidelines are intended to be an evidence-based and best practices set of policies useful for individual counties to develop program and a basis for future legislation.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify recidivism rates for sexual and total recidivism for YWCSO.
2. Identify two assessment methods for YWCSO.
3. Identify two treatments for YWCSO.