CA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD (CASOMB) AND STATE AUTHORIZED RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR SEX OFFENDERS (SARATSO):

Addressing Issues, Concerns, and Problems Related to the Community Management of Sex Offenders

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Community Management of Sex Offenders
  - What's the Facts?
  - Risk, Needs, Responsivity Model
  - Containment Model
- CASOMB
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  - Board Members
  - Certification/Complaints
  - Projects and Papers
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  - SARATSO Review Committee
  - Risk Assessments

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COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT OF SEX OFFENDERS

- In 2024- 75,382 registered sex offenders in CA
- 1/3 of those individuals reside in the state prison system -20,338
- In civil commitment (SVP) at Coalinga State hospital - 949
- SVP's in Conditional Release (CONREP)- 19
- On community Supervision- State Parole-11,799

REGISTRATION

CA's Sex Offender Registration Act

Megan's Law

PC 290

WHAT'S THE FACTS?

- WHO??

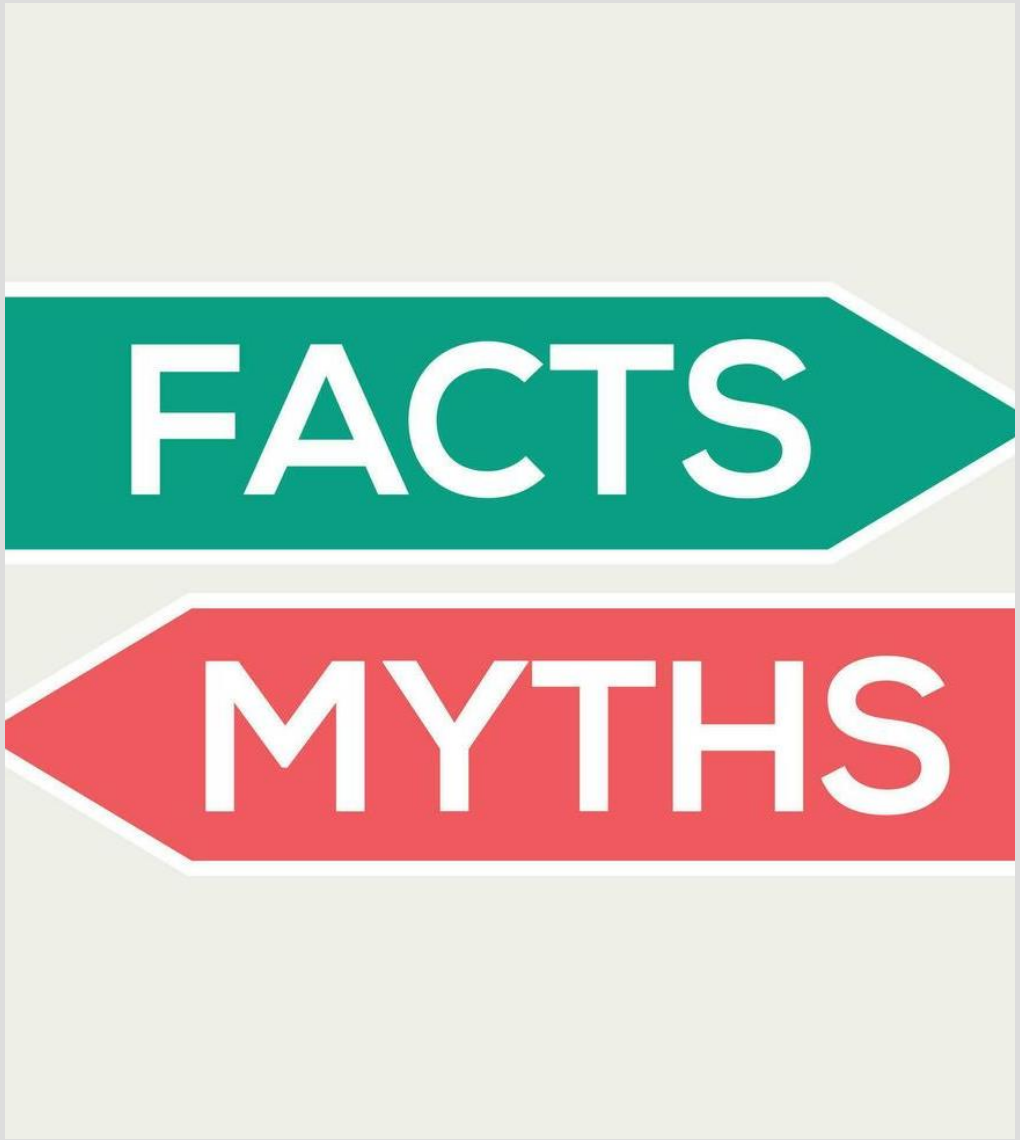
96% of sexual offenses are perpetrated by males

Approximately 20-25% of sexual offenses are committed by adolescents

50% of perpetrators are 30 or older

MYTH OR FACT

Most sexual assaults are committed by people we know



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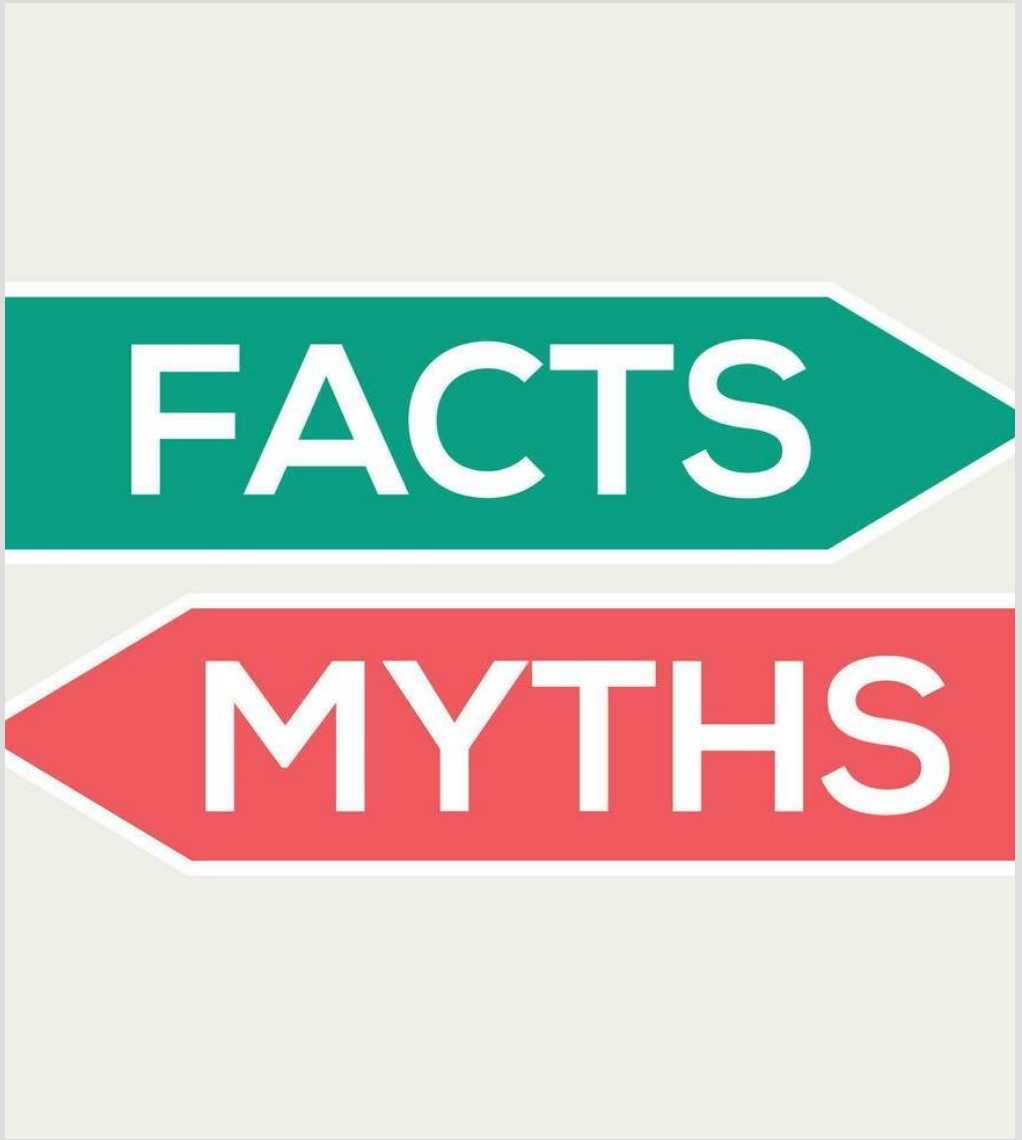
Children who are sexually assaulted will sexually assault others



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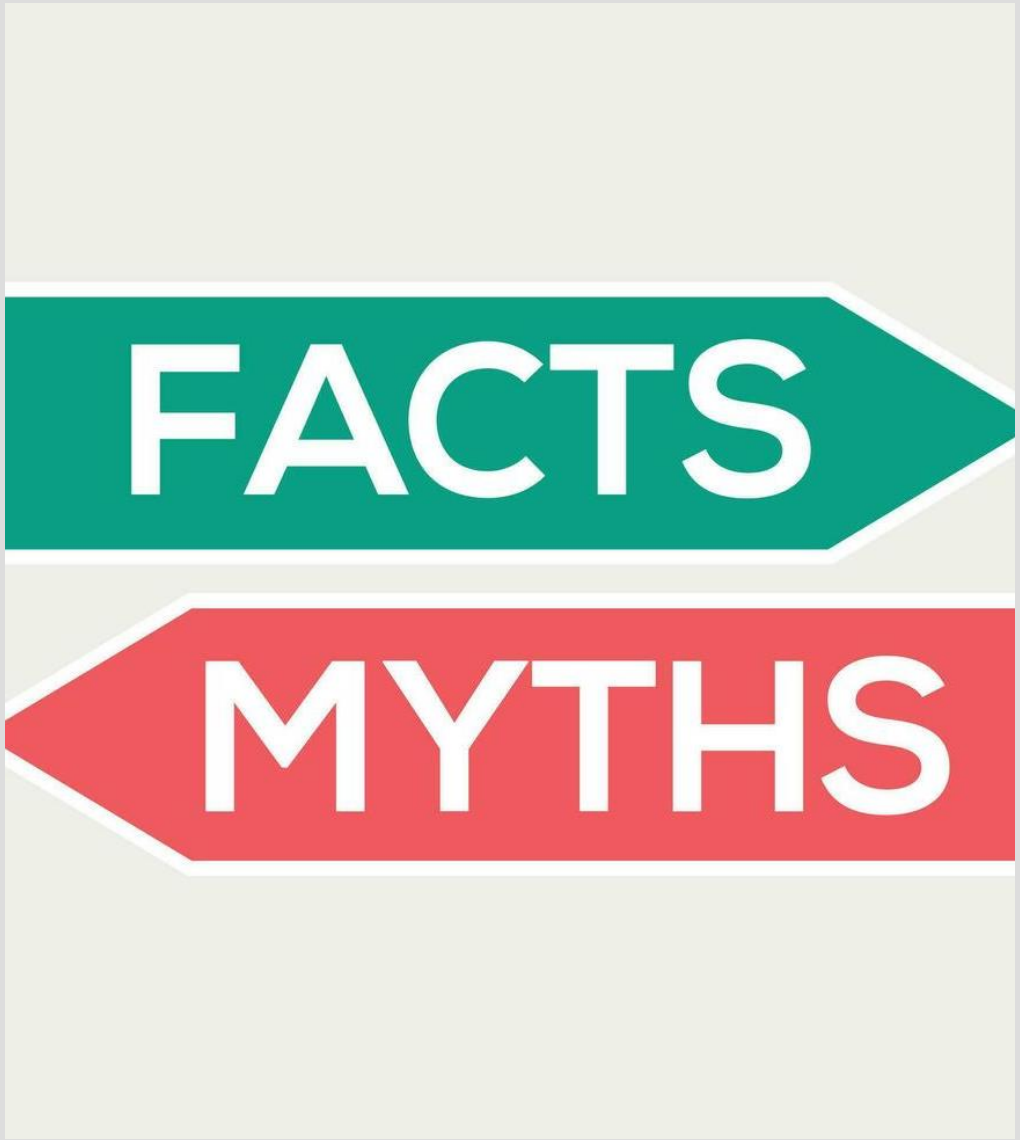
Most sex offenders are in the community



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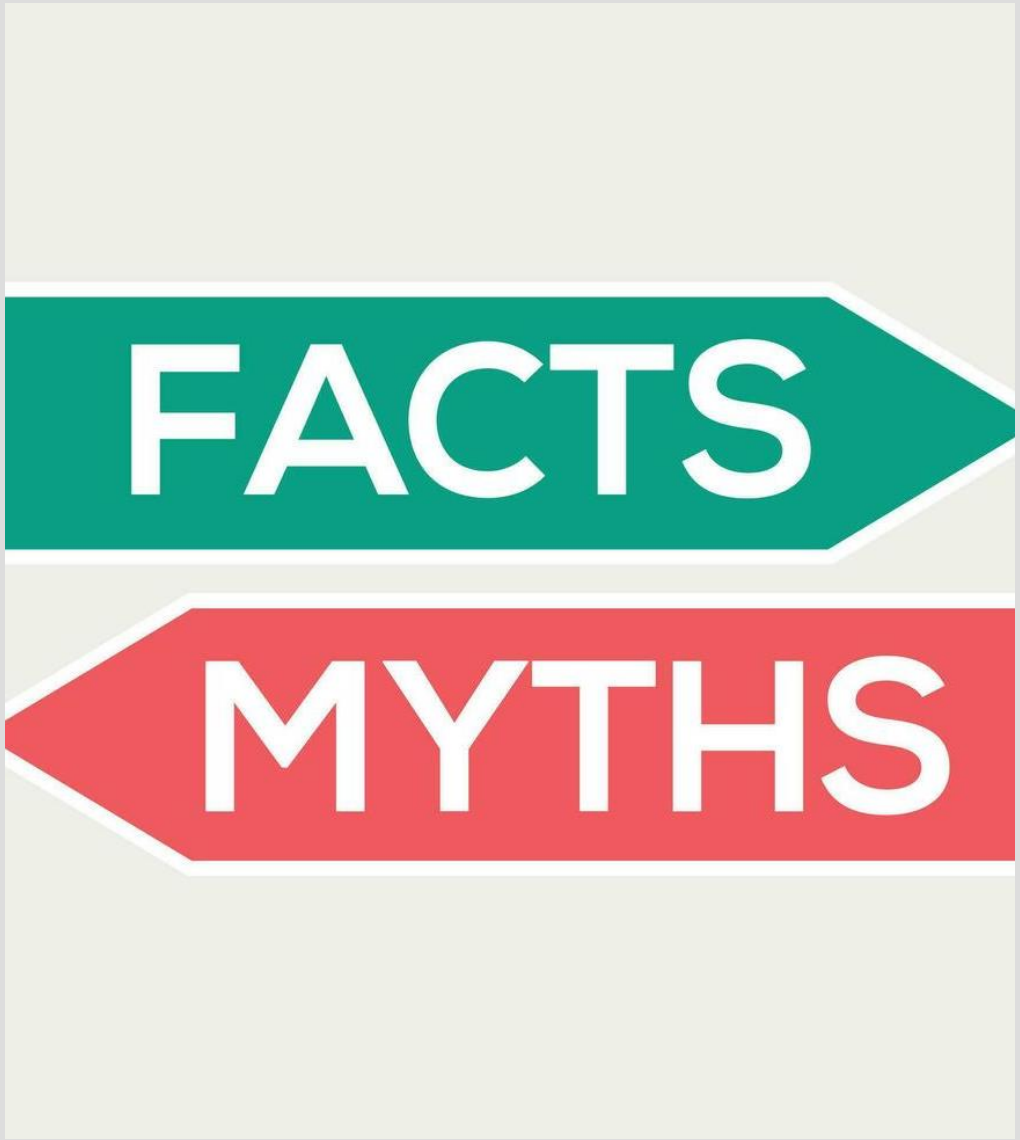
All persons who commit a sex offense are the same

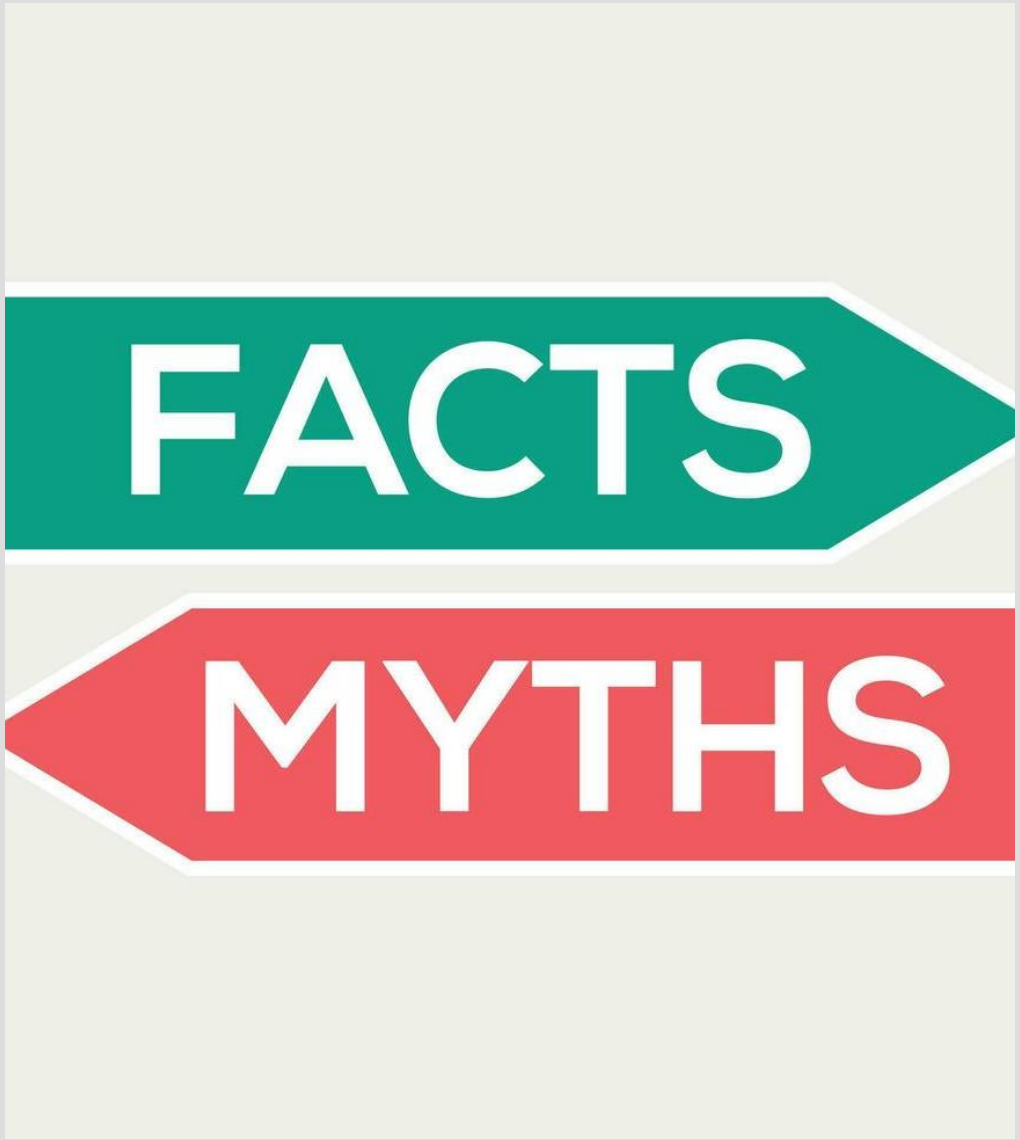


WHY DO PEOPLE OFFEND SEXUALLY?

- No single factor can predict sexual offending
- Offending is typically a combination of factors, that may include, attitudes and beliefs, sexual interests, lack of behavioral regulation, lack of emotional regulation, adverse childhood experiences, or other factors.

MYTH OR FACT

All sexual Offenders will reoffend



WHAT IS RECIDIVISM?

A person's relapse into criminal behavior

Assumptions:

- They have been caught for this crime in the past
- Known recidivism only includes those who have been caught for committing new crimes

CONTAINMENT MODEL

- Created by Kim English
- Includes a multiagency approach, explicit policies, consistent practices that combine case evaluation and risk assessment, sex offender treatment, and intense community surveillance-all designed to maximize public safety
- CA is one of many states that utilize this approach

CONTAINMENT TEAM

- Supervision (Parole or Probation)
- Treatment Provider
- Polygrapher
- Victim Advocate

WHO IS MANDATED TO A CONTAINMENT MODEL TREATMENT PROGRAM?

All individuals mandated to register per penal code 290

Probation (PC1203.067) and Parole (PC3008)

COLLABORATIVE TEAM ACTIVITIES

- Exchange of information
- Joint decision-making (Not All Decisions)
- Monitoring
- Cross-training all team members
- Creating resources
- System problem-solving

NETWORKS OF SUPERVISION

Go beyond traditional players

May include:

- Victim and/or victim's family
- Community police officers(Registration Officer)
- Employers, Church, Schools
- Volunteers
- Friends, neighbors
- DA, PD, Parole

RISK, NEED, RESPONSIVITY MODEL

Risk principle:
Match level of service (dose) to the offender's risk level.

Need principle:
Focus treatment on changing psychological factors linked to sexual recidivism.

Responsivity principle:
Tailor the intervention to the learning style, motivation, abilities and strengths of the offender.

RISK

Refers to the likelihood of reoffending

Risk - an offender's level of risk should be matched to the appropriate level of treatment intensity and supervision

Risk should be determined using actuarial risk assessments

NEED

Factors associated with criminal behavior that can be targeted for intervention

- Refers to personal and societal factors (criminogenic needs) that are related to reoffending
- Programming and services should target criminogenic needs in order to reduce someone's risk

EXAMPLES OF TOPICS COVERED IN TREATMENT

Relationship skill building

Developing attachments

Social skills

Healthy sexual boundaries

Behavior management

Decrease impulsivity

Anger management

Healthy Sexuality

Healthy sexual fantasies

Managing Deviant sexual behavior

Covert Sensitization, odor aversion therapy, etc.

Interventions for Risky Behavior

RESPONSIVITY

Deliver information in a way that the client will receive the information

This includes a person's learning style, motivation, and level of functioning

THE RISK PRINCIPLE AND CASE MANAGEMENT

The risk principle tells us that we should assess for risk and vary the intensity of the response (TREATMENT and SUPERVISION) by risk level

HIGHER RISK: provide more intensive intervention and supervision…more resources

LOWER RISK: Interventions could cause more harm than good; wasted resources (time, manpower, and money)

CASOMB

VISION

The vision of the California Sex Offender Management Board is to decrease sexual victimization and increase community safety

MISSION

The vision will be accomplished by addressing issues, concerns, and problems related to the community management of adult sex offenders by identifying and developing recommendations to improve policies and practices.

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WHAT IS CASOMB?

- California Sex Offender Management Board
- Created in September 2006
- Governed by PC 9000-9003
- In 2011, CASOMB was tasked (Per PC 9003) with creating standards and certification requirements for sex offender management professionals and programs
- Develop standards for Polygraph Examiners

ADVISORY BOARD

Must adhere to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act

All meetings are open to the public

CASOMB BOARD

- 2 victim advocates
- 3 treatment providers
- 2 law enforcement agents
- 2 probation officers (1 is a chief probation officer)
- District Attorney
- Public Defender
- Department of Justice
- 2 CDCR Representatives
- County Administrator
- City Manager
- DSH Representative
- Judge
- OYCR Director

CASOMB CONTINUED…

- CASOMB purview: Provider Agencies and Treatment Providers in CA who treat 290's
- All members are appointed
- Board votes on a chair
- Subcommittees-focus on different specialties within the sex offender scope; made up of Board members and experts from the field

PC 9002

- (a) The board shall address any issues, concerns, and problems related to the community management of sex offenders. The main objective of the board, is to achieve safer communities by reducing victimization.

PC 9003

- 2011-board to develop and update standards for certification of sex offender management programs and risk assessments

SUBCOMMITTEES

- Certification
- Complaints
- Education and Media
- Research
- Juvenile
- Human Sex Trafficking'
- Tiered Registration
- Polygraph
- SVP
- Community Reintegration

Certification Requirements

TREATMENT PROVIDER CERTIFICATION

TREATMENT PROVIDER AGENCY CERTIFICATION

STANDARDS FOR POLYGRAPH EXAMINERS

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TREATMENT PROVIDER CERTIFICATION LEVELS

Independent Provider Level

Associate Provider Level

Student Provider Level

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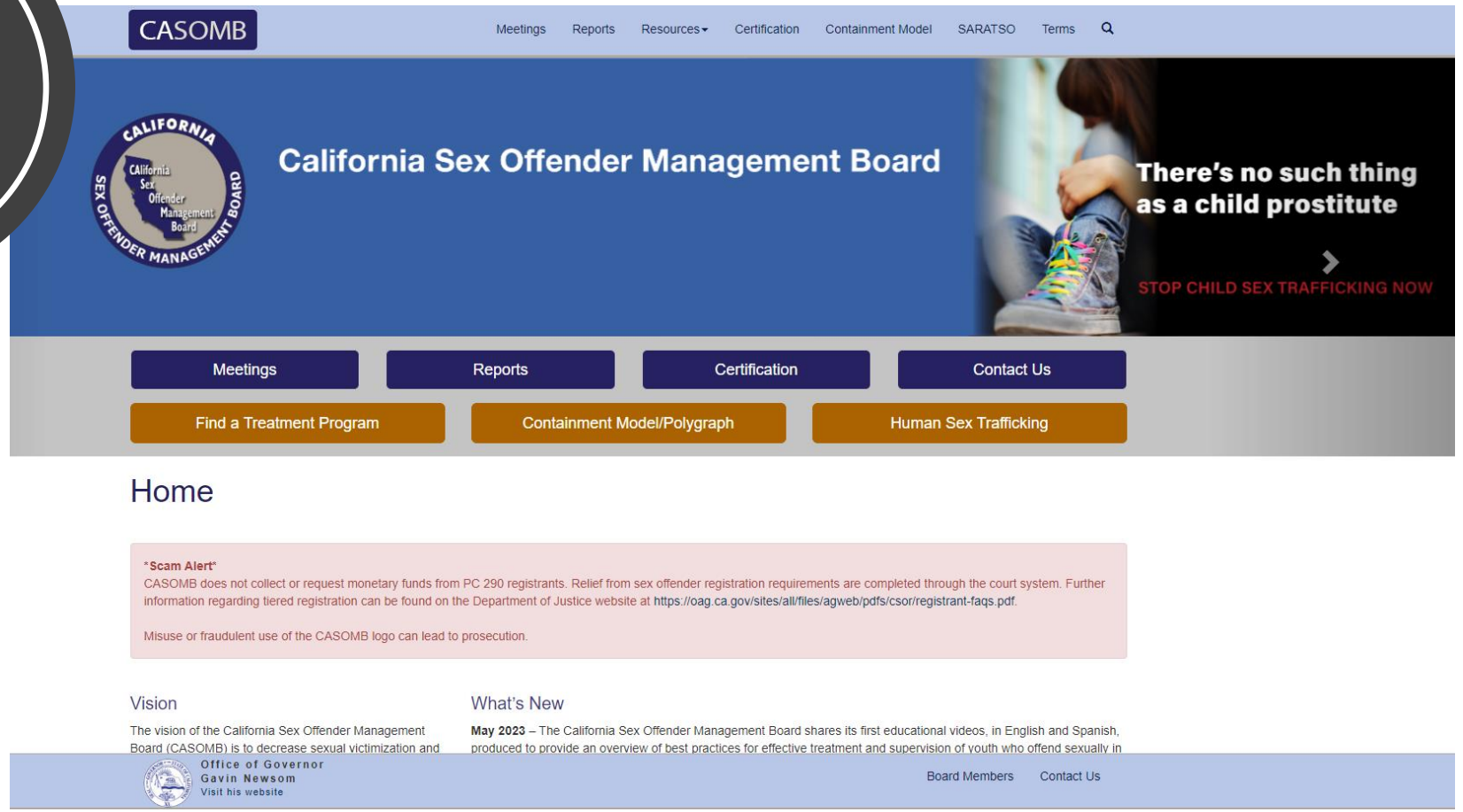
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There's no such thing as a child prostitute
STOP CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING NOW
Meetings
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Contact Us
Find a Treatment Program
Containment Model/Polygraph
Human Sex Trafficking
Home
Scam Alert
CASOMB does not collect or request monetary funds from PC 290 registrants. Relief from sex offender registration requirements are completed through the court system. Further information regarding tiered registration can be found on the Department of Justice website at https://oag.ca.gov/sites/all/files/agweb/pdfs/csor/registrant-faqs.pdf.
Misuse or fraudulent use of the CASOMB logo can lead to prosecution.
Vision
The vision of the California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) is to decrease sexual victimization and
What's New
May 2023 – The California Sex Offender Management Board shares its first educational videos, in English and Spanish, produced to provide an overview of best practices for effective treatment and supervision of youth who offend sexually in
Office of Governor
Gavin Newsom
Visit his website
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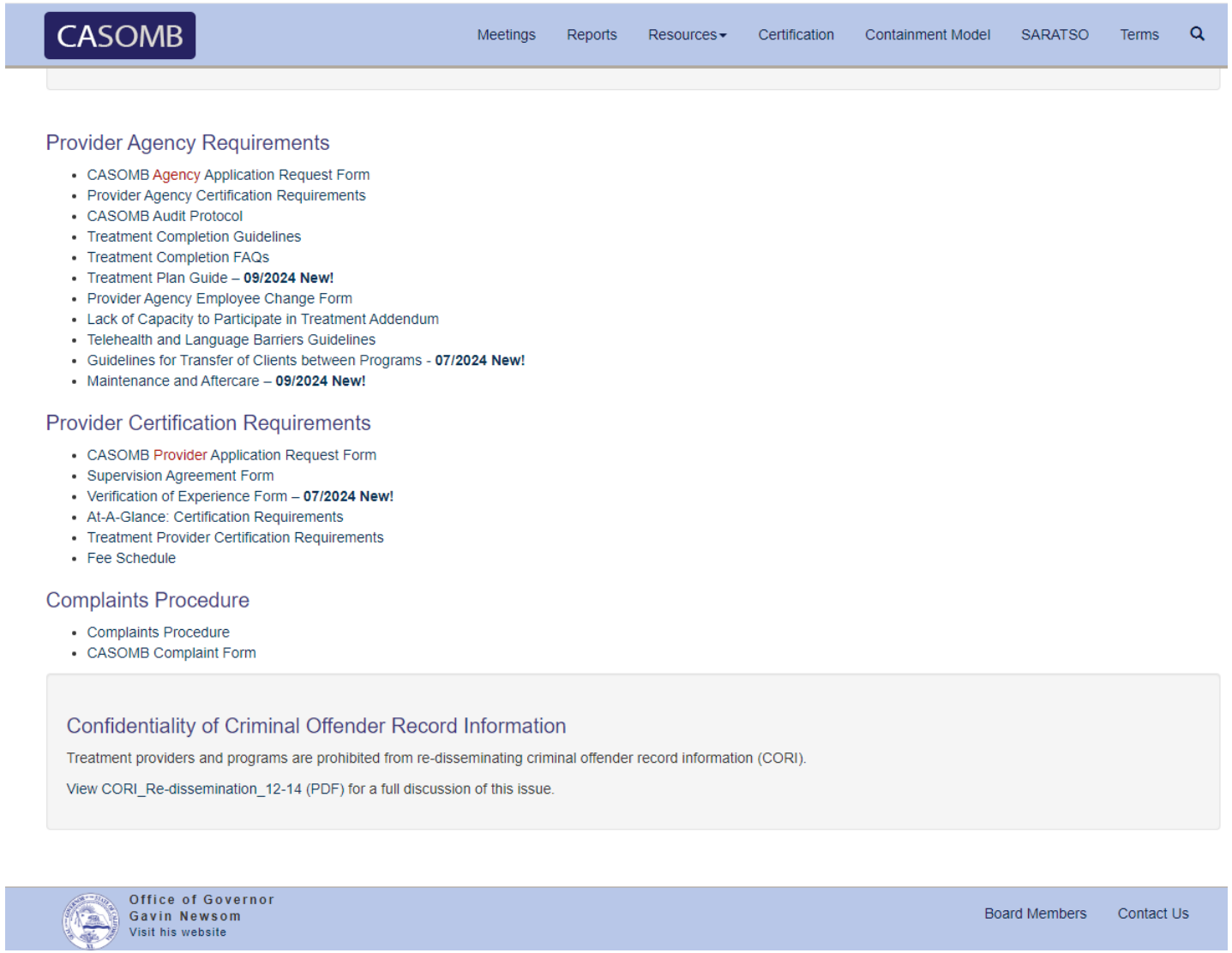
COMPLAINTS

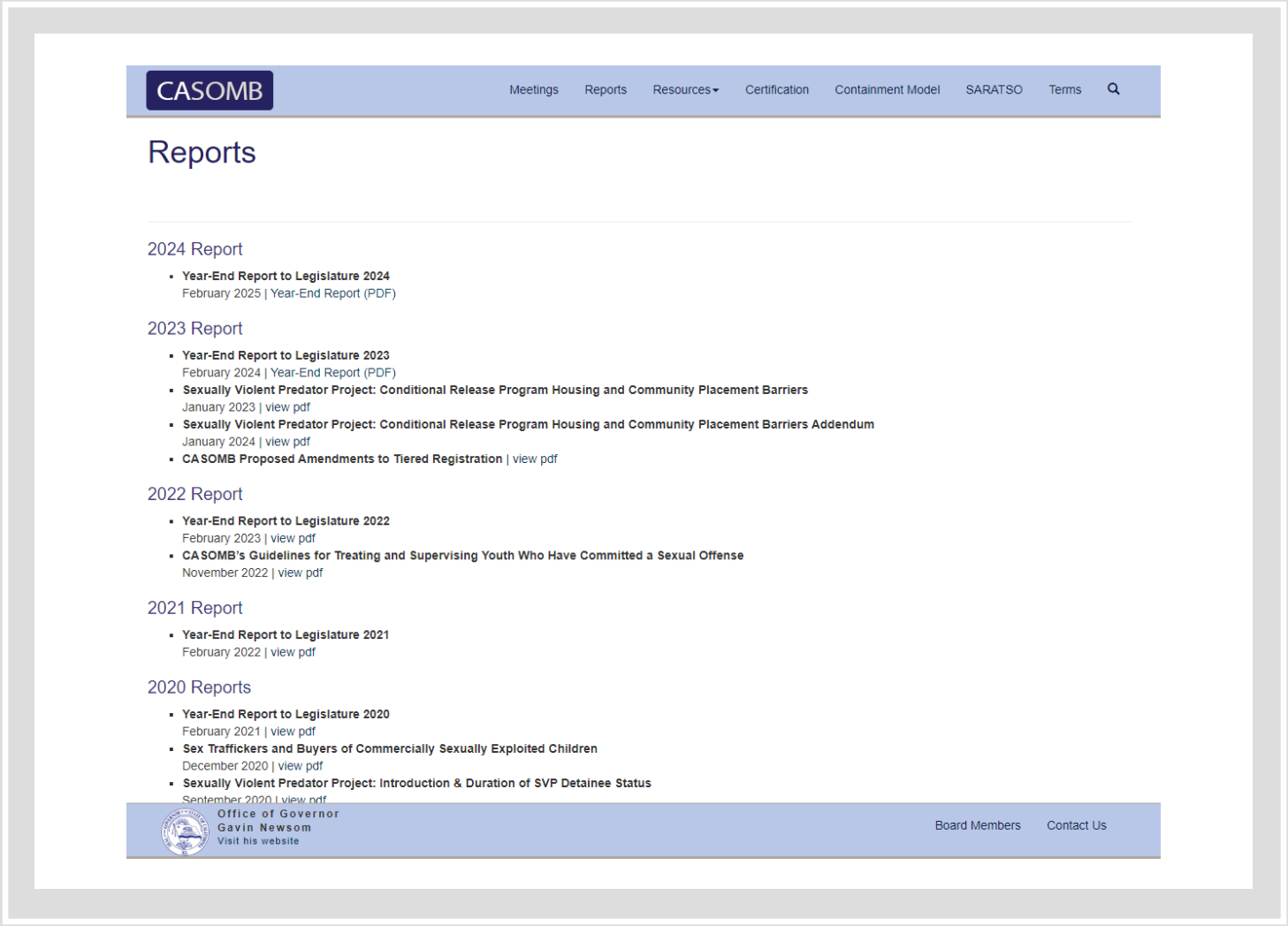
- The California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) is charged with overseeing compliance with provider agency and provider certification guidelines (Penal Code, 290.09).
- If someone believes a certified treatment provider or provider agency is not operating ethically or in compliance with a Provider Agency or Treatment Provider Certification Requirement, the person may submit a complaint form in writing to CASOMB with any available documentation or evidence.



CERTIFICATION/COMPLAINTS

PROJECTS/PAPERS

- Year End Report
- Sexually Violent Predator Project
- Proposed Amendments to Tiered Registration
- Guidelines for Treating and Supervising Youth who have Committed a Sexual Offense
- Sex Traffickers and Buyers of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children

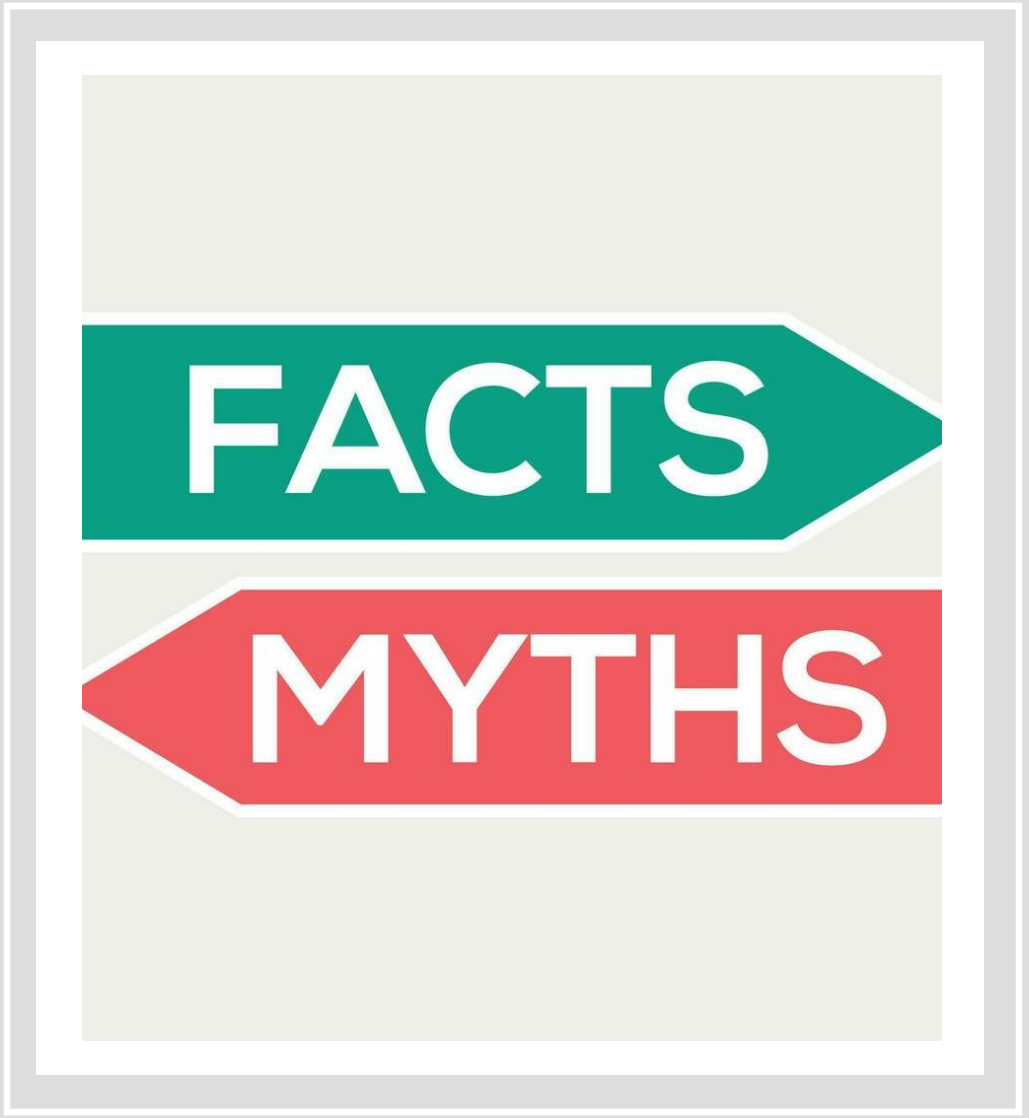


EDUCATION

- Public safety hearing
- Educational videos

MYTH OR FACT

Risk assessments can predict if someone will commit another sex offense?



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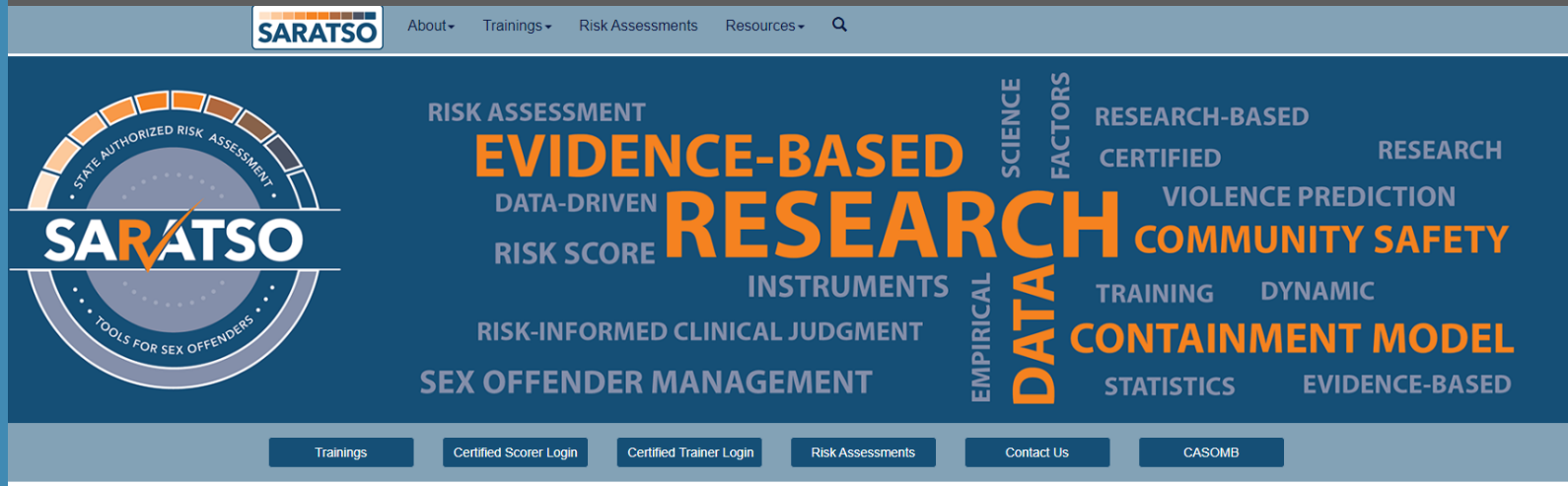
- State Authorized Risk Assessment Tools used for Evaluation Sex Offenders
- www.saratso.org



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What Is SARATSO?

The term SARATSO refers to evidence-based, state authorized risk assessment tools used for evaluating sex offenders.

State law established the SARATSO (State Authorized Risk Assessment Tools for Sex Offenders) Review Committee, to consider the selection of the risk assessment tools for California. Research shows that the most accurate way of predicting whether a sex offender will reoffend is by utilizing a validated risk assessment instrument.

What is the Containment Model?

A collaborative approach to sex offender management, known as the Containment Model, is used in California. Communication and collaboration among the supervising officer, treatment provider, and polygraph examiner are the heart of this model, which relies on ongoing communication about risk.

SARATSO Mandate

To learn more about SARATSO and the legislation that governs our work, please refer to Penal Code 290.04 - 290.09.

What's New?

Passage of SB 1473 – This bill statutorily changed the requirement for score submissions to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for dynamic (Stable-2007) and violence (LS/CMI) risk assessments. SB 1473 revised PC290.09(b)(2):

" The certified sex offender management professional shall, as soon as possible but not later than 30 days after the assessment, provide the person's score on the SARATSO dynamic tool and the future violence tool to the person's parole agent or probation officer. ***Within 30 days of the assessment, a certified sex offender management professional shall send the score to the Department of Justice using the dynamic***

- Individual risk assessment for individuals who have committed a sexual offense is mandated by statute
  - PC 290.03-09 (risk assessments)
  - PC 1203.067 (Cont. Model -probation)
  - PC 3008 (Cont. Model - parole)
  - W&IC 706 (juveniles)

SARATSO COMMITTEE

SARATSO Review Committee

- DSH Representative: Craig Teofilo
- DOJ Representative: Kerry Ramos
- CDCR Representative: Lea Chankin

Training Committee:

- Add Chief Probation officer: Steve Jackson

SARATSO COMMITTEE

Chooses state sex offender risk assessment instruments

Trains treatment providers, probation/parole/DSH to score risk assessments

Find trainings on risk assessments: www.saratso.org

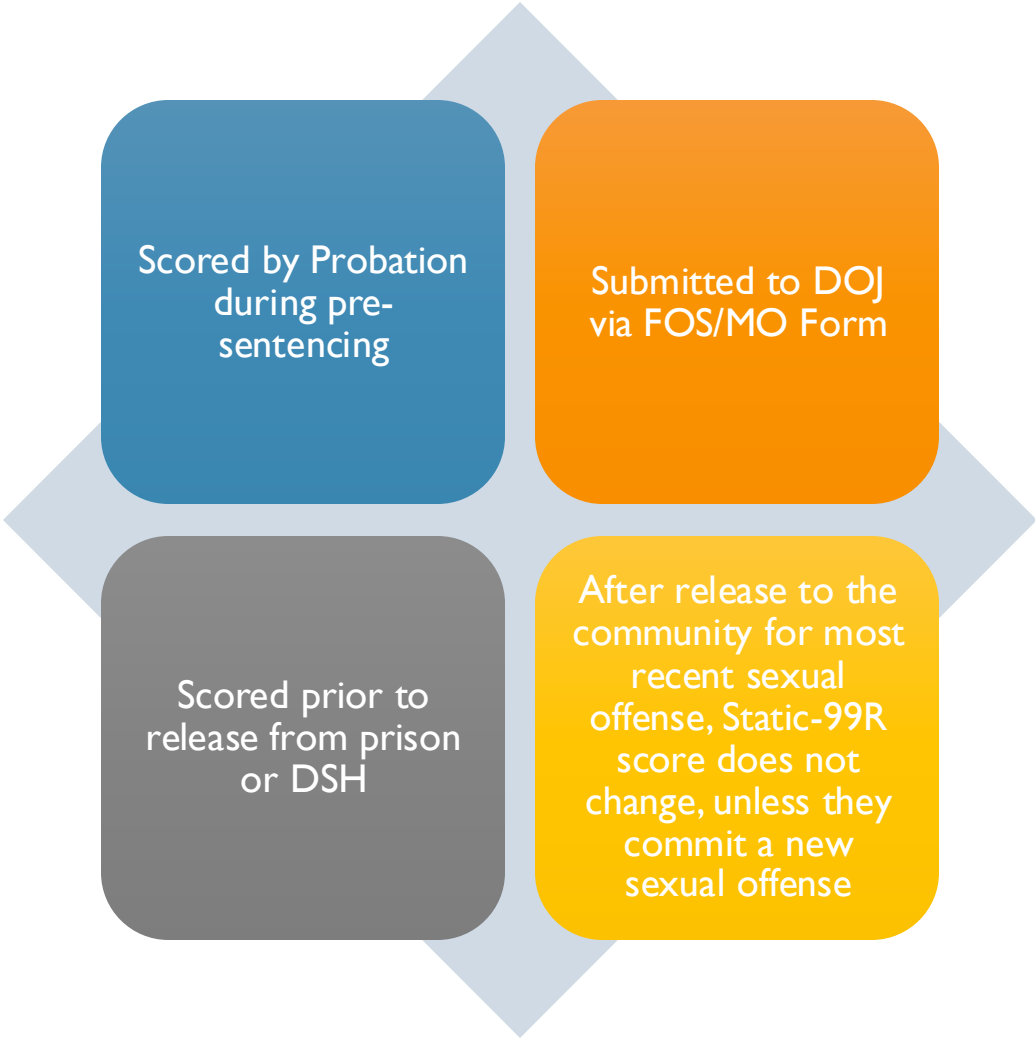
Treatment providers must be trained by SARATSO trainers to score dynamic, violence risk

THE RISK TOOLS

- STATIC - 99R
  - Provides a baseline of sex offense risk based on static actuarial factors
  - Scored mainly on file information, by supervising officers
- LS/CMI
  - Assesses static and dynamic factors for general/violent criminal recidivism
  - Scored on interview, collateral and file information, by treatment provider

- STABLE - 2007
  - Identifies sex offense dynamic intervention or treatment targets
  - Scored on interview, collateral and file information, by treatment provider
  - Measures change over time
- ACUTE - 2007
  - Assesses the current expression of sex offense related risky behavior
  - Provides a warning when things could be going wrong
  - Scored mainly on interview and collateral information, by treatment provider

STATIC-99R


Scored by Probation during pre-sentencing
Submitted to DOJ via FOS/MO Form
Scored prior to release from prison or DSH
After release to the community for most recent sexual offense, Static-99R score does not change, unless they commit a new sexual offense

STATIC-99R SCORES

Score of 4 or higher designated as high risk by CDCR

Score of 6 or higher requires GPS and placement on lifetime registration tier

TREATMENT DOSES: OTHER JURISDICTIONS (CANADA)

I Low Risk	No treatment
II Below Average	Brief interventions, as needed 0 – 60 hours
III Average	Structured services to target criminogenic needs 80 – 200 hours
IVa Above Average	Structured and intensive comprehensive services 200 - 300 hours
IVb Well Above Average	Structured and intensive comprehensive services 300 – 540 (or higher) hours

Q&A

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