OHIO DIRECTORY OF TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE ADOLESCENT SEXUAL OFFENDER

"Not providing treatment, particularly when they are juveniles, is tantamount to guaranteeing that they will spend a considerable part of their lives in an institution and be a continuing social danger both within and outside of the institution."

-Dr. Vicki Agee-

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THE OHIO YOUTH SERVICES NETWORK
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THE OHIO COALITION FOR THE TREATMENT OF ADOLESCENT SEXUAL OFFENDERS
DEDICATION

This Directory is dedicated to those astounding individuals who are devoting their lives to this very difficult but vital work, to prevent the devastating experience of victimization in the future for many, many children and adults. They are the directors and staff who operate the treatment programs listed in this Directory.

The information about Ohio sex offender treatment programs which appears in this Directory was provided to the Ohio Youth Services Network (OYSN) in response to a questionnaire disseminated July - September 1991. OYSN does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and recommends that you contact the programs directly prior to considering referral of individuals for services.

OYSN would like to extend thanks to all of those individuals who submitted information about their sex offender treatment programs for inclusion in this Directory. We hope that the Directory will serve as a referral guide for professionals seeking placement options for sexual offenders, a networking tool for staff members of existing programs who want to share information and ideas and a starting point for individuals and agencies hoping to develop new sex offender treatment programs.

The Directory has been printed on three-hole paper for easy insertion in a notebook or binder. OYSN hopes, with your cooperation, to provide annual Directory information updates which can then be included in the binder.

PROGRAM ADDITIONS AND/OR CHANGES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO: OYSN/Directory Updates; 500 South 4th Street; Columbus, Ohio 43206-1102.

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"All therapeutic interventions for sexual aggressors share the goal of deterring subsequent victimization. Treatment of sexual aggressors is conducted, not to assist offenders to attain blissful, productive lives (although that might be ideal), but in an effort to decrease the probability of subsequent victimizations. Empirical evidence demonstrates that specialized treatment, focused on specific factors predisposing each offender to engage in sexual abuse, can effectively diminish the likelihood of additional sexual violence."

-William Pitters on Relapse Prevention-
INTRODUCTION

This Directory provides a current listing of Ohio sex offender treatment programs based on responses to a statewide survey. Substantial progress has been made in Ohio during the past four years in establishing 40 specialized treatment programs for adolescent sexual offenders where only a handful had existed. However, these programs can provide placements for only approximately 650 youth at any given time -- a small percentage of the estimated 3,000 - 3,500 adolescent sexual offenders in reported cases.

There is still a tremendous need for development of specialized treatment programs in many counties as well as a need for sex offender treatment for special populations such as mentally retarded offenders, prepubescent offenders and female offenders.

The programs developed thus far in Ohio were the result of the tremendous commitment of the treatment staff of group homes, mental health agencies, clinics, foster care and other residential programs who saw the need for protection of the almost 7,000 victims of child sexual assault seen in Ohio annually and who worked tirelessly to meet this vital need.

Research by OYSN on a 1987 case sample of 1284 Ohio adolescent sex offenders reflected the seriousness of this problem. The average age of the victim in these cases was 10 years old, with many preschool age victims (28.7% of the victims were age 6 years or younger). Fifty-two percent of the cases involved penetration or attempted penetration. There is no way to numerically state the tremendous trauma that occurs for these victims, often for a lifetime, because of the terror building, violence, manipulation, guilt, and other devastation which accompanies sexual abuse.

The emphasis of the treatment programs included in this Directory is that the victim is the primary client and community protection is the primary goal. With the knowledge that the number of victims of the sex offender is likely to increase 55 times as s/he moves from adolescence to adulthood (Becker, Abel, et.al. 1981), and research by the FBI which states that 91% of the serial rapists in their study began offending as adolescents, we know that the development of specialized sex offender-specific treatment programs for adolescents is absolutely essential. Knowing, too, that significant numbers of sexual abuse victims go on to sexually offend we cannot emphasize enough that early treatment for both victims and offenders is critical to breaking the cycle of sexual abuse.

It is our hope that the referring agencies using this Directory will always place the victim first and, if unsure about case management, will at the very least order a sex offender-specific assessment to determine risk to the victim and the community and the need for placement.

It is also our hope that those individuals who become frustrated with the lack of local resources and services for adolescent sex offenders will not stop at frustration, but will be motivated to identify local agencies which might be willing to develop these specialized treatment services and will work to marshall the resources to support this important effort. That is what the agencies listed in this Directory did, often with no new funds, and it is because of them that many, many children and adults will be spared the devastating experience of sexual victimization.

Sally Ylitalo Maxton
Executive Director
Ohio Sex Offender Treatment Programs are identified by number (1-40) on the above map. Please see pages 5-44 for program descriptions. The map notes the county in which programs are located. However, many programs also serve surrounding counties as noted in the "Service Area" section of each description.

- Denotes location of a program which will serve sex offenders on an individual basis.
* Denotes location of contacts for the regional coalitions.
ATHENS COUNTY

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Athens, Ohio  45701  

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SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR FIVE (5) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 12-18 years. Have accepted mentally retarded/developmentally disabled clients, but there are no special services for this population and do not feel the program is as successful for these clients. Services are also available for victims of sexual assault including male and female adults molested as children (group, individual and family services) as well as male and female victims under the age of 18 years (individual and family services). Two groups are also provided for adult male offenders of children.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Admission of responsibility; manageability in an outpatient program (degree of dangerousness); court-ordered treatment; willingness to commit to the program requirements including attendance, avoidance of victim-age children and participation.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 8 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court and children service agencies. Referrals from other sources would be considered.

SERVICE AREA: Vinton, Hocking and Athens counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The primary treatment component with the adolescent sex offenders is group treatment with individual and/or family therapy as an adjunct. The program uses an addiction model as a way for the adolescents to conceptualize their sexual misconduct. Also work on interpersonal skills, impulse control, feelings recognition and family issues. Treatment time averages two (2) years and must be court ordered.

"Sexual victims need support from society in adulthood through such services as drug and alcohol centers, psychiatric units, and mental health clinics. The unconvincing, ill-prepared and ignorant society pays the debt to childhood victims require, in adulthood, services to heal not only the wounds of sexual abuse but the psychological damage of secrecy. In adulthood, the trauma that has been simmering for years explodes, and society becomes responsible for services to the victim and again, responsible for the work of sexual offenders."

-Jan Hindman, Alexandria Associates, excerpted from Just Before Dawn-
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
OF BELMONT, HARRISON AND MONROE COUNTIES
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Barbara Hunt, M.S., Therapist
Robin Vogler, Ph.D., Supervisor

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and long-term Outpatient services.
PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR FOUR (4) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Adolescent offender program serves males and females ages 12-19 years (primarily group therapy and family therapy with individual therapy when indicated). Also offer sexual abuse victim's services, including an adolescent female survivors group.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Family must be reasonably supportive of therapy. Must agree to treatment contract and criteria for continuing participation. Prefer court-ordered offenders.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Referrals are accepted from Children's Services, Juvenile Court and other sources. There is currently no waiting list.

SERVICE AREA: Primarily Belmont, Harrison and Monroe counties. Referrals will be accepted from outside this catchment area if regular transportation is available.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Upon referral, an assessment to determine if the offender is appropriate for safe, community-based treatment is done by the treatment team. Collateral information is obtained. The offender may also be referred for psychological testing or psychiatric evaluation by the staff psychiatrist. The family's attitude towards treatment is a factor in determining the appropriate setting. The primary mode of treatment is group therapy with emphasis on relapse prevention, intensive supervision and collaboration with juvenile probation. Family treatment is also a major component. Treatment goals for offenders are individualized and offenders are encouraged through various means to work through these issues in peer group. Individual therapy is used generally only at the outset, and in cases of emergency. Length of treatment varies with the age of the offender, but involves a two (2) to three (3) year commitment.
CARROLL COUNTY

HAR-LYNN RESIDENTIAL CENTER
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Carrollton, Ohio 44615

Contact Person(s): Charles or Linda Beohm, Directors

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment, Outpatient, and Non-secure Residential Treatment. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR THREE (3) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males, ages 11-18 years. Services are also available for male victims of sexual assault under age 18 (individual services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Pleading guilty or found guilty of a sexual offense; court-ordered to participate in the program; willing to waive the right to privileged communication; cooperative during evaluation and orientation; not predominantly mentally retarded, psychotic, anti-social, pedophilic, drug addicted or alcoholic; willing to abide by all court orders; willing to abide by the terms of the treatment contract developed with him by his therapist; found to be treatable by the program staff.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 24 youth at a given time. The primary referral sources are the juvenile courts, probation departments, Department of Human Services and the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Referrals would also be accepted from parole offices, secure residential facilities and outpatient mental health facilities. There are no waiting lists for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Presently referrals come from Carroll, Tuscarawas and Jefferson counties, but there are no restrictions within Ohio other than travel time for parents, etc.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program provides specialized treatment of selected sexual offenders as a means of reducing the likelihood of future abuse. The program provides systematic screening and assessment, education, group therapy and case management. Consultation is provided to the courts, probation departments and child protective agencies. The program is coordinated with other services for the offenders, victims and their families. Treatment consists of: 1) Evaluation and Orientation (1-6 months) which includes crisis intervention, psychological testing, interviewing and special assessments, as needed, individual therapy and report to the court; 2) Group Therapy (12-30 months) which includes bi-weekly, two-hour confrontive/supportive/educational sessions at the residential center. Educational topics presented include victimology, child abuse, sexuality and sex education, dating, addictions and stress management. Progress is monitored and reports made to probation officers.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Counseling services on an Outpatient basis. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves primarily males, ages 13-18 years. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault under age 18.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Adjudicated sex offender or identified as at-risk.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 16 youth at a given time. Primary referral source is the Clark County Juvenile Court, but can accept referrals from any Clark County referral source, provided the youth meets all admissions criteria.

SERVICE AREA: Clark County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Individual and group treatment is provided for offenders, those at risk of offending, and their parents. The first few sessions are educational and the remaining sessions focus on therapy. The treatment program lasts approximately one year.

"Sex offender treatment is based on an accountability model. Offenders are not usually self-motivated. They certainly do not seek out treatment. They do not perceive their behaviors as problematic. Generally, their only problem is getting caught. Thus, a mandatory treatment model is the most effective way to intervene with this population. These offenders also require external control in the form of mandates from the juvenile courts, parents, protective services workers, and treatment staff. The primary concerns of treatment are victim safety and community protection. The community is the foremost client of sex offender treatment. The fundamental goal of treatment is to eliminate or reduce victimization."

-David Berenson, Administrator
Mental Health and Sex Offender Programs
Ohio Department of Youth Services-
COLUMBIA COUNTY

COLUMBIANA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
40722 State Route 154
Lisbon, Ohio 44432

Contact Person(s): William Kissell, M.Ed.
Pat Jones, Ms.Ed.

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment, Outpatient and Group Treatment services.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves adolescent males only, ages (approximately) 10-16 years. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault including young victims under age 18, and adults molested as children (individual and family services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Offender must not be in denial; offenders who used violence as an element of their offense will not be accepted, but will be recommended for inpatient psychotherapy initially; offenders must be involved in the juvenile court and treatment must be a mandate of their probation.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 10 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court and the Department of Human Services. Referrals would also be accepted from other sources with the criteria that treatment be court ordered. There are no waiting lists for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Currently, Columbiana and Mahoning counties are referring candidates to the program. However, county or state boundaries are not considered in the program’s assessment procedures on admittance.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program is based almost entirely on the Forensic Mental Health Services, CT. model developed by Jonathan Ross and Peter Loss.

"So can something be done about this perplexing problem not only of childhood sexual abuse, but of designing a plan to understand trauma suffered by sexual victims? Can we make this sad song better? And, if so, why should we? There are several motivations for taking a more profound, productive look at the trauma suffered by victims. The first of these motivations involves the vicious cycle of sexual abuse. Not only is the problem itself staggering, but the cycle of abuse drastically compounds the nature of the problem."

-Jan Hindman, Alexandria Associates,
excerpted from Just Before Dawn
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Offender Assessment (for referrals to residential treatment) and Non-secure Residential Treatment. Also for a time-limited Secure Program.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females (in separate groups) ages 12-18 years. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault under age 18 years (group, individual and family services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Program screens out high-risk offenders. Both the offenders and their families must agree to participate in the sex offender program.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Program can serve up to 12 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources for the residential program are department of human service agencies (nationwide) and the juvenile court. Referrals would also be accepted from other sources. There is no waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties and nationwide.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Complete and thorough assessments of all offenders entering the program are required and the treatment modality of choice is group therapy. An eclectic approach is used including cognitive restructuring and behavior modification (fantasy journals). The program provides both group and individual therapy for the offenders. Presently, two groups are running -- a male group and a female group.

Bellefaire also provides family therapy with the expectation that families participate if their child is to be in residential treatment at Bellefaire. In addition, approximately every three months an educational/support, multi-family group meeting is held.

Bellefaire is planning to develop a psycho-educational curriculum for the adolescent offenders and their families to go through.
Berea Children's Home and Family Services provides comprehensive services to low- and moderate-risk juvenile sex offenders in its continuum of service programs. Services provided in placement services programs (i.e., residential, group homes and foster care) include comprehensive (risk) assessment, sex offender-specific group therapy, and individual and family therapy. The Specialized Holistic Aggressive Recovery Program (SHARP) is the most intensive program offered by the agency. The following is a description of the SHARP Program, which offers Assessment and Comprehensive Residential Treatment services.

**POPULATION SERVED:** Serves low- to moderate-risk male sex offenders, ages 10-14 years at the time of admission.

**OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA:** Children referred must have exhibited documented inappropriate sexual behavior, and must be assessed as low- to moderate-risk. Tested intelligence must be an I.Q. score of 70 or above.

**SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES:** The SHARP Program can serve up to 10 males at any given time. The primary referral sources are County Children's Services agencies, Departments of Human Services, Juvenile Courts and Children's Mental Health Clusters.

**SERVICE AREA:** All Ohio counties.

**TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Berea Children's Home and Family Services recognizes the importance of early intervention for emotionally disturbed children who have been abused, and subsequently act out in either a physically or sexually aggressive manner. Often times, these children carry an additional psychiatric diagnosis. Through a specialized, holistic, mental health treatment approach, the SHARP unit will assist these children in controlling their behaviors, and in protecting others from future victimization. The SHARP unit is a staff-secured, 10-bed facility located on the main campus of Berea Children's Home and Family Services in Berea, Ohio.

What sets SHARP apart from other treatment programs is its 18-month length of stay. This consists of 12 months of intensive aggressor recovery treatment in the SHARP unit. Residents are afforded the opportunity to "try out" their newly acquired skills in the community through the six-month, step-down supportive treatment in the open residential program. This unique step-down approach also offers an increased safety factor to the community through the monitoring of those with histories of sexually aggressive behaviors.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 13-18 years. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault under age 18 years (individual, family and group).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Adolescents are accepted who do not have the following DSM-III-R diagnoses: psychotic disorder; developmental disorder, borderline personality disorder; substance use disorder; organic mental disorder, mental retardation. And, youth cannot be actively suicidal; must have been accused of a sexual offense and be either mandated by the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court or recommended by the Department of Human Services.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 13 youth at any given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court and Department of Human Services. Referrals would also be accepted from the Department of Youth Services. There are no waiting lists for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Cuyahoga County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The model involves structured weekly therapy which incorporates individual, group and family therapy sessions. Specific components include verbal satiation, covert sensitization, cognitive restructuring, social skills training, anger/aggression management, communication skills training, sex education and relapse prevention. Assessment instruments are completed before and after treatment.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Consultation, Assessment and Outpatient services. Program has operated for six (6) years.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females, ages 12-18 years (consultation and assessments for ages 5-18 years). Treatment available to youth who are assessed as having adequate supervision at home, i.e., there are controls and safeguards to aid the youth's poor impulse control/judgement until these are established internally (this could include youth in residential facilities). Families and victims in the family are seen along with the offender.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: For offenders to move out of the assessment phase and into the treatment phase of the program they must be able to express acceptance of the responsibility for their offense. Clients addicted to drugs or alcohol cannot be successfully treated until their addiction is under control. Clients must be able to benefit from talking therapy.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 20 offenders at a time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court and the Department of Human Services. Appropriate referrals would be accepted from other sources.

SERVICE AREA: Cuyahoga County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The program includes group, individual and family therapy. Typically clients are seen jointly in group and individual therapy. The primary goal is prevention of future offenses. Five steps to this goal are: 1) admission of offense with acceptance of personal responsibility; 2) development of victim empathy with particular emphasis on seeing the victim as a three-dimensional person; 3) education about the offense cycle and human sexuality; 4) relapse prevention; and, 5) development of an understanding of needs and motivations, particularly with regard to their role in the offense. Additional goals are treatment of the offender's own victimization, when appropriate, development of self-esteem, age-appropriate socialization skills, communication skills and anger management.

Treatment techniques include the use of insight, cognitive restructuring, reality therapy, confrontation and interpersonal support. The program relies on close contact with family, court personnel and other agencies. Length of stay is one to two years.
LAKE-WEST ASSOCIATES
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Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Contact Person(s): Robin Palmer, Therapist

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR THREE (3) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females ages 13-18 years. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault including adults molested as children and victims under the age of 18 years (individual, group and family services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Moderate (not severe) emotional problems; will not have used a weapon in the commission of the offense; sexually offending behavior will not have included bizarre and/or ritualistic acts; is not chemically dependent; functioning in the dull normal range of intelligence (82+ I.Q.).

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve approximately 25 offenders at any given time. Primary referral sources are juvenile court, the Department of Youth Services, Cuyahoga County Department of Human Services, police and other human service agencies. Referrals would be accepted from other sources. There is no waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Cuyahoga County (for outpatient services). However, Lake-West provides specialized assessments for adolescent sex offenders regardless of whether the youth is part of the agency's treatment program. These assessments are directed toward assessing the adolescent's risk to the victim, self, and community, levels of behavioral control and treatment needs. These services are available to adolescents in all Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The goal of the adolescent sex offender program is to assist the adolescent in gaining control over his/her inappropriate sexual behavior and in developing personal skills. Participants in the program will receive an initial comprehensive assessment which will determine: 1) community and victim protection needs; 2) the offender's individual treatment needs and involvement in offense-specific individual, group and family therapy. The program also requires the establishment of a verifiable contractual agreement with the adolescent sex offender and a separate contract with the offender's guardian(s). These contracts clearly spell out the necessary rules of the program and provide the framework for the external controls which will provide victim and community safety. Relapse prevention counseling and aftercare planning are also a part of the program.

Treatment at Lake-West Associates' Adolescent Sex Offender Program includes cognitive, family systems, behavioral and psychodynamic elements. Treatment of these youth is seen as being intense and enduring. Clients receive approximately 2-3 hours per week of direct contact with clinical staff. Typically, the minimum length of time in treatment is 12-18 months.

Lake-West generally supports involvement of the juvenile justice system in order to impress upon the offenders society's intolerance of their criminal behavior. Juvenile court involvement is considered imperative in cases where the sexually abusive behavior has occurred more than one time or where there has been physical contact with the victim. In addition to court involvement for the adolescent, Lake-West generally supports mandated treatment for families.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Non-Secure Residential Treatment services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR MORE THAN THREE (3) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves low- to moderate-risk male offenders, ages 13-18 years. The Victim Protection Program does not serve developmentally disabled youth, but Parmadale does have group and individual therapy for developmentally disabled residents who have been identified as sex offenders. Parmadale also provides services for female victims of sexual assault under age 18 years. However, this is not a part of the Victim Protection Program.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Youth must have exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior in violation of the law. Priority is given to those youth involved in the juvenile justice system because of this behavior; must have an ability to function in the dull normal range of intelligence (82+ I.Q.); can not have used a weapon in commission of the offense or performed bizarre or ritualistic acts; can not be chemically dependent.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 24 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the Department of Human Services and the juvenile courts. Will accept referrals from any source provided that the financial obligations can be met. There are waiting lists for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Victim Protection Program is based on the following principles: people are responsible for their own behavior; behaviors are learned as a way of meeting basic needs; new and more appropriate behaviors can be learned to replace victimizing behavior; and, effective treatment must include the family.

The program generally supports prosecution of youthful offenders through the juvenile justice system in order to impress upon them society's intolerance of their criminal behavior. It has been shown that these young men will not seek out or remain in treatment on a strictly voluntary basis.

There are several services and treatment components which form the core of this program. These include: 1) educational services which are provided to clients in a classroom located within their residence; 2) therapeutic services including individual, group and family therapy and milieu treatment; 3) recreational services which are designed to complement treatment needs and to assist each resident toward the development of leisure time as a living skill; 4) life skill services which are essential to personal growth; 5) networking to enhance treatment services; and, 6) aftercare to provide long-term follow-up.

A behavior modification program provides the framework for the approach in the cottage. Prompt, clear and consistent behavioral feedback is given which helps the resident understand how he is perceived by others at all times. This is an important reality check for youth who have a habit of distorting messages from others. Also, as the youth progresses through the various levels of the program, he receives increasing privileges and responsibilities so he can test whether the changes he has made will stand up over time and under stress.
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

PH: (614) 687-0042

MID-OHIO COUNSELING CENTER
123 South Broad Street, Suite 205
Lancaster, Ohio  43130

Contact person(s): Dr. Stephanie L. Miller

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR ONE (1) YEAR.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females ages 12 through adult. Females are seen on an individual basis (due to lack of numbers, there is no treatment group available for females at this time). The program does serve mentally retarded/ developmentally disabled offenders, but does not offer specialized services for this population. The program also serves victims of sexual assault under age 18. Group treatment is available for male victims, individual services for female victims.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: The client must be willing to work on his/her offense—admit to the offense, and be able to function in a group setting.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: The program can serve up to 10 youth at any given time (there is currently only one group for juvenile offenders). Primary referral sources are Children Services and Juvenile Court. Referrals would also be accepted from treatment centers, individual providers and attorneys.

SERVICE AREA: Fairfield, Pickaway and Athens counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This is a private, for profit, counseling center that works with adults and juveniles in individual and group therapy. Assessments and evaluations are completed for the courts. The staff includes a psychologist and four psychology assistants who have been working with sexual offenders for three to six years. Dr. Miller has been working with the prison population for 12 years. The agency treats sexually and physically abused victims and perpetrators, as well as chemically dependent individuals.

Sex offender-specific treatment services include assessment, individual therapy and group therapy and education.

"A perhaps more compelling aspect of the cyclical nature of sexual abuse...is that sexual victims who do not become offenders often set lifelong patterns of abusability. It is not uncommon for sexual victims to continue self-abusive cycles into adulthood. Substance abuse, domestic violence, criminal behaviors, and psychiatric problems are all examples of the abusive cycle of victim-to victimization."

-Jan Hindman, Alexandria Associates, excerpted from Just Before Dawn
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

NEW HORIZONS YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTER
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Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient treatment services.
PROGRAM IS NEW — SERVICES AVAILABLE BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1991.
(NOTE: Because the program is new, program descriptions are tentative. As with all programs included in the Directory, telephone contact with the program staff is recommended before considering referral).

POPULATION SERVED: Males ages 13-17 years. Program does not serve mentally retarded/developmentally disabled offenders.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Youth must be adjudicated sexual offenders.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 10 youth at a given time. Primary referral source is the juvenile court. Referrals from Child Protective Services, and police departments would also be considered, provided the youth are adjudicated sexual offenders.

SERVICE AREA: Primarily Fairfield County. Referrals from Muskingum, Pickaway, Licking, Hocking and Perry counties may be considered.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: (May be revised as program develops.)

Provides intermittently open group using: psychoeducational phase including family members and referral source(s); structured, behaviorally-oriented treatment component; family treatment at strategic points/phases of treatment; focus is to educate and to eliminate sex offending behavior. The projected length of treatment is nine to twelve months.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR FOUR (4) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males ages 7-18 years and females ages 7-12 years. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault under age 18 years and their families (group, family and individual services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Agreement to sequence of treatment; family involvement, if applicable, and, signed provisions of treatment and treatment contracts.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 30 individuals at a given time. Referrals are accepted from children's services, juvenile court and Children's Hospital. Referrals would also be accepted from other appropriate sources. There may be a waiting list for services at times.

SERVICE AREA: Serves Franklin, Union, Pickaway, Ross, Madison, Morrow, Delaware, and Licking counties -- but will accept referrals from any county providing the family can transport to Columbus.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Prior to being accepted into the program, adolescents and their families need to participate in a multi-session assessment to determine their appropriateness for the group. The program is divided into two distinct phases. Phase 1 consists of a weekly, two-hour educational group which meets for eleven weeks. Both the adolescent and his parent(s) are obligated to attend on a regular basis. This phase of the program provides the adolescents and their parent(s) with information on offender characteristics, progression of offending behaviors, aspects of human sexuality, sexual abuse, sexual offenses, assertiveness awareness, and will continually stress the idea that each person must assume responsibility for their behavior. During this first phase, individual and family treatment is provided as needed.

At the conclusion of Phase 1, the adolescent may "graduate" to Phase 2 depending upon their successful conclusion of Phase 1. During this period, the adolescents attend a more intense weekly therapy group where they begin to apply what they learned in the educational group to their daily living patterns. Again, individual and family treatment is provided as needed. On the average, it is expected that an adolescent and his parent(s) will participate in the program for eighteen to twenty-four months.

Reactive abuse groups are offered for males and females 7-12 years of age. They must participate in an assessment process and be appropriate for the group. Current treatment is modeled in part after the SPARK program in Los Angeles. It is expected that a child and his/her parent(s) will participate in the program for eight to twelve months.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services; Aftercare from institutions and treatment centers; and, work with incest families where parent, sibling or other has sexually abused. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR FOUR (4) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Currently serve male and female offenders ages 8-18 years. Will serve mentally retarded and developmentally disabled individuals within the context of their families. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault including adults molested as children (individual and family services) and victims under age 18 years (group, individual and family services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Involvement with the legal system in some way (children's services, juvenile court -- including probation officers, Department of Youth Services); family involvement is essential.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Will expand as referrals are made. Primary referral sources are Franklin County Children's Services, Franklin County Juvenile Court and the Department of Youth Services. Also accept referrals for aftercare for adolescents released from treatment facilities (case-by-case determination and would prefer some follow-up legal system involvement). There is no waiting list for admission to this program. Families are seen within 2-3 weeks. If appropriate for group, may wait for group services, but are seen on an ongoing basis in family therapy.

SERVICE AREA: Primarily Franklin County, but also work with families from Delaware, Licking, Knox, Pickaway and Fairfield counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The assessment of the pre-adolescent and adolescent sexual offender distinguishes between curiosity and sexually-abusive behaviors and evaluates the youth's risk for re-offending. The extent to which the adolescent may be a victim of sexual abuse is also evaluated. The treatment approach for the adolescent sexual offender includes having the offender accept and take responsibility for their behavior, develop empathy for those they victimized, sexuality education, social skills training, interpersonal problem solving, and self-esteem building. Treatment interventions include family, group and individual therapies.

The child sexual abuse treatment process consists of four Phases. These are: Phase I -- Discovery of the Sexual Abuse: notify Children's Services, refer for medical exam, consult with prosecutor, identify interagency team; Phase II: Psychosocial assessment of victim, offender, sibling(s) and parent(s); Phase III: Treatment groups for victim, offender, parent(s) and parent(s) who were sexually abused as children. Groups include family, individual and family sub-groups; Phase IV: Aftercare, including: reconciliation of the family and continued support of the family.
RAVENWOOD CENTER AND GEAUGA
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
12557 Ravenwood Drive
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Contact Person(s): Vicki Clark, Program Co-Director of Sexual Abuse Treatment
Chris Lutz Taylor, Program Co-Director of Sexual Abuse Treatment

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR FIVE (5) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Males and females ages 12-19 years. Services are also available for victims of sexual assault including adults molested as children and victims under the age of 18 years (individual and family services -- group services are also available for all except adult males molested as children).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Involvement with the court system; client is assessed for appropriateness in the program.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 20 adolescents at a given time. Primary referral sources are the Geauga County Department of Human Services and juvenile probation. Referrals would also be accepted from other sources provided the clients are required to be responsible to the court system. There may be a short waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Geauga County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: For adolescent sex offenders Ravenwood provides weekly individual sessions, when appropriate, and weekly group sessions. Family therapy is provided as needed. All therapy is on an outpatient basis. The program is designed to take two years to complete.

The program incorporates the use of education, the offense cycle, thinking errors, victim empathy, and offender responsibility.

A group is also available for the parents of adolescent offenders, as needed.
HAMILTON COUNTY

ALTERCREST

274 Sutton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45230

Contact Person(s): Steve Young, Service Coordinator

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Non-Secure Residential services. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE AUGUST 1989.

POPULATION SERVED: Males only, ages 12-18 years. Does not serve mentally retarded/ developmentally disabled offenders. Serves male victims of sexual assault under age 18 years if they are also perpetrators.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: I.Q. greater than 74; low- to medium-risk offenders.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Primary referral sources are Ohio juvenile courts and county department of human service agencies. Referrals would also be accepted from other sources. There are currently no waiting lists for these services. Can serve up to 24 youth at any given time.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Altercrest is a residential treatment center for adolescent males. These residents have group treatment four days a week in addition to sex education and social skills groups. Family therapy and art therapy are also provided. Residents keep a daily log, look at thinking errors and work on developing empathy for victims and learning the offense cycle. A group is also provided for perpetrators who are victims. Altercrest also has an on-grounds SBH school.

"The denial system of sex offenders are an important component in sex offender treatment. Sex offenders have different stages of denial, but generally in all phases of denial, offenders blame other people, minimize their acts, or rationalize and avoid examining the reality of the crime committed. Not only would recognizing the reality of the crime be uncomfortable, but if the reality of the crime would have been realized during the sexually abusive activities, perhaps the sexual activities would have been impossible."

-Jan Hindman, Alexandria Associates
excerpted from Just Before Dawn-
EMERSON A. NORTH HOSPITAL
5642 Hamilton Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio  45224

Contact Person(s): Gay Stottman, Adolescent Program Director
Ann Hoffman-Ruffner, O.T.R./L.

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Secure Acute Hospitalization Treatment. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) YEARS. Also offer long-term, Outpatient program.

POPULATION SERVED: Males only, ages 12-18 years. Services are also available for victims of sexual assault, including male victims under age 18 years (individual services) and female victims under age 18 years (group treatment).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Require family involvement; agreement to participate in the program.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve a maximum of 5 adolescent sexual offenders at a given time in the inpatient setting. Also offer outpatient groups with therapy and educational components for both the adolescent and his parents. Primary referral sources are the courts and private sources.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Inpatient: Many groups are provided for the offenders including a specific group for offenders; assertiveness training; sexuality; and, self-esteem and values clarification. Family and individual therapy are also a portion of the program. Length of the program varies with each individual, but is approximately 2-3 months.

Outpatient: Weekly group with parents and adolescent involvement in education and therapy. Average length of treatment is one year.
HAMILTON COUNTY

FAMILY SERVICE OF THE CINCINNATI AREA
205 West 4th Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

PH: (513) 381-6300

Contact Person(s): Alice Roseberry, L.I.S.W., Coordinator, Sex Abuse Treatment Team

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN (7) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves male and female offenders of all ages. The offender therapy groups are for adult and adolescent males. Female offenders can receive family and individual therapy. Mentally retarded/developmentally disabled offenders can also receive individual and family therapy. Services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault. Victims under age 18 years can receive group and family services. Adult females molested as children can receive group, individual and family services and adult males molested as children can receive individual and family services.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Most clients are acceptable, although psychotic clients could not be served.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: No limit for family and individual therapy. Group therapy is limited to 9 individuals per group. Primary referral sources are Children's Services, Children's Hospital and the court system, although referrals would also be accepted from other agencies and individuals (including self-referrals).

SERVICE AREA: Hamilton and Clermont counties in Ohio; Northern Kentucky.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Family and individual therapy. Long-term therapy groups for both adult and adolescent males who have sexually abused children. The adult group is open only to agency clients. The adolescent group is open to community referrals. Family Service is a private, non-profit, United Way agency with six offices serving Hamilton and Clermont counties, parts of Butler County and Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Fees are based on ability to pay.
HAMILTON COUNTY

HILLCREST SCHOOL
246 Bonham Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Contact Person(s): Anthony Trotta, Director of Residential Services

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment, Non-Secure Residential Treatment and Sex Offender Aftercare Group Treatment. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE MAY 1988.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 12-18 years.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Admission to this program is solely based upon direct juvenile court referral. Sex offender-specific treatment is contingent upon referring and previous charges, or allegations which are investigated during the assessment phase and which indicate that such treatment is warranted. Assessment occurs after the youth has been accepted into the program, and not prior to trial or sentencing.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: 16 youth are served in residence and 8 youth are served on aftercare. Referrals are received primarily from the Hamilton County Juvenile Court. Out-of-county placements for delinquent offenders would be possible depending upon available bed space. Hillcrest's preference in this circumstance is for placement from nearby counties. There is a waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Primarily Hamilton County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Hillcrest School Sex Offender Program assumes a five-phase comprehensive approach to offender treatment, generally lasting 18-24 months. The phases are as follows: 1) Assessment Phase (3-4 weeks); 2) Pre-Group Educational Component (8 weeks); 3) Sex Offender Group (8-15 months); 4) Aftercare Group and Services (3-12 months); 5) Community Services (ongoing). Hillcrest holds an eclectic approach toward treatment of this population, including use of: fantasy journals; identifying and interrupting the offending cycle; thinking errors; and, ongoing education. Individual counseling, chemical dependency education, family therapy and vocational training are available.

Once the sex offenders have completed the residential and offender-specific programs, they are graduated to Aftercare status. During this period, the offender is required to attend weekly aftercare sex offender group meetings. The Hillcrest facility maintains temporary custody of the youth until he graduates from the group. Set criterion for graduation, treatment goals and a comprehensive sex offender contract remain in effect. Once it is deemed appropriate by the treatment team, the youth will be referred for further treatment within the community.
HENRY COUNTY

CENTER FOR ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, INC.  PH: (419) 599-0540
104 East Washington Street
Napoleon, Ohio  43545

Contact Person(s): Suzanne Lenhart, C.A.C., Director

FAMILY TREATMENT PROGRAM FOR SEXUAL OFFENSES: Offers Weekly Group Therapy Treatment; Sponsors Parents United. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR (4) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Males and females, offenders, victims and family members ages 5 years and older (no upper age limit). The program serves developmentally disabled individuals if they are appropriate for group therapy. Services are also available for male and female adults molested as children (family services for both, group therapy for females only) and victims of sexual assault under age 18 (group and family services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: An intake interview is required. All offenders are required to be in individual therapy.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: No limit is set on the number to be served. When numbers in a group become unmanageable, they're divided into another group. Primary referral sources include the court system, human services and private therapists.

SERVICE AREA: Henry, Fulton, Defiance and Williams counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Center for Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Inc. sponsors weekly Parents United and Daughters and Sons United treatment programs which involve guided group therapy led by professional mental health providers (weekly treatment program for victims, offenders and families of sexual abuse).

The program is modeled after the H. Giaretto program in San Jose, California.

"Closer attention needs to be paid to families with incest behavior to insure that younger children are protected. Adolescents showing early repetitive juvenile delinquent behaviors must be assessed for physical and sexual abuse, and intervention must be planned to deal with the victimization. In the investigation and apprehension of serial rapists, law enforcement might pay closer attention to fetish burglaries and the spying, secretive behaviors that serve as the prototype for rape behavior."

-Burgess, Hazelwood, et.al.-
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Group and Individual Counseling on an Outpatient basis. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED SINCE FEBRUARY 1988.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females ages 13-17 years (also operate an adult program).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Must be approved by an internal screening process. If the youth will not fit in with the groups, they may be referred to another program or receive individual services. Also, youth cannot: be in denial; be severely mentally retarded/developmentally disabled; be severely mentally ill.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 16 youth at a given time in the group program. There is no limitation with regard to individual services. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court, children's services board and private practitioners. Appropriate referrals would be accepted from other sources.

SERVICE AREA: Lucas and other northwestern Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program provides group and individual treatment and is associated with the Parents United and Daughters and Sons United programs. The program focuses on serving as many members of a family as possible. Accountability, responsibility, education and growth in therapy for the offenders is emphasized. Whenever possible the program is individualized to meet the needs of offenders at different functioning levels.
LUCAS COUNTY

EAST CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH
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Toledo, Ohio 43605

Contact Person(s): Donna M. Croniser, M.Ed., Coordinator of Adolescent Sex Offender Programming
Sue Johnson, M.A., A.T.R., Coordinator of Sexual Abuse Programming

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Group, Individual and Family Counseling on an Outpatient basis. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE JUNE 1988.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males ages 13-19 years. (Also work with adult male offenders); Parent Education/Support Groups offered.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Must be approved after an internal screening and assessment process.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 10 males in each group. There is no limitation with regard to individual and family counseling services. Primary referral sources include the Department of Youth Services, schools, juvenile court, Children's Service Board and private practitioners. Referrals would also be accepted from other sources. One group is solely for referrals from the Department of Youth Services and is specific to their needs.

SERVICE AREA: Lucas and other nearby counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Department of Youth Services Sex Offender Treatment Program provides group, family and individual counseling. There are sixteen (16) to twenty (20) weekly group sessions. Individual or family counseling also occurs weekly during this time. The Department of Youth Services referrals are court ordered into the Sex Offender Treatment Program. These referrals are also involved in a multi-family group on a bi-monthly basis.

Other non-court-ordered youth are involved in open-ended group sessions and in family and individual counseling. Whenever possible the program is individualized to meet the specific needs of the offender and their family based on their level of functioning and stage in treatment.

Treatment modalities include, but are not limited to: disclosure of specific sexual offense details and acceptance of responsibility for behavior; peer support and peer confrontation; role playing; audio-visual materials; developing an understanding of sexually aggressive behavior, and development of a relapse prevention plan including a support system to aid in the prevention of future sexual victimization; specific treatment on appropriate anger resolution and how this may fit into the perpetrator offense cycle. Homework assignments are given on a weekly basis. Family participation in treatment is seen as instrumental to each youth's success and is strongly encouraged.

Those youth who are court ordered into treatment suffer consequences for non-compliance with treatment through parole violation. This may involve detention, and/or extended parole. There is also the possibility of consequences for parents who are not compliant with treatment expectations.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services as well as 
Aftercare, a Parent Support Group and a Hotline Crisis Phone Number for Night/ 
Weekend Hours. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR FOUR (4) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves primarily males, ages 12-18 years. However, the program 
does accept referrals of females for sex offender assessment, with recommendation/ 
referral for treatment to community mental health agencies or private therapists. 
The program also serves developmentally handicapped offenders. The same treatment 
methods are used for this population, but the lesson plans are adjusted for the 
group's level of cognitive learning skills, and there is emphasis on repetition 
for reinforcement of the information.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: The youth must be adjudicated on a sex offense or sex-
related offense.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Cases referred to the program are assessed 
on a rotation basis by program staff. The outpatient treatment component of the 
program can serve up to 12 youth at a given time, although this number will be 
increased as staff members are added to the program. Primary referral sources are 
the Judges, Referees, Probation Officers and other Court Jurisdictions. There is 
a waiting list for admission to the outpatient treatment program.

SERVICE AREA: Lucas County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The purposes of the Court's Adolescent Sex Offender 
Treatment Program are: 1) to prevent further victimization by the offender; 2) to 
provide intervention/treatment for the sex offender who reflects a lower risk for 
re-offending through return to the community with safeguards, and who is amenable 
to short-term, outpatient sex offender treatment followed by ongoing treatment 
through community resources; and, 3) to recommend alternative treatment planning 
for youth who are not appropriate for the Court's program.

Prior to participation in the Court's program, the youth and parents must 
sign a treatment contract, an acknowledgement of non-confidentiality and waiver, 
and an authorization for video tape use. Both youth and parents are court ordered 
into the program.

The Sex Offender Treatment Program provides individual, family, and twenty group 
sessions held weekly, followed by four aftercare sessions held once every two to three 
weeks. In addition, parents must attend a support group meeting every three weeks. 
Every group participant is given a hotline crisis telephone number to use during 
night and weekend hours to contact program staff when assistance and support are 
needed to avoid relapse. The offender, as well as his parents, are subject to further 
Court action in the event of non-compliance with the Treatment Agreement.

The Treatment Program incorporates the major themes of responsibility and 
accountability of the sex offender for his behavior and victim awareness and empathy. 
Other component themes include sexual education and myths, discussion of the offense-
specific behavior, "okay" versus "not okay" sexuality, thinking errors, fantasy 
management, offense/assault cycle, feelings curriculum social skills training, 
anger management/aggression replacement skills, and relapse prevention.
THE OHIO TEACHING FAMILY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 167640
Oregon, Ohio 43616

Contact Person(s): Mary Beth Olender, Program Coordinator

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Non-secure Residential (in specialized foster homes). PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR FOUR (4) YEARS. (Programming is not specific to sex offenders, but a range of behavioral and delinquency issues).

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females, ages 8–18 years. The educational part of the program is also provided for mentally retarded/developmentally disabled individuals (information is repeated often in these instances). Individual treatment services are also available for male and female victims of sexual assault under the age of 18 years.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Severe to moderate behavioral and emotional problems; can not accept youth who are dangerous, harmful to themselves or others.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 20 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile courts and department of human service agencies. The program would not rule out any potential referral source. There is a waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Teaching Family Association is a network of teaching family group homes and professional parenting specialized foster care homes. The basis of programming is the "teaching family model," a program designed as a behavioral method of teaching social skills, academics and family living skills in a community-based setting. Assessment procedures have been developed to help match adolescent sexual offenders and/or victims in the foster and group homes. The educational programming is still being developed for these youth in that new, innovative techniques are always being sought. The program uses several different models, including the Jonathan Ross and Peter Losa educational materials for youth in their homes. They also work with the Lucas County Juvenile Court where involved youth attend group counseling.
ST. ANTHONY VILLA
2740 W. Central Avenue
Toledo, Ohio  43606

Contact Person(s): Barbara Contreras, Intake Coordinator

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Non-Secure Residential services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) YEAR.

POPULATION SERVED: Females ages 12-18 years and males ages 9-18 years, victims and offenders.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: The program does not serve youth with an I.Q. below 70, poor verbal skills, active psychosis, or youth who are older than 17 years, six months at admission.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 50 offenders at any given time. Primary referral sources are the Children Services Board, Juvenile Court, Ohio Department of Youth Services, and Mental Health agencies. Referrals are accepted from any agency having funding resources. Any waiting lists are short term.

SERVICE AREA: Ohio and Southern Michigan.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The program provides 9-12 months of intensive treatment which includes sex offender treatment, family therapy, and group therapy -- all implemented by an integrated multi-disciplinary team. Staff includes a Treatment Coordinator (group therapist), Family Therapist, Treatment Specialists (direct care), Team Education Coordinator, and access to a consulting psychologist.

Services include: five group therapy sessions per week, focusing on placement issues; individual and group sexual offender-specific sessions, centering on perpetration and victimization issues; family assessment within 30 days and approximately 12-18 family sessions during the length of stay; family aftercare consisting of one session per month for six months after discharge; an education component including an initial on-grounds school placement, with supported mainstreaming to public schools based on progress in the program; and, a daily treatment program offering opportunities to develop and use life management skills and providing a structure in which to incorporate values into daily lives.
MIAMI COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
PH: (513) 335-7166
1059 North Market Street
Troy, Ohio 45373

Contact Person(s): Jeffrey Roberts, Director, Outpatient Services

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE AUTUMN 1987.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 12-18 years. Will serve developmentally disabled offenders. However, there is currently only one group that must serve all offenders. The intellectually disabled adolescents receive additional help when directions are given. No specific techniques are currently used with this population. The sex offender treatment program does not work with victims of sexual assault. However, these individuals are currently seen at the mental health center.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Resident of Miami, Shelby, Darke or Auglaize counties; adjudicated as an adolescent sex offender; court ordered into treatment.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 12 youth at a given time. Referrals are accepted from the Miami County Juvenile Court. Referrals would also be accepted from the Department of Youth Services if the youth resides in the service area.

SERVICE AREA: Miami, Shelby, Darke, Auglaize counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The program was developed using information provided during the 1987 Summer Training Series sponsored by OYSN, and is specifically patterned after the Forensic Program of Jonathan Ross and Peter Loss. The group treatment approach is used. Groups meet weekly and the program provides group therapy, multi-family groups and individual therapy. Prior to beginning the therapy, the offenders and their families must complete an eight-week educational program. Briefly, the therapeutic component focuses on continuing to educate the offenders including sex offender-specific information, developing/improving life skills (such as assertiveness, social skills, anger management, etc.) and relapse prevention.

"Prior to becoming a juvenile court judge, I handled many adult sex offenders and learned early on that sex offenders do not start at age 18. I learned that their prior sex offenses started when they were adolescents or preadolescents. If we can get to them earlier we are going to prevent a lot of heartache."

-Allen Oleisky, Presiding Judge
Juvenile Division, District Court
State of Minnesota-

*Reprinted from The Youthful Sex Offender: The Rationale and Goals of Early Intervention and Treatment; Safer Society Press, 1985

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PORTAGE CHILDREN'S CENTER
520 North Chestnut Street
Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Contact Person(s): Joel Mowrey, Ph.D., Program Director

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Outpatient services including group, individual and family therapy. Services are provided by the Family Recovery Center of the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron. PROGRAM BEGAN OPERATION IN DECEMBER 1988.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males ages 12-17 years. Also provides individual and family treatment for victims of sexual assault under the age of 18 years. Does not provide services for mentally retarded/developmentally disabled offenders.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Treatment must be court-ordered and families must cooperate with treatment.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 10 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court, the Department of Human Services, and families. Referrals from other sources would be considered. There is a waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Portage County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The program provides individual, group and family therapy. Treatment focuses on confronting the offender with his behavior, holding him responsible for his actions, changing deviant sexual fantasies to appropriate sexual thoughts, changing distorted cognitions, learning appropriate expressions of anger, and developing empathy for their victims. Duration is about one year, but varies depending upon each offender.

"To reduce victimization, serial rapists need to be identified early and stopped. This means acknowledging and reporting boy sexual abuse. This includes being sensitive to the reenactment behaviors noted in the initiated activities of abused children, which in turn need to be differentiated from peer play."

-Burgess, Hazelwood, et. al.-
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services and a Voluntary Self-Help Support Group for adolescent sexual offenders. Family and individual therapy is also available.

POPULATION SERVED: The Adolescent Sex Offender Program serves males and females ages 14-18 years. Developmentally disabled/mentally retarded individuals are served only on an individual basis in individual therapy. The Center also provides services to male and female victims of sexual assault including groups for pre-teens and teens.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Court-ordered by the juvenile court, court evaluation, a psycho-social (and sexual) history, psychological and psychiatric assessments.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve 6-8 offenders in Phase 1 of the program and 6-8 offenders in Phase 2. In addition, 10-15 adolescent sex offenders may participate in the self-help groups at a given time. The primary referral source is the Richland County Juvenile Court. (Dave Miller, Chief Probation Officer, 419/755-5578)

SERVICE AREA: Primarily Richland County. Referrals from surrounding counties may be accepted contingent upon approval by the Center's Clinical Director.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Center provides the following kinds of treatment for sex offenders: individual, marital and family therapy, plus medical services and group treatment. Group treatment includes: two adolescent sex offender groups (therapy); one self-help group for offenders over age 18 years; one self-help support group for adolescent sexual offenders; one self-help support group for non-offending parents; two self-help support groups for victims (one teen, one pre-teen); and, one therapy group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse.
STARK COUNTY

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT SERVICE CENTER
YOUTH SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM
1226 Market Avenue, North
Canton, Ohio 44714

Contact Person(s): Thomas M. Stroka, M.A., Program Coordinator
James Yokley, Ph.D., Consulting Psychologist

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services (outpatient groups are held inside a Juvenile Detention facility). PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR THREE (3) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Males, ages 13-21 years receive group treatment services. Younger referrals and female referrals receive individual/family psychotherapy. Currently, two groups are run per week. One group consists of youth who, for the most part, have borderline intellectual functioning. Offenders who have been victimized are treated in the agency's offender program. Victims who have not offended are referred to the agency's child and family advocacy program.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Offender must have been charged with the offense and have been ordered to participate in (not just attend) sex offender treatment as a condition of probation; Responsibility -- the offender must have admitted to the offense or to having a behavior problem of a sexual nature.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Program (group and individual/family) can serve between 15-25 youth at any given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court, probation officers and Department of Human Services case workers. Referrals from parents are also accepted with the understanding that charges for the offense must be filed. There is a waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Stark County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The primary goal of the program is to decrease the probability of relapse/re-offense by: increasing the offender's understanding of the cognitive/social/behavioral process which led to and maintained the offense behavior pattern; developing skills needed to self-manage their behavior and engage in appropriate relationships; and, learning to understand the full impact of their behavior on others, as well as the consequences of re-offense behavior.

In the group therapy component of the program, peer confrontation is used to help the offender learn to decrease cognitive distortions which prevent accurate self-reporting of behavior and to accept complete responsibility for the initiation, as well as the consequences of their behavior. Offenders are required to disclose their deviant behavior patterns, re-offense risk factors, and restrictions for victim safety to all authorities who are concerned with community safety. Disclosing recurring deviant cognitions and making relapse avoidance plans is a group therapy requirement. Parents, probation officers, human services workers and other involved authorities are kept informed of the offender's progress which, among other things, is measured by degree of self-disclosure, competence at handling deviant arousal patterns, as well as written/oral examinations on sex education, honesty and understanding of offense behavior/relapse prevention.

A typical offender receives two hours of group therapy once a week, and one hour of individual/family therapy at least once every two weeks. The duration of the program is approximately one to two years, depending on individual progress. To prevent offender avoidance of responsibility by requesting treatment from professionals outside of the program or behavioral sabotage in an attempt to be removed from the program, this program has adopted a no-transfer, no-termination policy which remains in effect until the program is completed.
DISCOVERY - THE TWELVE, INC.
2613 Cleveland Avenue, North
Canton, Ohio 44709

Contact Person(s): Linda Shipbaugh, Supervisor


OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: A referral is sent, consisting of all court records, institutional reports, psychological reports and any other background reports. Once these have been reviewed, the referred offender is interviewed personally.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 6 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the Department of Youth Services and county juvenile courts. Referrals from other sources may be considered on an individual basis. There is a waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Secure group home for high-risk adolescent sexual offenders. Provide group counseling services designed to reduce/eliminate victimizing behaviors using the following treatment components: positive peer community; reality therapy; thinking errors approach; cognitive behavior modification; and relapse prevention. Also stress independent living skills, social skills and problem solving skills. Staff members will work with the family of the offender if the youth is returning home, and will also provide family counseling for families of offenders who will not return to the home. In addition, aftercare services are provided (group treatment) for those who have completed the program.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment, Outpatient Treatment and Aftercare services. Program has been in operation since September 1989. Dr. Yokley has been the staff psychologist for the Youth Sex Offender Program at the Child and Adolescent Service Center in Stark County since March 1988, which uses the TASC program that he designed.

Population Served: Youth and adult offenders of all ages. Funding for some youth offenders ages 12-21 is available through a current grant.

Other Admissions Criteria: Assessment services: Parents or their lawyers requesting assessment only, must sign a release of information which allows a copy of the evaluation to be sent to the court.

Treatment services: Offenders must not be considered a high risk for re-offense in the community and must have an active parole/probation officer or human services case worker assigned during treatment.

Service Capacity and Referral Sources: Assessment Services: Currently limited to between 2-4 individuals per month.

Treatment Services: Current capacity is limited to between 6-8 youth and 6-8 adults at any given time.

Referral sources include the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the adult and juvenile courts, parole/probation officers and human services/children's service board case workers.

Service Area: Summit, Stark, and surrounding counties. There is no residency requirement for this treatment service. Thus, all appropriate referrals who reside or are placed within commuting distance will be considered.

Treatment Program Description: Assessment Services: Sexual behavior problem evaluations are conducted which integrate psychological tests selected to tap the cognitive and personality characteristics associated with impulsive/aggressive acting out along with a structured re-offense risk interview based on behaviors frequently associated with sexual offense. Offender treatment placement recommendations and behavior restrictions for victim safety are provided.

Treatment Services: The primary goal of the TASC program for all outpatient offenders is to decrease the probability of reoffense by helping the offender to: 1) increase his understanding of the cognitive/behavioral/social process which led to and maintained the offense behavior pattern; 2) learn to understand the full impact of his behavior on others as well as the consequences of reoffense behavior; and, 3) develop the skills necessary to self-manage his behavior and engage in appropriate relationships.

Treatment of offenders who were referred for aftercare services (i.e., have received previous residential sex offender treatment) emphasizes relapse prevention and appropriate social behavior maintenance. Appropriate social behavior is maintained by reinforcing the offender's knowledge and behavioral control progress achieved during residential placement (or in other outpatient therapy). An assessment of relapse prevention skills is conducted and deficits in relapse prevention skills and other critical treatment components is remediated.
AKRON CHILD GUIDANCE
312 Locust
Akron, Ohio 44302

Contact Person(s): David Piper, Psychiatric Social Worker
Gerry Mullaney, Psychiatric Social Worker Supervisor

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR FIVE (5) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Program serves males only, ages 8-18 years. Does not treat mentally retarded/developmentally disabled offenders. The Guidance Center, a children's mental health center, does provide services for victims of sexual abuse (these services are not provided as a part of the sex offender treatment program).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: None specified.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 24 offenders at any given time. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court and children's service board. Referrals would be accepted (of youth older than age 10 years) from other sources if there was a willingness for concurrent juvenile court involvement. There is no waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Summit County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Presently operate younger and older adolescent offender groups which meet weekly. Adolescents and their families are also seen 1-2 times each month in family therapy. In addition to working very closely with juvenile court, program staff have a 6-step group treatment program which includes: 1) fully admitting all elements of offense history; 2) understanding the connection between fantasies and offenses; 3) understanding impact upon a victim through victim-specific "research;" 4) dealing with their own previous victimization; 5) attempting to make amends; and, 6) comprehensive preventative re-offense plan.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Outpatient Assessment and Treatment. The Family Recovery Center has operated for five (5) years. THE JUVENILE SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM FOR ONE (1) YEAR.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males and females of all ages. Currently only individual and family services are available for female offenders, but if a larger number of females were referred to the program, a group would be organized for them. Will serve mentally retarded/developmentally disabled offenders. Also provide individual, group and family therapy for child victims of sexual abuse, adult offenders and non-offending parents.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: None specified.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 15 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the Children's Services Board, Hospital CARE Center and the juvenile and criminal courts. Appropriate referrals would also be accepted from other sources. There is no waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Summit, Portage, and Medina counties and surrounding area.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Family Recovery Center provides comprehensive assessment and treatment services to children and families coping with sexual abuse, both intrafamilial and extrafamilial. The approach is family oriented, and the program works with victims, siblings, offenders and non-offending parents. Efforts are closely coordinated with other involved agencies including child protective services and the courts.

Individual, group and family therapy, as well as parent counseling are used because the program's philosophy states that sexual offenses generally occur in the context of overall family dysfunction. Program treatments have a strong psycho-educational component. Treatment typically lasts at least one year.
SAGAMORE HILLS CHILDREN'S
PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL
11910 Dunham Road
Northfield, Ohio  44262

Contact Person(s): Molly DeLong, R.N., B.S. Ed., Clinical Director

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO SEX OFFENDERS: Offers Sexual Assessments (including Risk Assessments) and initial treatment to inpatient adolescent sex offenders. Sagamore Hills' speciality is preparing kids for treatment and assisting adolescents in meeting admission criteria for residential or outpatient sex offender programs. PROGRAM OPENED SEPTEMBER 1991.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves seriously mentally ill males ages 12-19 years. When appropriate, group and individual therapy are offered as well as individualized, structured, offender-specific milieu. Patient education groups are also offered.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: All adolescents must also meet the mental health criteria for admission to this psychiatric hospital.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 22 adolescents at a given time. Primary referral sources are the community mental health boards.

SERVICE AREA: 50 counties represented by 38 mental health boards currently in the Sagamore Hills Children's Psychiatric Hospital (SHCPH) catchment area (northern half of the state).

SERVICE DESCRIPTION: SHCPH is a locked, secure psychiatric hospital for severely mentally ill adolescents. Adolescents with a history of one or more sexual offenses are referred by the treatment team for this service. The primary service goal is to help offenders with severe emotional problems understand and control their own behavior and protect others from victimization. The course of treatment is guided by individualized treatment planning that addresses all issues that represent a risk of harm to self and others. Treatment components include: structured milieu; on-grounds school; individual, group, and family therapy; assessments; community integrative therapies; and transitional services to home or community.
THE STARR COMMONWEALTH SCHOOLS
15145 Old Route '30
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

Contact Person(s): Jules Krizan, Intake Coordinator
Michael Kitson, Relapse Prevention Worker

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Non-Secure Residential Treatment services.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves low- to moderate-risk male offenders, ages 11-18 years
with intellectual functioning 75+ I.Q.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: The majority of referrals would be considered appropriate
to initiate the screening process. However, students who are actively psychotic
or suicidal would not be served by our existing programs.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 11 youth. Primary referral
sources are juvenile courts and children services agencies.

SERVICE AREA: Ohio, Indiana and Michigan.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: As in the residential program, the psycho-educational
peer group is the cornerstone of Starr's juvenile sexual offender program. This peer
group counseling format has shown to be highly successful in the treatment of other
juvenile delinquent/emotionally disturbed populations, and the guidelines established
by the National Task Force Report on Juvenile Sexual Offending, cite offender-specific
peer groups as the "primary treatment of choice."

Within the context of group treatment, students learn to identify and accept
responsibility for their sexually offending behaviors. With the help of their group
and staff, students not only learn to manage and control sexually offending behaviors
but resolve the underlying conflicts motivating that behavior. Critical issues
addressed in treatment also include victim empathy, value clarification, anger
management and sex education as dictated by the individual needs of the students.

In addition to the offender-specific group treatment, Starr places significant
emphasis on family involvement. Participation of the family in the helping process
is seen as important to the youth's overall success. Structured family meetings and
on-campus visits help to ensure that students are not being treated in isolation from
the environment to which they will return. In the event that family reunification or
reintegration into the community is not possible, Starr will assist in the development
of alternative placements.

To ensure success for juvenile sexual offenders, Starr has included aftercare as
a crucial component in the continuum of services. Starr's aftercare component
transfers the therapeutic support students experienced in the residential program to
their daily lives in the community. In cooperation with students, their families,
referring worker and other care providers, Starr will serve as liaison to enhance the
rehabilitative process. Starr's Sexual Offender Program includes a Relapse Prevention
Specialist. That role is consistent with Starr's overall treatment philosophy and
the recommendation of the National Task Force on Juvenile Sexual Offenders.
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient services. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE FEBRUARY 1988.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 12-18 years.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Youth must be charged with a sexual offense through juvenile court or be ordered into the program by a probation officer. Some type of court involvement is mandatory.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Currently operate one weekly group of 6 youth; capacity is for 8 total youth. Referral sources are children's services, juvenile court, and the prosecutor's office. There is no waiting list.

SERVICE AREA: Warren County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Warren County Children Services Board began an adolescent sex offender's group in late February 1988. The program developed out of a recognized need for treatment of many of the youthful offenders the agency was investigating and assessing. There is one group that meets weekly for 1½ hours and a monthly parents group for all offenders' parents. The group uses a level system to gauge progress, and weekly points are also awarded. Group activities include homework, role plays, videotapes, victim letters and confrontation of behavior. The group requires that behavior be acceptable and improve not only in group, but also home and school. Major emphasis is placed on victim impact issues. The group is open and new members are admitted as they are assessed and accepted. There is an aftercare component for members who have completed the program which runs for six months. Average length of treatment is one to two and one-half years. There are no fees or costs for the program.

"Sexual assaults by adolescents are grossly underreported by both the victims of such assaults and in official statistics (Knopp, 1982). Data from other than official sources, however, reflect the seriousness of the problem. Programs serving child and adult victims of sexual abuse, for instance, provide some striking statistics on the sexual victimization of boys and girls by adolescents. Some centers report up to 56 percent of the assailants as under age 18 (Knopp, 1982)."

-From The Youthful Sex Offender: Rationale and Goals of Early Intervention and Treatment; Safer Society Press, 1985-
SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Non-Secure Residential Treatment. (Also provides an S.B.H. program in the on-grounds school). THE GROUP TREATMENT PORTION OF THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR FOUR (4) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 12-18 years. Services are also available for young male victims of sexual assault (individual and family services).

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Prior to entry into the program, a boys' pre-placement packet will be reviewed by the Clinical Director and the Clinical Therapist who coordinates the program. The packet must include a social history, placement history, court records, a thorough documentation of sexual offenses, and a psychological report completed within the past year which includes both a personality assessment and an I.Q. assessment. If the youth is an appropriate candidate then he is scheduled for pre-placement which includes at least three interviews, projective psychological testing, a tour of the grounds and an in-depth discussion of the program. The "Juvenile Sexual Offender Criteria" developed by Gary Wernt and Dr. Toni Clark is used in making the decision regarding acceptability of the candidate. Offenders who are predominantly in the low- to moderate-risk categories are the more acceptable candidates, and those who fall within the high-risk category will be considered marginal depending on the individual situations. After review of the pre-placement information, a determination is made within two days and the agency is notified.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: The program can serve up to 10 youth at a given time. Referrals are made primarily by the juvenile courts, children's service boards/departments of human services and the Department of Youth Services. Referrals would also be accepted from private sources and county clusters. There are periodically waiting lists for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: This program is referred to as the Knapp Program because it is housed in Knapp Cottage at Boys' Village. Treatment emphasizes confrontation of the offenders regarding accepting responsibility for their actions including violation of others' rights and the impact of the offenses on victims. The program also emphasizes respect for the offender's rights and needs including the resolution of conflicts surrounding his own victimization.

The Knapp Program provides an offenders group, family therapy, individual therapy, art therapy, a psychoeducational group as designed by Jonathan Ross and Peter Loss which presents five topics in a total of 12 sessions ("Introduction to Sexual Aggression," "Psychology of the Sexual Offender," "The Aggression," "The Victim," "Human Sexuality") and sexual offender treatment. In addition, the cottage program uses close observation and a structured cottage milieu to establish interpersonal treatment goals and increasing levels of responsibility within the cottage and Boys' Village.

The boys placed in Knapp also participate in the standard recreational and school program at Boys' Village according to their individualized treatment plan and may attend the on-grounds S.B.H. school. The expected length of stay in this overall treatment program will range from 12 to 24 months.
THE COUNSELING CENTER OF WAYNE & HOLMES COUNTIES
2285 Benden Drive
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Contact Person(s): Karen Berry, Psy.D., Clinical Director

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Outpatient treatment services. PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR TWO (2) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves males ages 13-18 years. The program does not serve mentally retarded offenders. The agency also provides services for victims of sexual assault.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: All youth must be referred by the Wayne County Juvenile Court, must be adjudicated, and have an assigned probation officer. Referrals must undergo a five to six hour re-offense risk assessment prior to admission. High-risk offenders (use of brute physical force or use of a weapon during their offense) are unlikely candidates for treatment.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to 10 youth at a given time. Referrals are accepted from the Wayne County Juvenile Court.

SERVICE AREA: Wayne County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The treatment group relies heavily on developing a positive peer culture and group cohesiveness. The offenders confront each other's cognitive distortions, minimizations, poor empathy, rationalizations and sexual fantasies. Homework assignments are educational in nature and address appropriate and deviant sexual fantasies, victim empathy, cognitive distortions versus cognitive self-control, understanding consent, and developing a relapse prevention plan.

If individual treatment is needed, it is preferred that the offender receive treatment from one of the co-therapists. Fees for the group only are covered by Wayne County Juvenile Court as part of a grant between the court and the agency. Individual and family sessions are billed to the client's parents (or insurance).
WOOD COUNTY

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE CENTER
1045 Klotz Road, P.O. Box 738
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

PH: (419) 352-7588

Contact Person(s): William O. Donnelly, Ph.D., Director Clinical Services

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Outpatient Treatment. PROGRAM HAS OPERATED FOR FIVE (5) YEARS.

POPULATION SERVED: Male adolescent sexual offenders. The agency also provides services to male and female victims of sexual assault who are under age 18 (group, individual and family services). Services are also available to non-offending parents of victims.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Convicted in juvenile court of a sexual offense; not a violent offender; not psychotic, brain-injured or mentally retarded.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Operates two groups, both long and short-term. Primary referral sources are the juvenile court, prosecutor's office and children's services. Referrals would be accepted from other sources. There is a short waiting list for admission to this program.

SERVICE AREA: Wood County.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: "STOP" Program (Specialized Treatment for Offense Prevention), a group treatment program for adolescent male offenders -- weekly group treatment (90 minute sessions) with group members expected to participate for approximately one year. All of the adolescent sexual offenders are prosecuted (by agreement between the agency, children's services/prosecutor's office/ juvenile court). Offenders are referred for evaluation by the program, then are typically placed on probation and court-ordered into treatment.

Group treatment is a combination of cognitive/behavioral, psychoeducational, sexual awareness/education, and social skills development. The content of the group focuses around issues of responsibility, victim impact, victim empathy, understanding and management of sexual arousal, and developing concrete behavioral strategies to prevent re-offense.

Some offenders, but not all, receive individual therapy. Some may be referred to the agency's day treatment or residential services.

THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES

The Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) is running institutional-based sex offender programs for approximately 100 offenders. It has piloted specialized aftercare/parole for sex offenders in the community and is replicating these practices throughout its regional system. Programs are being audited and evaluated as the Department strives for program integrity and efficacy.

For further information about ODYS programming for adolescent sex offenders, please contact:

Mr. David Berenson, Administrator
Mental Health and Sex Offender Programs
Ohio Department of Youth Services
51 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
PH: (614) 466-4773

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STARK COUNTY

**NEW PROGRAM**

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T.A.A.S.O. INC.
LYNN WAY (HOUSE)
1146 Spring Avenue, N.E.
Canton, Ohio 44704

PH: (216) 455-8645

Contact Person(s): Linda Shipbaugh, Director
Curt Strawder, Program Supervisor


POPULATION SERVED: Serves males only, ages 15-21 years. Does not serve mentally retarded/developmentally disabled offenders, and family victims of sexual assault.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: A referral is sent, consisting of all court and police records, social instructional reports, psychological reports, and any other background reports. Once these have been reviewed, the referred offender is interviewed personally.

SERVICE CAPACITY: Can serve up to 8 youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are the Department of Youth Services and county juvenile courts. Referrals from other sources may be considered on an individual basis.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Secure group home for high-risk adolescent sex offenders. Provides group counseling services designed to reduce/eliminate victimizing behaviors using the following treatment components: positive peer community; reality therapy; thinking errors approach; cognitive behavior modification; relapse prevention; and aggression control skills. Problem solving, social and independent living skills are also stressed. Staff members will work with the family of the offender if the youth is to return home, and will also provide family counseling for the families of youth who will not return home. In addition, aftercare services are provided (group treatment) for those who have completed the program.

Additional services provided include: an educational component geared to the specific needs and abilities of those youth who have not completed their high school diploma or received their G.E.D.; vocational evaluations, counseling and training; recreational and cultural enrichment programs; transportation to local churches if requested; job readiness counseling and assistance in seeking employment (after youth has been in the program 7-9 months); substance abuse assessment, education and treatment services provided by Lynn Way staff or staff of community agencies; independent living skills program; specialized foster placement for those youth who are unable to be placed back in their homes and are not old enough to be placed in independent living.

A case manager will be involved with each youth, along with the youth's own case worker or parole officer, courts, schools and any other agencies involved. The case manager will also be involved with the families of the youths involved. The case manager will be able to be reached 24-hours a day if needed.
OTHER OHIO AGENCIES WHICH WILL ACCEPT ASO REFERRALS

(Note: Programs included in this section of the Directory may not offer sex offender-specific treatment, but have indicated that they will accept adolescent sex offenders on an individual basis if the offender is appropriate for their existing services.)

BROWNS COUNTY

BROWNS COUNTY COUNSELING
415½ Home Street
Georgetown, Ohio 45121

PH: (513) 378-4811

Contact Person(s): Cheryl Williams, M.S.W., L.I.S.W., Aftercare Coordinator

DESCRIPTION: Community Mental Health Agency serving Brown County residents. Provides psychological/psychiatric assessments and outpatient services. Sex offenders are treated individually and in family therapy, according to individual needs. The therapists use different techniques. The program serves males and females of all ages and serves victims of sexual assault. Primary referral sources are human service agencies, court and physicians, although any appropriate referral would be accepted. There is a waiting list for services.

BUTLER COUNTY

OXFORD CRISIS AND REFERRAL CENTER
111 East Walnut
Oxford, Ohio 45056

PH: (513) 523-4149

Contact Person(s): Barry J. Koch, L.I.S.W., Assistant Director

DESCRIPTION: Community Mental Health Agency serving Butler County residents. Provides outpatient services and 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral, phone and walk-in services, prevention and education services, a telephone hotline for children who are home alone, sexual assault victim assistance program (a 24-hour immediate advocacy program for anyone who has been sexually assaulted), and telecare, a support program for the elderly and shut-ins. The agency offers no sex offender-specific program but can provide 24-hour phone crisis counseling for sex offenders. Serves males and females of all ages.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
MENTAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER
11130 Bellflower
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

PH: (216) 368-3540

Contact Person(s): Joseph Steiner, L.I.S.W., Intake Coordinator

DESCRIPTION: Mental Health Center serving male and female developmentally disabled children and adults. Services include individual, group and family assessment using a psychodynamic model. Primary referral sources are probation, county jail and the Department of Human Services. Referrals would be accepted from other sources. The program serves primarily Cuyahoga County and accepts sexual offenders on an individual basis for services.
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

ST. VINCENT CHARITY HOSPITAL

PH: (216) 363-2666

ADOLESCENT UNIT

2351 East 22nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

Contact Person(s): David Hussey, Program Manager

DESCRIPTION: General hospital; locked adolescent psychiatric unit with specialized treatment program for dual diagnosis (psychiatric and substance abuse); eating disorder and victimization (physical and sexual abuse). Sexual offenders can receive acute inpatient care including individual psychotherapy and art therapy, complete diagnostic assessment and medication review and can be involved in a full range of therapeutic activities and family therapy. The program serves both males and females ages 9-18 years. Referrals are accepted from many counties both in and outside of Ohio. Admission is based upon ability to pay; must have a primary psychiatric disorder and be able to benefit from program structure and therapy. Have a strong evaluation and treatment program for victims. Provide in-depth evaluation and short-term individual treatment for offenders. Because both victims and offenders are treated on the same unit, care is taken to thoroughly review all potential offender admissions for appropriateness.

HIGHLAND COUNTY

SCIOTO–PAINT VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

PH: (513) 393-9946

HIGHLAND COUNTY CLINIC

108 Erin Court
Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

Contact Person(s): Ann Randal, L.P.C.C., C.C.D.C. III, Director

DESCRIPTION: Community Mental Health Agency serving Highland County residents. Provides outpatient services and 24-hour crisis intervention, information and referral, phone and walk-in services, prevention and education services and psychological testing. Individual counseling for offenders and survivors is provided.

UNION COUNTY

CHARLES B. MILLS CENTER

PH: (513) 644-9192

715 South Plum
Marysville, Ohio 43040

Contact Person(s): Brian Davis, Director of Outpatient Services

DESCRIPTION: Community Mental Health Center providing outpatient/inpatient alcohol/drug and offender and victim services. Serve males and females ages 12-80 years. Referrals are accepted from the court and human services and would also be accepted from parole and probation. There is no waiting list for admission to this program which serves Union County only. However, referrals must be at normal functioning level. Adult survivor and adult sex offender groups are scheduled as needed. Adolescent treatment for offenders is primarily individual with referral to Children's Hospital (Columbus) for group treatment.
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OTHER OHIO AGENCIES WHICH WILL ACCEPT ASO REFERRALS

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

BUCKEYE BOYS RANCH, INC. PH: (614) 875-2371
5665 Hoover Road
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Contact Person(s): Sally Pedon, M.S.W., M.S., Director of Admissions

DESCRIPTION: The Ranch provides two residential treatment programs for youth between the ages of 10-18. Both programs provide a structured milieu with: individual, group and family therapy, individualized educational programming, therapeutic recreation, substance abuse recovery services and pre-vocational work experience. Offender issues can be addressed individually or group treatment may be accessed at a specialized out-patient offender program. The open-campus program provides a structured milieu for boys only. The co-ed Intensive Care Center is secure and provides an intensive level of structure and treatment for more seriously disturbed youth. A residential program for Deaf students is also offered. Referral sources include private practitioners, human service agencies, courts, mental health systems, parents and children’s cluster groups.

MEDINA COUNTY

CORNERSTONE COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES PH: (216) 722-4166
145 N. Broadway
Medina, Ohio 44256

Contact Person(s): Suzanne S. LeSure, Ph.D., Psychologist

DESCRIPTION: Private psychology group serving children, adolescents and adults. Clinicians have special interest and training in treatment of sexual offenders and victims. Individual and family treatment are provided. Group treatment is available for adolescent and adult female survivors of sexual abuse.
ADOLESCENT SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM COALITIONS

National

NATIONAL ADOLESCENT PERPETRATOR NETWORK
Contact Person: Gail Ryan
C. Henry Kempe Center
1205 Oneida Street
Denver, Colorado 80220
PH: (303) 321-3963

PROFESSIONALS TREATING SEX OFFENDERS IDENTIFIED AS INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED
Contact Person: Lois Lackey
Safer Society Program
Shoreham Depot Road
Orwell, Vermont 05760
PH: (802) 897-7541

Ohio Regional Coalitions

ATHENS COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Bob Hout
Tri-County Mental Health & Counseling
28 West Stimson
Athens, Ohio 45701
PH: (614) 592-3091

CUYAHOGA COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Matt Novak
Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court
2163 East 22nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115
PH: (216) 443-3512

FRANKLIN COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Sally Maxton
The Ohio Youth Services Network
500 South 4th Street
Columbus, Ohio 43206-1102
PH: (614) 461-1354

HAMILTON COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Anthony Trotta
Hillcrest School
246 Bonham Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45215
PH: (513) 772-4040

LUCAS COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Dorothy Haverbusch
Lucas County Juvenile Court
429 Michigan Street
Toledo, Ohio 43624
PH: (419) 249-6771

MONTGOMERY COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Cathy Harruff
Diversion Alternatives for Youth (DAY)
330 South Ludlow
Dayton, Ohio 45402
PH: (513) 223-4410

RICHLAND COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Vicki Glorioso
The Center for Individual & Family Services
741 Scholl Road
Mansfield, Ohio 44907
PH: (419) 756-1717

STARK COUNTY AREA
Contact Person: Linda Shipbaugh
Discovery - The Twelve, Inc.
2613 Cleveland Avenue, North
Canton, Ohio 44709
PH: (216) 452-0372

[Note: Each Ohio Regional Coalition has the 1987 "Training for Treatment of Adolescent Sexual Offenders" series on videotape. These videotapes are available to regional coalition members to borrow free of charge (or shipping costs only, if required). For further information about this service, telephone or write to the above-listed regional contact persons. In Franklin County, inquiries about video tapes should be made to Patricia Ellis or Pat Hoersten.]
NATIONAL RESOURCES

• SAFER SOCIETY PROGRAM
Contact Person: Fay Honey Knopp
Shoreham Depot Road
Orwell, Vermont 05760
PH: (802) 897-7541

Numerous publications on sex offenders and victimization, research, training, technical assistance, information on national resources including treatment programs for sex offenders, model programs and national sex offender treatment networks

• FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATES
Contact Person: A. Nicholas Groth, Ph.D.
29 Linwood Street
Webster, Massachusetts 01570
PH: (508) 943-3581

Publications, training, technical assistance, networking

• PETER LOSS, A.C.S.W., INC.
P.O. Box 1718
New London, Connecticut 06320
PH: (203) 447-0521

Publications, training, technical assistance, clinical teleconferencing, consultation

• JONATHAN E. ROSS, M.A., INC.
P.O. Box 428
Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29465
PH: (803) 851-5010

• MIDWAY FAMILY SERVICES - PHASE PROGRAM
Contact Person: Michael O'Brien
425 Aldine
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104
PH: (612) 641-5584

Training and technical assistance regarding working with intellectually disabled sexual offenders

• PROGRAM FOR HEALTHY ADOLESCENT SEXUAL EXPRESSION (PHASE)
Contact Person: Ruth Mathews
1709 North McKnight Road
Maplewood, Minnesota 55109
PH: (612) 777-8060

Training and technical assistance regarding working with female sexual offenders

• ALEXANDRIA ASSOCIATES
Contact Person: Jan Hindman
911 S.W. Third Street
Ontario, Oregon 97914
PH: (503) 889-8938

Training and technical assistance regarding sexual abuse and the impact of abuse on victims.
PROGRAMS FOR ADULT SEX OFFENDERS (OVER AGE 18)

ADULT PAROLE AUTHORITY; 222 East Central Parkway; #501A; Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; Contact Person(s): Nancy Howard, Parole Program Specialist; PH: (513) 852-3210. Ms. Howard may also be reached at ODRC Central Office-Parole; Columbus, Ohio; PH: (614) 431-2776

ALVIS HOUSE; P.O. Box 6868; Columbus, Ohio 43205; Contact Person(s): Felicia Waddy; PH: (614) 252-6196

CENTER FOR ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT, INC.; 104 East Washington Street; Napoleon, Ohio 43545; Contact Person(s): Cheryl Robbins; PH: (419) 592-0540

CHILlicothe Correctional Institution; Polaris Program; 15802 St. Rt. 104, X.; P.O. Box 5500; Chillicothe, Ohio 45601; Contact Person(s): Joan Heidtman; PH: (614) 773-2616

CLINICAL AND RESEARCH RESOURCES--TREATMENT FOR APPROPRIATE SEXUAL CONTROL (TASC); P.O. Box 538; Hudson, Ohio 44236; Contact Person(s): James Yokley; PH: (216) 923-8044 (Summit County) or (216) 493-4412 (Stark County)

COMMUNITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.; 201 Hospital Drive; Dover, Ohio 44622; Contact Person(s): Richard A. Swigart; PH: (216) 343-6631

COURT PSYCHIATRIC CENTER; 222 East Central Parkway; Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; Contact Person(s): Louise Camblin; PH: (513) 352-3111

CUMmINGS ZUCKER; 123 Twenty-Second Street; Toledo, Ohio 43624; Contact Person(s): Ron Zuidema; PH: (419) 241-6191

DAYTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION; Psychology Department; 4104 Germantown Road; P.O. Box 17249; Dayton, Ohio 45417; Contact Person(s): J. Lamar Johnson; PH: (513) 263-0059

DISTRICT V FORENSIC DIAGNOSTIC CENTER; 228 Park Avenue, W.; Mansfield, Ohio 44908; Contact Person(s): David Krenrick; PH: (419) 524-2220

EAST CENTER FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH; 1425 Starr Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43605; Contact Person(s): Donna M. Croniser or Sue Johnson; PH: (419) 693-0631

FAMILY RECOVERY CENTER/CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER OF AKRON; 281 Locust Street, Litchfield Building; Akron, Ohio 44308; PH: (216) 379-8984

FAMILY SERVICE OF THE CINCINNATI AREA; 205 W. Fourth Street; Cincinnati, Ohio 45202; Contact Person(s): Alice Roseberry; PH: (513) 381-6300

GRACE HOUSE; 3453 W. Sibenthaler Avenue; Dayton, Ohio 45406; Contact Person(s): Zenith Lawrence; PH: (513) 276-8400

HOCKING CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; Phoenix Program; 16759 Snake Hollow Road; P.O. Box 59; Nelsonville, Ohio 45764; Contact Person(s): Nan Mykel; PH: (614) 753-1917

LONDON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION; P.O. Box 69; London, Ohio 43140; Contact Person(s): Ron Sidney Thrower; PH: (614) 852-2454
MID-OHIO COUNSELING CENTER; 123 South Broad Street, Suite 205; Lancaster, Ohio 43130; Contact Person(s): Stephanie L. Miller; PH: (614) 687-0042

MOUNDBUILDERS GUIDANCE CENTER; 65 Messimer Drive; Newark, Ohio 43055; Contact Person(s): Brent Bloomster or Scott Lencke

SCIOTO PAINT VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: 108 Erin Court; Hillsboro, Ohio 45133; Contact Person(s): Ann Randal; PH: (513) 393-9946

SOUTHEASTERN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION; SIR Program; 5900 B.I.S. Road; P.O. Box 200; Lancaster, Ohio 43130; Contact Person(s): Stephanie Miller; PH: (614) 653-4324

SOUTHEAST MENTAL HEALTH CENTER; 1455 South Fourth Street; Columbus, Ohio 43207; Contact Person(s): Carla Darnell; PH: (614) 444-0800

TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND COUNSELING, INC.; 28 West Stimson; Athens, Ohio 45701; Contact Person(s): Phyllis Brown; PH: (614) 592-3091

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"There is no longer any valid excuse for ignoring and neglecting a public safety issue as obvious and important as the treatment of adolescent sex offenders. To acknowledge the importance of this problem requires our constructive response. By recognizing these behaviors, validating their seriousness, demanding accountability from the young offender, and providing the necessary specialized treatment, we have taken the first steps toward controlling and reducing sexual assault."

-Fay Honey Knopp, Director
Safer Society Program
Orwell, Vermont
New Program

ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES FOR KIDS, INC.

CHOICE PROGRAM FOR BOYS
89 S. Old State Road
Norwalk, Ohio 44857

PH: 1) (419) 668-5813
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Contact Person(s): 1) Sally Binette, Assistant Administrator
2) Lori Chapin, Treatment Specialist
3) B.J. Pickett, Administrator

SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM: Offers Assessment and Non-Secure Residential Treatment services.

PROGRAM BEGAN OPERATION IN FEBRUARY 1992.

POPULATION SERVED: Serves low- to moderate-risk male offenders, ages 11-18 years. The CHOICE Program is not suitable for mentally retarded boys who have been identified as offenders or any violent, aggressive offenders.

OTHER ADMISSIONS CRITERIA: Youth must have exhibited inappropriate sexual behavior in violation of the law. Priority is given to those youth involved in the juvenile justice system because of this behavior. Each individual considered for admission into the program must have, at the very least, an ability to function in the dull normal range of intelligence (82+ I.Q.). He cannot have used a weapon in commission of the offense or performed bizarre or ritualistic acts. The agency will provide chemical dependency aftercare.

SERVICE CAPACITY AND REFERRAL SOURCES: Can serve up to five (5) youth at a given time. Primary referral sources are Department of Human Services and Juvenile Justice systems. Will accept referrals from any source provided that the financial obligations can be met.

SERVICE AREA: All Ohio counties.

TREATMENT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The CHOICE Program is designed to provide a holistic approach to treating the juvenile sex offender in a group home setting.

There are several services and treatment components which form the core of this program. These include: Thinking Errors - focuses on the cognitive distortions common to offenders. These errors are unmasked to facilitate change in his thinking and, thus, in his behavior; Twelve Steps - these groups are implemented to provide an opportunity to the residents to break free of any addictions through positive group pressure and a milieu which is openly communicative; Sex Offending Groups - designed to: promote a milieu which discusses reasons for placement; educate the individual on the long-term effects of offending behavior; discover problems which lead the individual to sexual acting out, and alternative choices to these behaviors; teach ways in which residents may break free from their sexual actions; uncover latent psychological patterns, early trauma, denial patterns and repressed memories of abuse; and, use the group process for rehabilitation; Spiritual - seeks to introduce morals and positive values. As the resident acknowledges alternative values and their benefits, he is more informed and is given more opportunity to make choices that are beneficial to him and others; Activities/Recreation - used in the therapeutic process to give the resident the chance to be a child, while giving the opportunity for a productive release of energy into hobbies. Activities such as weightlifting, trampoline, various sports, youth events and concerts provide the residents with a wide variety of social experiences as well as opportunities for physical exercise; B-Mod - used to monitor behaviors and their development within each phase of the program. The specific behaviors desired for each phase are acquired by using positive motivations; Dietary Planning - seeks to eliminate high-sugar foods which are related to acting out behaviors. The dietary program is designed to incorporate foods which accommodate most lifestyles with a health-conscious mindset.

A treatment specialist will be involved with each youth, coordinating treatment meetings, attending dispositional hearings and semi-annual reviews. The strategy of the CHOICE Sexual Offender Program is not to punish, but to provide a structure whereby the child can incorporate and maintain new cognitive structures and socially acceptable behaviors.