

PLEASE NOTE

PARSOL does not condone any form of sexual violence or non-consensual sex. People who commit sexual crimes should be prosecuted, and that procedure should be Constitutional, fair, and consistent with the legitimate best interests of all Pennsylvanians.

Once an individual has completed their sentence, their debt to society should be considered paid, and no law, whether punitive or regulatory, should prolong or add to that sentence.



PARSOL does not
give legal advice.



We Need Your Help

Please consider becoming a member. Visit us at WWW.PARSOL.ORG. Any amount, large or small, will allow us to broaden our efforts, contact more people, and bring awareness to these issues that affect you, your family, and your community.

Sign up for our mailing list to stay up-to-date about legal developments, opportunities to comment on legislation, and current events.

Those who prefer can contact us through the mail or by telephone.

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Fighting for the rights and
dignity of registered
Pennsylvanians, advocating for
the safety of all.



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Who We Are

PARSOL is a volunteer organization committed to educating the public, attorneys, judges, and our Legislators about the ineffectiveness of Pennsylvania's public sex offender registry (Megan's Law/SORNA).



Sex Offense Registries

Research shows that public sex offense registries are failing to meet the stated goal of keeping people safe from sexual victimization.* They create a false sense of security that something is being done, but they fail to address the causes of sexual abuse. In 2017, the Supreme Court of PA ruled that our state's registration scheme is punitive in nature because of its limits on freedom of travel and its effect of public shaming.

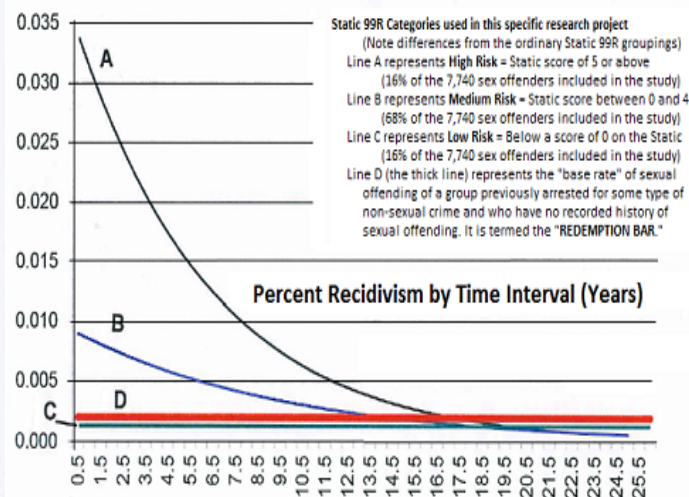
* Bouffard, J A and LaQuana, N A, (2017). Time Series Analysis of the Impact of Sex Offender and Notification Law Implementation and Subsequent Modifications on Rates of Sexual Offenses. *Crime & Delinquency*.

What We Want

We advocate for policy that is supported by empirical research and endorsed by experts in criminal justice reform and mental health treatment. In order to keep people safe from harm, we must shift our focus away from ever-harsher punishments of former offenders and towards a proactive approach that prevents sexual abuse before it ever happens. It is the goal of PARSOL to eliminate the public registry in favor of a private one accessible primarily to law enforcement.

SEXUAL OFFENDER SEXUAL RECIDIVISM RISK LEVELS OVER TIME

Recidivism was calculated at six month intervals - .5, 1.0, 1.5 years, etc. Groups were differentiated by Static 99R risk level.



Declaration of Dr. R. Karl Hanson.
United States District Court for the Northern District of
California. Civil Case No. C 12 5713. Filed 11-7-12

What We're Doing

PARSOL has committees dedicated to Education/Outreach, Legal Issues, and Legislative Issues.

Education/Outreach:

- Hold educational events.
- Develop education materials and maintain a website.
- Obtain and organize information of use to stakeholders.
- Collaborate with other organizations interested in successful community reentry, public safety, legal challenges, and legislative reform .

Legal Action:

- Track in-state, out-of-state, and federal court rulings that affect sex offender registration laws.
- Work with legal professionals to submit opinions (amicus briefs) to cases where the PA Registry is being challenged.

Legislative Progress:

- Meet with state legislators to raise awareness of the flaws associated with our current approach to preventing sexual violence.
- Advocate for a proactive policy based on empirical research.
- Track and submit letters on proposed laws which affect Pennsylvanians on the Registry (residency restrictions, adding more people to the Registry, parole reform, etc.).

