

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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Who We Are

PARSOL is a volunteer organization committed to educating the public, attorneys, judges, and our legislators about the ineffectiveness of Pennsylvania's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (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 fail to address the causes of sexual abuse. The registry is a financial burden to the state and infringes on a person's Constitutional rights. Laws influenced by understandable outrage following tragic events may not best serve the general public.

* 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, and promotes restoration. It is PARSOL's aim to promote the best possible public safety and individual liberty policy decisions.

Risk Levels	Desistance Threshold*
Level I	At time of release from prison
Level II	3 to 6 years offense-free in the community
Level III	8 to 13 years offense-free in the community
Level IVa	16 to 18 years offense-free in the community
Level IVb	21 years offense-free in the community

*Desistance Threshold: Pose no greater threat of sexual violence than those who have never committed a sexual offense.

Level I= Very low risk

Level II= Below average risk

Level III= Average risk

Level IVa= Above average risk

Level IVb= Well above average risk

Hanson, R. K., Harris, A. J. R., Helmus, L., & Thornberry, D. (2014). High-risk sex offenders may not be high risk forever. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 29(15), 2792-2913

What We're Doing

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

Education/Outreach:

- Develop education materials and maintain a website.
- Obtain and organize information useful to stakeholders.
- Collaborate with organizations on community reentry, public safety, legal challenges, and legislative reform.

Legal Action:

- Track in-state, out-of-state, and federal court rulings that affect sex offense registration laws.
- Work with legal professionals to submit additional argument support.

Legislative Progress:

- Meet with legislators to discuss the flaws associated with our current approach to preventing sexual violence.
- Advocate for evidenced based policy.
- Follow up on proposed laws which affect people on the registry.

Support:

- Responds to inquiries from persons impacted by the registry.
- Coordinates and promotes Fearless Groups to encourage informational and emotional support among persons required to register and their family and friends.
- Identifies re-entry resources

