# **Sex Offense Registries**

Research shows that public sex offense registries fail to meet their 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*.



PARSOL does not provide legal advice.

Please contact PACDL for attorney referrals at https://pacdl.org.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Please consider becoming a member. Visit us at 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-todate 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).



### **PLEASE NOTE**

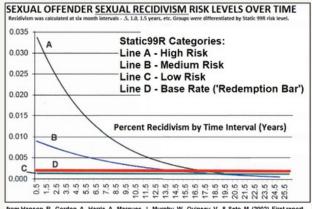
PARSOL does not condone any form of sexual violence or non-consensual sex. People who commit sexual crimes should be prosecuted, and that procedure should be Constitutional, fair, and consistent with the legitimate best interests of all Pennsylvanians.

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.



# **What We Want**

We advocate for policies supported by empirical research and endorsed by experts in criminal justice reform and mental health treatment. To help 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. PARSOL aims to promote the best possible public safety and individual liberty policy decisions.



from Hanson, R., Gordon, A., Harris, A., Marques, J., Murphy, W., Quinsey, V., & Seto, M. (2002), First report of the collaborative outcome data project on the effectiveness of psychological treatment for sex offenders. Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment, 14, 169–194. With permission of author.

Desistance Threshold (red line): Pose no greater threat of sexual violence than those who have never committed a sexual offense.



# **What We're Doing**

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

#### **Education/Outreach**

- Develop educational 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 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 evidence based policy.
- Follow up on proposed laws which affect people on the registry.

#### Support

- Respond to inquiries from persons impacted by the registry including people serving sentences.
- Coordinate and promote Fearless
   Groups to encourage informational
   and emotional support among persons
   required to register and their family
   and friends.
- Identify re-entry resources.