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Criteria for Successful Progress in Treatment in Prison: Sex Offender Treatment and Management Program, Colorado Department of Corrections

4.210 Sex offender treatment in the prison setting is always preliminary to continued treatment and supervision in the community post release from prison. Since sex offenders who participate in treatment in the prison setting cannot complete treatment in prison, the Sex Offender Treatment and Management Program has developed three formats for sex offender participation in prison treatment based on differing minimum sentences and time to parole eligibility.

It should be understood that the availability of these specialized formats does not ensure sex offender cooperation with or success in treatment. The eligibility requirements for SOTMP apply for all of these formats.

Sex offenders must meet all of the criteria for their assigned format to receive a recommendation for release to parole from the Sex Offender Treatment and Monitoring Program staff.

A. Criteria for the Standard Format

Offenders with 6 years or more minimum sentence will be assigned to the Standard Format.

1. The offender must be actively participating in treatment and applying what he or she is learning.
2. The offender must have a complete full disclosure of their sexual history as verified by a non-deceptive polygraph assessment of his or her deviant sexual history.
3. The offender must have completed a comprehensive Personal Change Contract (relapse prevention plan) which is approved by the SOTMP team.
4. The offender must have, at a minimum, one approved support person who has participated in SOTMP family/support education. They also must have and has received an approved copy of the Offender's Personal Change Contract through their participation in a SOTMP therapist facilitated disclosure session with the offender.
5. The offender must be practicing relapse prevention as verified by any recent monitoring polygraphs and no institutional acting out behaviors within the past year (e.g. a history of engaging in high risk behavior or committing violations of institutional rules reflective of ongoing criminal behavior).

6. The offender must be compliant with any DOC psychiatric recommendations for medication which may enhance his or her ability to benefit from treatment and or reduce his or her risk of re-offense.
7. The offender must be able to be supervised in the community without presenting an undue threat (e.g., indications of undue threat may include a history of sadistic behavior or fantasy, a diagnosis of psychopathy based on the PCL-R, or a history of lethality in offense behavior or fantasy).

B. Criteria for the Modified Format

Offenders with 2 years to 5 years minimum sentence will be assigned to the Modified Format.

1. The offender must be actively participating in treatment and applying what he or she is learning.
2. The offender must have a complete full disclosure of their sexual history as verified by a non-deceptive polygraph assessment of his or her deviant sexual history.
3. The offender must have defined and documented his or her sexual offense cycle.
4. The offender must have, at a minimum, one approved support person who has participated in SOTMP family/support education. They also must have received an approved copy of the offender's sexual offense cycle through their participation in a SOTMP therapist facilitated disclosure session with the offender.
5. The offender must be practicing relapse prevention as verified by any recent monitoring polygraphs and no institutional acting out behaviors within the past year (e.g. a history of engaging in high risk behavior or committing violations of institutional rules reflective of ongoing criminal behavior).
6. The offender must be compliant with any DOC psychiatric recommendations for medication which may enhance his or her ability to benefit from treatment and or reduce his or her risk of re-offense.
7. The offender must be able to be supervised in the community without presenting an undue threat (e.g., indications of undue threat may include a history of sadistic behavior or fantasy, a diagnosis of psychopathy based on the PCL-R, and a history of lethality in offense behavior or fantasy)..

C. Criteria for the Foundation Format

Sex Offenders with less than 2 years minimum sentence will be assigned to the Foundation Format.

1. The offender must be actively participating in treatment and applying what he or she is learning.
2. The offender must have a complete full disclosure of their sexual history as verified by a non-deceptive polygraph assessment of his or her deviant sexual history.
3. The offender must participate in a comprehensive sex offense-specific evaluation and have a SOTMP approved individual treatment plan.
4. The offender must have a plan to establish at least one approved support person.
5. The offender must be practicing relapse prevention as verified by any recent monitoring polygraphs and no institutional acting out behaviors within the past year (e.g. a history of engaging in high risk behavior or committing violations of institutional rules reflective of ongoing criminal behavior).
6. The offender must be compliant with any DOC psychiatric recommendations for medication which may enhance his or her ability to benefit from treatment and or reduce his or her risk of re-offense.
7. The offender must be able to be supervised in the community without presenting an undue threat (e.g. a history of sadistic behavior or fantasy, a diagnosis of psychopathy based on the PCL-R, and a history of lethality in offense behavior or fantasy).