



## UPAN Newsletter Volume 3 Number 8 | **AUGUST 2016**

*“Empowerment and Growth Through Knowledge and Unity”*

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### **NEXT UPAN MEETING: MONDAY, September 12, 2016 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC:** OUTPATIENT Sex Offender Treatment, Parole Stipulations and Group A and Group B Parole conditions for sex offenders.

**Location:** West Valley City Library, 2880 W 3650 S, West Valley City, UT 84119

### **OCTOBER UPAN METING: MONDAY October 10, 2016 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Millcreek Library Meeting Room 2266 E Evergreen Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84109

### **NO FOCUS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER – NEXT FOCUS MEETING: MONDAY, October 3, 2016 6-8 PM**

**TOPIC:** New housing unit at the Central Utah Correctional Facility and changes in restrictive housing.

**Location:** Adult Probation and Parole Office, 36 W. Fremont Avenue, Salt Lake City UT 84101  
(FOCUS meetings are held every other month on the first Monday of the month)

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Everyone attending **FOCUS meetings**, needs to get there **BEFORE 6 PM**.

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### **LATE BREAKING NEWS: SOTP Audit Is Starting Now – SURVEY FORM ATTACHED**

The late breaking news that came out as this newsletter was about to be published will be exciting for many readers. The Legislative Audit Subcommittee has ordered an Audit of SOTP in response to the complaints and concerns of inmates and families about the Sex Offender Treatment Program in USP. The auditors of the Office of the Legislator Auditor General contacted UPAN and met with two directors on August 18<sup>th</sup> as they began gathering information to structure the audit. Pages 9 and 10 of this newsletter are the detachable survey. Any offender who has been involved with or impacted by SOTP in USP can fill out and return it to UPAN to help with the data gathering for the audit.

*It always seems impossible until it's done. --Nelson Mandela (1918-2013),*

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**This information is presented for the reader’s enlightenment and evaluation.**

**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**  
**by Molly Prince**

**Thank you To Our Generous Financial Supporters**

I would like to address a few different topics in this letter. I want to start by sharing our appreciation and gratitude to all of those who have sent donations to UPAN. Family members have contributed at our meetings, others outside our meetings, and we have had some generous donations from those of you who are incarcerated. Everything helps keep things going!

**UPAN Activities Continue Through The Summer**

We have been busy this summer. Even though we didn't have a UPAN meeting in July, it didn't mean that we were not still doing the work of UPAN. As usual, we published another ten-page UPAN Newsletter with interesting articles on IPP and the BOPP's Deviations from the Matrix/Sentencing Guidelines. Shauna and I have continued to be in email contact with or meet with different correctional directors over the past few months.

Also, Nathan Kemp created a video about UPAN as part of his senior project in his program at the U of U and it is now available on the internet. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4Ca4wSqweq&feature=youtu.be>

**Participation On Panel For People Not Prisons**

On July 17, Anna Brower of the ACLU and I were panelists at the Summer Forum for the First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City. We were asked as part of the People Not Prisons coalition that we are involved in. We discussed issues related to criminal justice reform, the need for funding for resources to help offenders succeed on parole in the community and many of the questions and interest of the audience focused on that topic. It was a very interesting dialogue and a video of the hour is available at <https://youtu.be/QQ0jNQwph7o>

**More Mail Than We Can Give Personal Attention To**

Next, I want to again share that we receive dozens of letters each month and we cannot personally answer each one. If you as an inmate write to us about something that has been covered in a newsletter, rather than receiving a personal response, you may receive a copy of the newsletter that has the relevant article in it.

One example has to do with people still writing to us asking us how their case is being handled from the Legislative Audit of the Board. We have written about this repeatedly in the newsletters beginning with February 2016. We will not be able to respond to those letters. Please refer to the newsletters about the findings of the Audit.

The Audit was not intended to take up any one inmate's case; your information was used to add to the information the auditors received about problems with how the Board was operating. The Board is working on

making changes, and this was addressed in a previous newsletter as well. The changes will take time and funding by the legislature, so nothing happens quickly. Greg Johnson, administrative coordinator of the Utah BOPP has a meeting with representatives from three community organizations each month in which he discusses the things they are working on, asks for our input, and listens to our ideas. The three organizations are the Disability Law Center, the Utah ACLU, and UPAN. This has been going on for several months and our ideas have been received with open minds. Hopefully at some point we will know how our input might be shaping the reformation of the Board.

**More On Inmates' Letters And A Recommendation**

I get letters from inmates asking how they can work to help themselves while they wait to get into one of the treatment programs on their case action plan. I recommend the book *Houses of Healing* by Robin Casarjian, ISBN 978-0-9644933-0-8. It is a "prisoner's guide to inner power and freedom." Ms. Casarjian is a therapist who in 1988 began giving talks and presentations on forgiveness, and then classes and courses on emotional awareness and healing in the Massachusetts prison system. Her work was well received by the incarcerated people she talked to and worked with, and was recognized by the prison administration. She developed the Lionheart Prison Project, now called The National Emotional Literacy Project for Prisoners. The goal of this project was to share as much of the spirit and content of the course with as many inmates throughout the world as possible.

The Lionheart Press and Lionheart Foundation will provide the book at a discounted rate to inmates, but the Utah State Prison system only allows purchase through the UCI commissary, so it is my understanding that inmates cannot order directly from the foundation at a discount. I am aware of several USP and CUCF inmates having successfully ordered it through UCI commissary, but at full price plus the shipping and handling charges. About 8 years ago I arranged for the Lionheart Foundation to donate six copies to the Draper facility, to the chapel libraries, but am not sure they are still there. Everyone I have recommended the book to that has read it and worked on some of the self-help exercises in it has reported they have found it helpful in their own self-help and healing.

**Write Your Gratitude For The November UPAN Newsletter**

The August issue of UPAN News is very focused on the issues surrounding the sex offender registry. If this topic is not of interest to you, please still look through it as there is other information not related to SO issues.

As we move forward into the fall, I am hoping to do our November UPAN News issue focusing on gratitude. We will welcome short essays or stories from inmates and their loved ones to be considered for inclusion in that issue. If you have something you would like to share that you are grateful for in your life – in spite of or maybe because of your involvement with the criminal justice system and prison – please feel free to send your story to us at our PO Box. Families can email their stories to: [utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com](mailto:utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com) . Please include if you want your name used, or you wish to be

anonymous. If you want a name used please specify if you want first only, last only, or both names used. Initials are also an option. Deadline for submission is October 1.

### **Concluding Comment**

As we move out of the extreme heat of this summer and into what I hope is a more gentle autumn, my wish for everyone on this prison journey is to walk in balance. Families and inmates, you are in our thoughts always, Sincerely, Molly

***Courage is not having the strength to go on; it is going on when you don't have the strength.  
-Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), 26th President of the United States***

### **DISPELLING RUMORS ABOUT SOTP IN DRAPER**

By Molly Prince

UPAN has received a variety of letters over the past few months asking the same questions or sharing the same rumors with us. We would like to put to rest the rumor that SOTP in Draper is being dismantled, closed, or otherwise ending. The SOTP program in Draper continues. Because there were some changes in some phone numbers and there really was some support staff

that retired from SOTP, some folks wondered if that meant Michael Robinson transferred to another area. On August 12, 2016, I saw Mr. Robinson in person and spoke directly to him. He clarified that he has not retired or left his position, and continues to be the Director of SOTP. He confirmed that the SOTP programs are still in place.

***The man who moves a mountain begins by carrying away small stones. --Confucius***

### **UPAN AUGUST 8, 2016 MEETING**

#### **THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND ITS IMPACT ON OFFENDERS AND FAMILIES**

by Molly Prince

The August UPAN meeting was the most heavily attended meeting this year. We did not get an official count, and not every attendee signed in, but based on the use of the number of chairs available, we estimate approximately 80 individuals attended.

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According to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, as of 2015 there are 843,260 registered sex offenders in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The presentation was an intense and informative power point presentation combined with video clips presented by Matt Duhamel of Metamora Films. Metamora Films: Transforming Hearts and Minds Through Film. Their website describes them as facilitating social change through storytelling. Metamora is an independent Utah company that makes documentaries on important issues facing society, including subjects related to issues faced by felons and their families. The company's website is: <https://metamorafilms.org/> and the video of the presentation, as well as supportive videos used in the presentation, are available at <https://metamorafilms.org/registryimpact/>

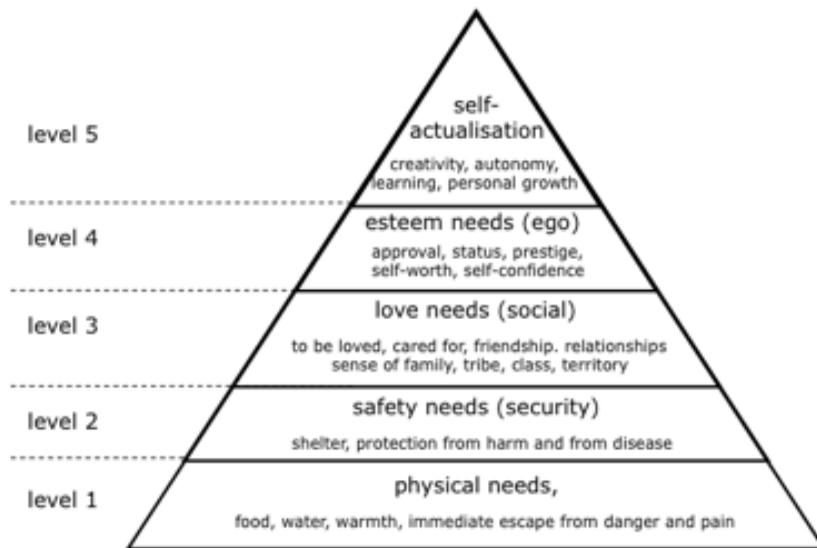
#### **Youth offenders now also required to register**

25% of the 843,260 are youthful offenders. Before the Adam Walsh Act, only youths convicted of a crime as an adult were required to register. Now all youths age 14 and older convicted of a registerable sexual offense are required to register. There are reports of kids even younger being required to register in some states.

#### **Maslows Hierarchy of Needs demonstrates the challenges Public Notification presents to the wellbeing of offenders and their families**

This is the same presentation that Matt gave to the InterNational Prisoners Family Conference in Texas in May 2016. The Annual InterNational Prisoners Conference can be reached via email at: [info@prisonersfamilyconference.org](mailto:info@prisonersfamilyconference.org) and is hosted and produced by Community Solutions of El Paso, a

The far reaching effects of the Public Notification portion of the Sex Offender Registry can be significant for felons and their families. Mr. Duhamel used a modified Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs to demonstrate the challenges of a person who is on the registry trying to meet the basic needs of getting a job and being able to afford housing, food, self-care, security, etc. When they are stuck on the bottom levels, unable to meet their basic needs, it is difficult to move up the pyramid into high levels of functioning.



Meeting the basic human physical, safety, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs is vital for ex-offenders to reintegrate and rebuild their lives in the community. In order to thrive, the basic needs that most felons, and sex offenders on the registry in particular, struggle to meet are the needs described in levels 1 and 2 of the hierarchy. Stable housing and stable employment are VITAL to paroled offenders to be able to begin to rebuild their lives and be successful. Yet for registered sex offenders (RSO's) these two basic needs are the hardest to accomplish. Companies may be willing to hire a felon, but when someone is on the registry with public notification, then companies begin to shy away from having it known that they have an RSO in their employ, even if there is nothing in that employment that would put anyone in the public at risk.

If these basic needs are not met, then the higher functions are very difficult to meet. The actual hierarchy used in Mr. Duhamel's presentation is a bit more involved than this example, but this helps to illustrate the problem. If we as humans do not have our basic survival and safety needs met, it is very difficult to focus on the higher levels of needs that are necessary for success in our personal lives and in society in general. Studies show many people in the U.S. have lost housing and jobs due to public notification.

This leads to financial stress for the entire family and often a dependence on other family members and friends for places to live, financial help, and often thwarts the RSO's ability to be self-sufficient and independent. Matt stressed that no matter what the challenges faced, RSOs and their families should be resolved to the statement, "We are going to make it!" The attitude of the RSO and family will make the difference.

Other effects include RSOs being turned away or not being accepted into some colleges and universities, including online universities.

One of the benefits of aftercare treatment for RSOs, presented during the video clips, was that it helps the individual to learn how to live within their restrictions, and gives them therapeutic support as they develop skills to navigate their world under their label and restrictions.

#### **Impact on Children and Family**

In his presentation, Matt showed a photo of a child holding a sign at a demonstration in another state that says "the laws you passed to protect me are hurting me" because the child and his family were being evicted due to the father's status as a RSO. Other problems encountered by children are related to the public notification deficiencies in sharing full information. If an RSO is at home living with his family and the crime was against a minor, it states the official title of the offense on the public website with nothing else about the crime. This can lead the public to make the assumption that the children in the home are victims of the abuse. This may or may not be accurate. It opens the children up to harassment and ridicule from peers at school and in the neighborhood because their parent is an RSO.

In some states there are requirements for the RSO to have signs in front of their houses, and this also impacts the rest of the family that lives there.

The challenges for spouses of RSOs who choose to remain with their partners are significant. Many co-workers, friends, and even family, judge and can ostracize the spouses for their commitment to understanding and becoming a support to the offender.

The presentation included a wide variety of information and statistics across the country regarding the impact of the Sex Offender Registration and Public Notification Laws.

**Some ideas on how families and friends can be supportive of RSOs on probation or parole were presented**

Part of the presentation included video clips of therapist Molly Prince giving suggestions on how family and friends can be supportive of the RSO on his / her probation or parole in terms of helping them comply with requirements of the parole, as well as requirements of the registry and state laws.

Ideas were also presented on how the RSO should present him/herself in job interviews.

Finally, it was suggested that family members who struggle with the frustration and anger associated with the restrictions and difficulties encountered by the families of RSOs talk to friends and others who understand and want to support them, including going to their own therapist. Also it was suggested to use the frustration and anger at the situation they find themselves in to work toward changing the laws.

The video clips are also available on the above listed web link of the presentation.

**Quote from David Prescott, former President of the Association for Treatment of Sexual Abusers**

The labeling of felons causes much distress for everyone with that label. The labeling of a felon who committed a sexual offense, regardless of the type of sex offense or level of intrusiveness, is compounded significantly. The fear in the public of the label contributes to society having a false sense of security when it comes to the registry. The reality is that the sex offender, like other offenders, is a whole person, not simply an act of behavior. David Prescott, recognizes this. He is a therapist who has treated youth and adult sex offenders, and written extensively in the field. He states, "The whole rest of society only sees the flashbulb moment of the sex crime and the mug shot and very few people understand the person who does the crime as a person. Even after someone is arrested

***The man who has once been incarcerated in a prison is regarded as an outcast, and is shunned by all classes as a moral leper, whose touch is infectious. MARIA MAXWELL, from Ernest Grey; Or, The Sins of Society: A Story of New York Life***

**Summary of Utah's Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Registry -- Utah Code 77-27-21.5**

In Utah there is a Sex and Kidnap Offender Registry that is governed under Section 77-27-21.5. All offenders having a duty to register under this law may be subject to registration requirements in accordance with the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006. Offenders shall register for the duration of their sentence and for the additional required time under Subsection 77-27-21.5(12)(a) through (d), or in the frequency and duration of the conviction jurisdiction if longer or more frequent.

and convicted, everyone else distances themselves from the sex offender."

It should be noted that being supportive of someone who has committed a sexual offense does ***not*** mean that the family and friends who offer their love and support through his rehabilitation and treatment approve of the crimes or discount the seriousness of the offending behavior. It is a very complicated process. So the support of family and friends of someone who offended sexually simply means the supporters have done their own soul searching about how they are going to deal with their own feelings of disappointment, sadness, betrayal and anger. Then they have chosen to work through those very real and difficult emotions and move beyond them for a higher goal and hopefully, for the greater good.

Research has shown that folks pushed to the edge of society will continue to fulfill the expectations of society. It takes a lot of support and love and willingness to give people a second chance to help people who have been removed from society for crimes against society to rebuild their lives within that same society and live a productive and prosocial life.

**Most recent statistics on sex offenders in Utah**

As of January 22, 2015 the following statistics have been found on the UDC website. At that time, the number of registered sex offenders in Utah was 7,154. Ninety-six (96) percent of those are compliant with the sex offender registry laws.

As of January 2015 there were 1,954 registered sex offenders in Utah under supervision by Federal or Adult Probation and Parole (the federal government rather than the state of Utah).

There were 2,385 registered sex offenders in Utah in jail or prison on January 22, 2015. And there are 2,815 sex offenders in Utah who are no longer on probation or parole supervision but are still required to register.

The following is what offenders who are required to register must report:

Within three (3) working days of ANY change in habitation

- The physical residential address is required as well as any secondary or temporary addresses.
- Post office boxes are only accepted with submission of documentation of physical residential address, including relocation out of the State of Utah.

Within three (3) working days of ANY change in vehicle information:

- The type of vehicle or vehicles the offender owns or regularly operates (this includes vehicles operated for employment)
- Make, model, color, license plate number, year, and the vehicle identification number
- Vehicles include any motor vehicle, aircraft, or watercraft subject to registration in any jurisdiction

Within three (3) working days of ANY change in educational affiliation information.

Educational institutions include but are not limited to public or private:

- Primary (elementary, junior high, middle school high school)
- Secondary (college, university)
- Trade schools

Affiliations include, but are not limited to on-line or physical presence at:

- Where carrying on a vocation at
- Where employed at
- Where enrolled or attending at
- Volunteering at

Within three (3) working days of any change in place of employment

- Including loss of job if no longer employed at all
- New employer
- Volunteer work including cessation of volunteer work

Offenders are required to register twice a year, both during the month of the offender's birth and six months after the offender's birth month. Offenders convicted in another state but not convicted by the State of Utah must register according to the most frequent and longer registration period of the two states.

Registry rules are separate from and in addition to parole or probation stipulations.

Please be aware that once an offender is placed on probation or parole, he/she will have parole stipulations that they must follow. These are based on orders by the Judge (in state probation cases) or the Board of Pardons and Parole in cases where the offender spent time in the Utah State Prison system. The rules imposed by the Registry are in addition to the parole. Once an individual has completed their probation or parole, they are still subject to registration laws until such time as they no longer have to register.

Additional Utah Code for individuals who have a registerable offense against a minor

This information is listed on the UDC website at [http://www.corrections.utah.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=1062:utah-laws-regulating-registered-sex-offenders&catid=26&Itemid=191](http://www.corrections.utah.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1062:utah-laws-regulating-registered-sex-offenders&catid=26&Itemid=191)

Registered sex offenders in Utah are governed by certain constraints as far as where they can travel, how

often they must update their information on the registry and, for some offenders, inviting a child to accompany them anywhere. Below are some specifics regarding Utah's law that apply to offenders who have an offense against someone under the age of 18:

The five protected zones off-limits for those convicted of a crime against a minor:

1. Licensed daycares or preschools
2. Swimming pools open to the public
3. Public or private primary/secondary schools (not on grounds of a correctional facility)
4. Community park open to the public
5. Playground open to the public

### **Regulations regarding Utah Registry Laws**

Requirements for Registering:

- Out-of-state offenders must register within 10 days of entering the state, regardless of the length of stay.
- Offenders under AP&P supervision shall register with AP&P.
- Offenders no longer under AP&P supervision shall register with the local law enforcement (police department or sheriff's office).
- Offenders must register twice each year — once during his/her birth month, and once during the month that is six months following that month.
- Registration requirements last for the duration of the sentence and the following 10 years after termination of the sentence in some cases, and for life in more serious cases (see below for specific break down of 10-year registrations vs. life-time registrations).
- Offenders must register within three business days of every change of primary residence, any secondary residence, place of employment, vehicle information, or educational information.

### **Length of Registration**

For the following convictions\*, offenders must register for 10 years following the date of termination of the sentence\*\*:

1. Kidnapping
2. Voyeurism
3. Unlawful Sexual Activity with a Minor
4. Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a 16- or 17-Year-Old
5. Forcible Sexual Abuse
6. Incest
7. Lewdness (4 convictions required for registration)
8. Sexual Battery (4 convictions required for registration)
9. Lewdness Involving a Child
10. Aggravated Human Trafficking
11. Custodial Sexual Relations (if victim was under 18 years of age)
12. Sexual Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult
13. Sexual abuse of a minor
14. Attempting, soliciting, or conspiring to commit any felony offense listed above (or in the "life" list below)

\*Two separate convictions of any of the above = lifetime registration  
For the following convictions, an offender must register for life\*:

1. Child Kidnapping
2. Aggravated Kidnapping
3. Enticing a Minor over the Internet
4. Rape
  
5. Rape of a Child
6. Object Rape
7. Object Rape of a Child
8. Forcible Sodomy
9. Sodomy on a Child

10. Sexual Abuse of a Child or Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a Child
11. Aggravated Sexual Assault
12. Sexual Exploitation of a Minor
13. Aggravated Exploitation of Prostitution

\*Depending on the conviction date, the registration length of any of these might only be 10 years for an individual. In some cases, those sentenced before laws changed may be released from registration earlier than life. Please contact your probation / parole officer or Utah's Sex Offender and Kidnap Registry Unit at 801-495-7700 or [registry@utah.gov](mailto:registry@utah.gov) for specifics about your particular case.

### **UTAH'S SEX OFFENDER & KIDNAP REGISTRY UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES**

This information is taken from the UDC website at:

[http://www.corrections.utah.gov/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=906:sex-offender-registry-unit&catid=26&Itemid=191](http://www.corrections.utah.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=906:sex-offender-registry-unit&catid=26&Itemid=191)

The Utah Department of Corrections manages the state's Sex Offender & Kidnap Offender Registry. The Department processes thousands of registrations each year and makes information about offenders available through a public database.

However, the Department is not in charge of actively registering offenders nor monitoring an offender's compliance once he or she is registered unless the offender is being actively supervised by Adult Probation and Parole. Ensuring an offender is registered and monitoring compliance is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies.

The Sex Offender & Kidnap Registry Unit's responsibilities include the following:

- Provide information to the public.
- Work with local county sheriff's offices and city police departments to process registrations and enter information into the registry.
- Review pre-sentence investigation reports and police reports for specific crime information that may be accessed by local law enforcement during investigations.
- Work with local law enforcement regarding non-compliant registrants.
- Work with courts and other states' registration units concerning registrants.

- Receive and process tips from the public.
- Deal with and track the approximately 7,000 offenders currently appearing in the registry.

Once released to the community, sex offenders must adhere to standards of supervision typical for all parolees, but they are supervised more tightly, normally spend more time under supervision, and are visited by AP&P agents more frequently. In addition to heightened monitoring, they must adhere to an additional set of sex-offender specific probation or parole standards.

These links will take you to specific information about conditions sex offenders must abide by:

Conditions for Sex Offenders (offenses victimizing a minor) under Probation/Parole Supervision  
<http://www.corrections.utah.gov/images/groupaconditions.pdf>

Conditions for Sex Offenders (offenses victimizing an adult) under Probation/Parole Supervision  
<http://www.corrections.utah.gov/images/groupbconditions.pdf>

For information about the registry or registration requirements, contact the Sex Offender & Kidnap Offender Registry by calling 801-495-7700.

### **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY PUBLIC INFORMATION DISCLAIMER**

This information was taken from the UDC Sex Offender Registry website disclaimer.

The actual sex offender registration site has a disclaimer that individuals going onto the site to search for a sex offender are supposed to read and then click that they agree and then continue to the site.

According to Utah Code Ann. Section 77-41-110, "the department shall maintain a Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Notification and Registration website on the

Internet, which shall contain a disclaimer informing the public:

- (a) the information contained on the site is obtained from offenders and the department does not guarantee its accuracy or completeness;
- (b) members of the public are not allowed to use the information to harass or threaten offenders or members of their families; and
- (c) harassment, stalking, or threats against offenders or their families are prohibited and doing so may violate Utah criminal laws.”

Further, according to the law the DOC is to leave out any information that would identify a victim on the registry.

The disclaimer also states that the sex offender registry “does not imply that a listed individual will commit a specific type of crime in the future, nor does it imply that if a future crime is committed by a listed individual what the nature of that crime may be and the department makes no representation as to any offenders’ likelihood of reoffending.”

It should be noted that individuals who have been convicted of sex offenses and who are committed to the

Utah State Hospital for mental health conditions also are required to register.

**A handful of offenses eligible for early removal from registry**

There are a few categories of offenses in which the offender can petition the court for early removal from the registry, but only 5 years after their sentence has been completed. According to the website these are:

- 76-5-301 Kidnapping; 76-5-304 Unlawful detention; 76-5-401 Unlawful sexual activity with a minor (eligible only if at the time of offense the offender was no more than 10 years older than victim; 76-5-401 Enticing a minor, Class A misdemeanor offenses only; 76-5-401.2 Unlawful Sexual conduct with a 16 or 17 year old (eligible only if at time of the offense the offender was not more than 15 years older than the victim); and 76-9-702.7 Voyeurism, Class A misdemeanor only.

The entire disclaimer and more information about all offenses that require registration can be found at [http://www.communitynotification.com/cap\\_office\\_disclaimer.php?office=54438](http://www.communitynotification.com/cap_office_disclaimer.php?office=54438)

**UTAH DOC NOW HAS POLICY RESEARCH TOOL ON THEIR WEBSITE**

UPAN is pleased to learn that the corrections website [www.corrections.utah.gov](http://www.corrections.utah.gov) now has a search tool for the policies that Corrections has made available to the public without a records request.

Under the "Family & Friends of Inmates" menu, you'll see an option titled "Policies." Clicking on that option will take you to a page with a search tool that allows you to find their public policies. Not every policy that is public is accessible yet, and according to Brooke Adams, DOC Public Information Officer, this is a work-in-progress. Policies continue to be added.

You may need to try several search terms or words to find what you are looking for, but they are working on it. Also, for now it might be easier to use the “How Do I...” section under “Family and Friends” menu to look for policies related to visiting rules and dress code, because when you type in the search word, every policy that has visit in it comes up.

This is a positive step by the DOC to assist the public in accessing policies that do not need a GRAMA request.

If you have any questions, contact Brooke Adams at 801-545-5536 or by email at [brookeadams@utah.gov](mailto:brookeadams@utah.gov)

Contact for: [PrisonEd Foundation](mailto:PrisonEdFoundation@prisoned.org), Box 900693 Sandy, UT 84090 Email: [prisonedfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:prisonedfoundation@gmail.com)  
(Please do not send letters or emails for UPAN to PrisonEd, Please send to our address below)

That’s all for now. More good stuff next month. Meanwhile, stay cool, Ed.

Utah Prisoner Advocate Network  
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***“To remain indifferent to the challenges we face is indefensible. If the goal is noble, whether or not it is realized in our lifetime is irrelevant. What we must do, therefore, is to strive and persevere and never give up.” The 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama***



**SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT SURVEY FORM**

**In response to complaints and concerns of inmates and their families about the Sex Offender Treatment Program in the Utah State Prison System, the Legislative Audit Subcommittee has ordered a performance audit of SOTP. This is your opportunity to contribute your experiences with SOTP so that the Auditors can identify, research and report the issues that need to be addressed.**

Please fill out the survey form below. All information will be provided to the Audit team in the Office of the Legislative Auditor General’s Office to assist them with gathering information for the Audit.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Offender Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please provide even if you are no longer under state supervision)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Housing Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If currently in prison)  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- I am currently in prison  for original offense  for a parole or probation violation.
- I am on parole  I am no longer on parole
- I have violated my parole due to not progressing in outpatient therapy.

This is my  first time  second time  third or fourth time in prison for a sex offense.

- I am  I was in prison on:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ first-degree,  \_\_\_\_\_ second-degree,  \_\_\_\_\_ third-degree felonies.  
(How many) (How many) (How many)

My sentence is \_\_\_\_\_  
(for example, 0 – 5; 1 – 15; 5 – life; 10 – life, etc)

to run  concurrently  consecutively  \_\_\_\_\_ concurrently and \_\_\_\_\_ consecutively  
(How many) (How many)

All of my felonies  are  are not for sexual offenses.

I am currently in SOTP  It took me \_\_\_\_\_ years to be admitted to SOTP for the (first / only) time.  
(How many) (Circle one)

I am on the waiting list for SOTP.  I have been in the program \_\_\_\_\_ times in the past.  
(How many)  
 I have never been in SOTP before now.

I have been removed from SOTP. This is my  first  second  third  fourth removal.  
Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

I had to write \_\_\_\_\_ letters before the SOTP Treatment Team would accept me back in the program.  
(How many)

I had to wait \_\_\_\_\_ months before I received an answer to my readmission request letter.  
(How many)

While I was in therapy, I had  one  two  three or more therapists.

When a new therapist was assigned to my group:  
 I didn’t have to re-do any  I had to re-do some  I had to re-do all of my assignments.

I have a disability that makes it difficult for me:  
 to understand and/or  complete assignments and/or  to participate in group.  
What is your disability? \_\_\_\_\_

I received help while in SOTP due to my disability:  
 from a tutor supplied by SOTP and/or  from another inmate.  I didn’t receive any help.  
 I was removed from therapy because of my disability.  
 I completed SOTP in \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(How many)

**Please return completed form to: UPAN SURVEY, P.O. Box 464, Draper, UT 84020  
or copy and email as an attachment to: utahprisoneradvocate@gmail.com  
(Turn This Page Over for Your Personal Experiences and Comments)**

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If you would like to add comments, observations, your personal experiences or your thoughts and ideas on how SOTP can be improved, please use this page, and additional pages, if necessary. This could include issues related to the Resolve program versus previous SOTP in Draper, programs in county jails or other related concerns. Please do not include any information that cannot be verified by records that you or your support system now have in your possession, or documents that can be obtained through a GRAMA request.