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City of Cullman, Alabama	<p>The City of Cullman’s target population is juvenile charged with and/or adjudicated on sexual-based offenses in Cullman County, the 32nd Judicial District of Alabama, and the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama. Cullman County of Alabama is a mostly rural area populated by approximately 77,500 citizens (2000 U.S. Census). In 2003-04, Cullman County was ranked 8th in the state in per capita reports of child abuse/neglect. The City of Cullman, Alabama has launched a program called See Others As People (S.O.A.P) which provides risk assessments and outpatient treatment for adjudicated juveniles. One aspect of this project is to develop two multidisciplinary teams. One team (policy team) will examine and assess current practices and policies and establish expanded and improved practices and policies for juvenile sex offender management. The other team (direct service team) will provide treatment planning, ongoing case review, and monitoring of all juveniles charged with sex-based offenses.</p>
Orange County Probation Dept., California	<p>Orange County has just formed a Juvenile Sex Offender Management team (JSOM) to develop a coordinated system-wide approach to manage juvenile sex offenders and assist victims. The population targeted in this grant is juvenile sex offenders and their victims. The juvenile probationers’ average age at the time of the offense is 14.2 years. Almost all of their victims are under age 18, with 18% being under six years old. In order to accomplish the project goals, the team will meet monthly to analyze the current system practices, acknowledge the system strengths and gaps, and assist team members in prioritizing strategies for implementation. Subcommittees will be formed to address specific topic areas as appropriate, such as “Assessment and Treatment” with the appropriate stakeholder chairing the subcommittee.</p>
Executive Office of the Governor of Delaware	<p>As of May 2005 Delaware had 2,972 registered sex offenders. Of those registered, 346 were tier 3 offenders (most serious), 1,435 were tier 2 offenders, 664 were tier 1 offenders, and 527 had not received an assessment. Delaware has three counties in the entire state. The executive Office of the Governor of Delaware will establish is the careful design of a collaborative policy level team to examine the current system, note how it can be improved, and provide supervision that changes are made to the system. The grantee will ensure participation from policy level decision makers capable of instituting change as well as individuals actually conducting the work in the field.</p>
Hawaii Department of Public Safety	<p>The Hawaii Department of Public Safety (HDOPS) will use federal funding to establish a statewide mapping system for both juvenile and adult sex offenders. The Sex Offender Management Team in collaboration with HDOPS will expand awareness and collaboration efforts for their Sex Offender Management Team, develop an intensive</p>

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	training plan, and implement a best practice standard for all sex offender case management in the state.
Indiana Department of Correction	<p>The goal for the state of Indiana is to improve public safety through the management and monitoring of adult and juvenile sex offenders and prevent further victimization while an offender is on probation, parole, or community corrections throughout the state. Indiana University will work with the multi-disciplinary task team throughout the entire process. The university will assist the DOC in developing a list of competencies that are needed for each officer, whether parole, probation, or community corrections, to manage and supervise a sex offender while in the community. Starting in January 2006, Indiana will launch a public website that builds upon an already existing site by adding GIS mapping of offender location in relation to addresses, schools, parks, and daycares; and enhanced criminal information on offenders. The Indiana Department of Correction will conduct a training that will gather information to construct a baseline knowledge of the skills of community supervision officers charged with supervising sex offenders. The preliminary objective of the training is to identify various competencies of each participant such as, how to provide supervision that is multidisciplinary and collaborate with multiple agencies, how to regularly update the offenders relapse prevention plan and how to identify what community services are available for these offenders.</p>
Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet	<p>Kentucky has 265 juveniles convicted of sexual offenses as public offenders under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). According to Kentucky Revised Statutes, at the point of disposition, the district court judge has the authority to declare a juvenile a ‘Juvenile Sexual Offender’ or allow the juvenile to remain a public offender convicted of a sexual offense. DJJ implemented the Juvenile Sex Offender Management Program. The program’s primary goal is to enhance public safety by providing sexual offender treatment with resources to prevent relapse and to promote the development of the juveniles toward being productive law-abiding adults. The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet will subgrant funds to the Department of Juvenile Justice to conduct an analysis of the training needs and initiate training development for staff and community stakeholders to address the issue of juvenile sex offender management.</p>
Kansas Department of Corrections	<p>In the State of Kansas there are three agencies responsible for the supervision and management of convicted adult felony sex offenders: Court Services, Community Corrections, and Parole. The Kansas Department of Corrections (KDOC) is the agency with jurisdiction over Community Corrections and Parole activities. Currently, there are 5,150 KDOC offenders on supervision, and of them, 935 (18%) are sex</p>

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	<p>offenders. To manage these released offenders, KDOC staffs 19 parole offices throughout the state. KDOC also contracts with a Community Corrections office to supervise offenders in far rural areas. Prior to the development of a sex offender training curriculum for probation and parole officers, the policy team will evaluate and compare the current sex offender management policies and training curriculum for KDOC and the Community Corrections agencies through the state. With guidance from the University of Kansas, the policy team will develop and mail a survey to KDOC Parole Services and the directors of the 31 Community Corrections agencies. Use of the survey will enable the policy team to collect and examine baseline data and information relative to the supervision of sex offenders and sex offender specific training being offered to staff. The Kalamazoo County Sheriff’s Department will establish a local sex offender management collaborative team and engage other relevant local stakeholders to participate in a multidisciplinary partnership for planning and implementation. The team will develop, implement, and promote the use of a comprehensive strategy for managing sex offenders using evidence-based practices for sex offender treatment, release planning, and community supervision, development, and education. Phase I of the project will involve the assessment, planning, and development of a comprehensive strategy. Phase II will focus on implementation of the strategy.</p>
<p>Lafourche Parish Sheriff Office, Louisiana</p>	<p>The Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office (LPSO) serves as the chief law enforcement agency for Lafourche Parish, Louisiana. In accordance with federal and state law, the LPSO established the required administrative mechanism to register sex offenders and provide the necessary notifications. In response, the LPSO, in the latter part of 2004, created and implemented the Lafourche Parish “Sex Offender Accountability Program,” commonly referred to as SOAP. The SOAP program goal is to establish a comprehensive and cohesive network that goes beyond traditional approaches to sex offender management by developing collaborative strategies to contain offenders, gain greater insight into the complex nature of sexual offenses, the impact sexual assault has on victims and society, and the ability to forge partnerships that will result in cost reductions through the sharing of information and the development of common goals, and the creation of compatible internal policies in support of those goals.</p>
<p>Wayne County, Michigan</p>	<p>The Wayne County Collaborative Team is dedicated to developing strategies, consistent with evidence-based best-practice standards, to address the most critical needs and to monitor and evaluate the implementation of juvenile sex-offender management from the point of investigating a sexual crime to the completion of treatment, supervision and community reintegration. A multidisciplinary collaborative team</p>

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	<p>has been assembled in conjunction with this grant effort to critically assess the current programs, practices, policies and resources utilized to manage the County's juvenile sex offenders. The provision of grant resources will be used to identify the strengths and weaknesses within Wayne County's current system of care (Phase I assessment). Phase I of the project will encompass 4 major task areas: 1) Team composition and team functioning, 2) Pre-assessment data collection, 3) Comprehensive assessment activities, and 4) Development of an implementation plan addressing the needs identified in the assessment process.</p>
<p>New York State Unified Court System-Suffolk County</p>	<p>Suffolk County is a Suburban municipality located on the eastern portion of Long Island, to the east of New York City. The sex offender population poses several dilemmas for criminal justice practitioners. In Suffolk County each year there are over 450 sex offense arrests (260 are felony level), the majority of which are the result of ongoing investigations by the Suffolk County Police Department Special Victims Bureau. Since 1985, Suffolk County's Department of Probation has been working to develop innovative approaches to managing sex offenders. The New York Unified Court System, in collaboration with local stakeholders including the Department of Probation, the District Attorney, victim agencies and others, plans to assess and implement a uniform and streamlined approach to sex offender management in Suffolk County.</p>
<p>Logan County Juvenile Court, Ohio</p>	<p>For the past 1 ½ years the Logan County Family Court has operated a Juvenile Sex Offender Program, including a Juvenile Sex Offender Court. In 2001 the number of juvenile sex offenders managed in Logan County, Ohio was nine. The type of offenders involved in the program includes those committing: rape, sexual imposition and gross sexual imposition. The target population for this grant is Juvenile Sex Offenders ages 13-21 living in Logan County, Ohio who can be supervised and treated in the community. The Logan County Juvenile Sex Offender Program proposes to provide a more comprehensive, coordinated, interagency response to juvenile sex offenders and their victims. To enhance the present program coordination is essential. With additional staff hours to coordinate the collaborative effort, collect data and report to evaluator, secure the remaining hours for the specialty probation officer, develop a family group assistant, include polygraph testing, increase ability for supervision and monitoring and secure treatment foster home(s) the program can experience stability and consistency.</p>
<p>Rhode Island Department of Corrections</p>	<p>The Rhode Island Department of Corrections' goal is to enhance existing collaboration; promote consistency of approach, shared understanding, and appropriate exchange of information; and strengthen professional ties among all involved in the case management,</p>

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	<p>supervision and relapse prevention services for adult and juvenile sex offender throughout Rhode Island. In conjunction with and building upon the activities of the existing multidisciplinary team, the RI Sex Offender Management Task Force, through the RI Department of Corrections, proposes to develop and implement a comprehensive collaborative training program throughout the state for those who provide case management, supervision and/or relapse prevention services to adult and juvenile sex offenders.</p>
<p>Bexar County Board, Texas</p>	<p>Bexar County (San Antonio) Texas is an urban community of 1,392,931 residents. The census indicates that 36% qualify as low income. BCJP will use the requested 24-month CASOM grant to improve Bexar County’s juvenile sex offender management policies and practices by: critically examining existing approaches; identifying gaps and areas of need; and developing and implementing specific corresponding strategies. The resulting approach will be driven by the principles of effective juvenile sex offender management, including: prioritization of and sensitivity to victim impact; utilization of specialized knowledge; education and involvement of the public; assurance of integrity through on-going monitoring and evaluation; and multidisciplinary collaboration.</p>