



SCDC POLICY/PROCEDURE

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TITLE: SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM (SOTP)

ISSUE DATE: AUGUST 1, 2003

RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY: DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

OPERATIONS MANUAL: PROGRAM SERVICES

SUPERSEDES: NONE

RELEVANT SCDC FORMS/SUPPLIES:

ACA/CAC STANDARDS:

STATE/FEDERAL STATUTES:

PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for and a consistent approach to the programming for inmates who are referred to the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP).

POLICY STATEMENT: The Agency will refer inmates who are identified as appropriate for Sex Offender Treatment to the Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP). The SOTP is managed under Program Services and provides comprehensive services for inmates as a free-standing program. The SOTP provides educational groups, treatment groups, and relapse prevention groups for inmates placed in the residential units at Broad River Correctional Institution (BRCI) and Turbeville Correctional Institution and those assigned to other institutions within the SCDC. The SOTP staff will also provide services and consultation for inmates who need such services within other clinical settings. Inmates demonstrating the need for sex offender treatment will be provided such in accordance with all applicable Agency policies/procedures, American Correctional Association Standards, and state and federal statutes.

SPECIFIC PROCEDURES:

1. REFERRAL TO THE SEX OFFENDER TREATMENT PROGRAM (SOTP):

1.1 All SCDC inmates who have a current, active commitment for a sex offense are expected to participate in the Sex Offender Treatment Program. (3-4292)

1.2 Should an inmate submit a request to the medical or mental health staff for sex offender treatment, the request will be forwarded to the SOTP Coordinator for evaluation.

1.3 Inmates identified as mentally ill will remain listed as mentally ill, and the program assignment will be indicated in the "Non-Confidential" section of the Health Summary in the automated medical record.

1.4 Attendance: Inmates who have a current, active commitment for a sex offense will be offered this program as indicated below:

- Phase I Education (a 16 week pre-treatment group);

- Phase II Treatment (a nine [9] month therapy group); and
- Relapse Prevention (an eight [8] week release-planning group).

1.5 All Youthful Offenders, including Juvenile Justice offenders, who have a current, active commitment for a sex offense will be offered Relapse Prevention I or II at Turbeville Correctional Institution.

2. PROCEDURES FOR ASSIGNING INMATES TO MANDATORY PROGRAM:

2.1 Inmates identified as mentally ill will remain listed as mentally ill, and the secondary sexual offender treatment issues will be indicated in the "Non-Confidential" section of the Health Summary in the automated medical record.

2.2 Priority of Assignment: (NOTE: Release dates will be determined using the DATES screen of the OMS.)

2.2.1 If an inmate has a minimum of two (2) years left prior to release (maxout), has a court order for treatment or is high risk to reoffend (as measured on the Static 99 Risk Assessment), the SOTP Coordinator or designee will assess and assign him to treatment and relapse prevention groups at the Residential Treatment Unit.

2.2.2 If an inmate has less than one (1) year left prior to release and is housed at an outlying institution with no treatment staff, the Classification Case Manager or Mental Health Professional will assign him to either Phase I Education or Relapse Prevention Groups, where available.

2.2.3 The SOTP Coordinator and staff will assess and assign inmates to Phase II Treatment and Relapse Prevention I and II groups at the designated treatment units.

2.3 Once an inmate has been identified and approved for assignment to a residential program, he will be assigned either to the appropriate program or to a waiting list for the appropriate program. The waiting list will be maintained by the SOTP Coordinator.

2.4 Institutional Transfers: Inmates will be referred to the Division of Classification and Inmate Records for transfer when treatment beds are available. The following will apply to all inmates except youthful offenders:

2.4.1 If the inmate meets the criteria for treatment and requires transfer to the Residential Unit, the SOTP Coordinator will submit his name to the institutional Health Care Authority (HCA) or designee to check/update his Health Summary.

2.4.2 If cleared by medical for transfer (will be noted in "Non-Confidential Remarks" on Health Summary screen), the SOTP Coordinator will submit his name to the Division of Classification and Inmate Records.

3. DISCIPLINARY SYSTEM/PROGRAM SANCTIONS: Inmates, including youthful offenders, will be terminated from the program for violation of the program contract and/or for violation of any Agency policy/procedure resulting in conviction of a major disciplinary infraction. The program case manager will notify the case management team of any infractions, charges, or terminations, and the team will make recommendations for sanctions. Violation of program requirements or Agency policies/procedures will be grounds for dismissal, as noted above. Once dismissed or terminated from the program, non-YOIP inmates (BRCI treatment participants only) will be referred to the Division of Classification and Inmate Records for transfer to other institutions. Documentation of termination and justification for the decision will be maintained in the inmate's record. Inmates who are terminated from the program must wait a minimum of six (6) months for reassessment for readmission to a residential treatment program. (This procedure does not apply to youthful offenders. For information on youthful offenders, see procedure 4., below.)

4. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS:

4.1 All youthful sex offenders will be required to actively participate in a sex offender treatment program until they are released, paroled, or complete assigned groups at the designated institution. These inmates will be assigned by the program Clinical Correctional Counselor based on prior treatment involvement or time left to serve.

4.2 The sex offender treatment program supervisor at the designated YOIP institution will function as the case manager for enrolled inmates and will report progress and recommend sanctions to the case management team, in accordance with YOIP guidelines.

4.3 As noted above, youthful sex offenders who fail to report, fail to regularly attend, or refuse to do the required work will be terminated from the program. Assessment for readmission to the group will occur no later than three (3) months from the inmate's suspension (unless the sanction for the violation lasts longer than three [3] months).

4.4 If an inmate is terminated from the program, the case manager, in consultation with the SOTP Coordinator and the Division Director of the YOIP, may recommend additional sanctions, pursuant to Agency policies/procedures related to the YOIP.

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