

Evidence-Based Reform: Finding New Ways Forward



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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We all have difficult issues on our plate, few more difficult and emotional than those surrounding sexual offending. And, as we all know, the best thing we can do is to be informed. In Session 1, we heard Dr. R. Karl Hanson convey: 1) rate of recidivism is low, 2) once convicted, most are never re-convicted of another sexual offense and 3) the longer individuals remain offense free in the community the less likely they are to reoffend. Video to Session 1: youtu.be/Hnf3bmoPLx4

Ms. Gotch, is the founder and director of Integrated Clinical & Correctional Services (ICCS). She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Boston University and a master's degree in forensic psychology from the University of Denver. She is a nationally recognized expert in public policy and the assessment, treatment and management of individuals convicted of sexual crimes. She currently serves as the Public Policy Representative for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) Executive Board. Please read her bio at: www.OneStandardOfJustice.org/Katherine-Gotch-Bio.pdf

In Session 2, Ms. Gotch will discuss the recent research and recommendations of ATSA for evidence-based reform of the registry as well as reforms taking place nationally. ATSA is an international, multi-disciplinary organization dedicated to making society safer by preventing sexual abuse through sound research, effective evidence-based practice, informed public policy, and collaborative community strategies that lead to the effective assessment, treatment, and management of individuals who have sexually abused or are at risk to abuse. ATSA sets standards and practice guidelines for treatment providers; produces a code of ethics for practitioners; and, produces the highly ranked peer-reviewed journal, Sexual Abuse. Their mission "is to make society safer by preventing sexual abuse."

Dr. Danielle Cooper will be moderating the event. She is an associate professor of criminal justice at the University of New Haven and a Certified Prevention Professional (in FL and CT).

I hope that, at a minimum, we can begin to establish a baseline of shared information on this difficult subject. OSJ is looking forward to working with you to create safer communities. We want our citizens to *be safe* not just *feel safe*.

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2020 ATSA Registration Reform Adult Summary

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2020 ATSA Registration Reform Youth Summary

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