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THE TEAM APPROACH

**COLLABORATION WITH LANDLORDS, VICTIM
ADVOCACY, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SEX
OFFENDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

AGENDA

- Introduction of Workshop
- General Format for Collaboration
- Working As a Team
- What About the Neighbors?!
- Next Steps

WHY OUR WORK TOGETHER IS IMPORTANT

Our work seeks to create and build safe communities. We each have a part in this complex task which requires the efforts and expertise from each of us.

The members of the sex offender management system want to help you; to give you the resources and the information you need to do your best in our work to create safe communities.

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM

“A group of community members from various specialties and backgrounds, working together toward a common goal.”

CSOM identifies nine disciplines:

- Law enforcement
- Community corrections
- Institutional corrections
- Parole
- Defense
- Prosecution
- Courts
- Sex offender treatment providers
- Victim advocacy

97% of offenders currently serving time for sexual offenses will return to our communities.

-Washington State Department of Corrections Website



ADDRESS VERIFICATIONS IS A RESPONSIBILITY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT



LAW ENFORCEMENT DOES NOT GET TO CHOOSE WHERE THEY LIVE



LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPLETES THE RISK LEVEL ASSESSMENTS

The files include: Reg./Not./J&S/PSI/Med.



SEX OFFENDERS ARE A DIVERSE POPULATION

- What they “look like” varies
- What they “do” varies
- Who they target varies
- Why they do it varies



THE ROLE OF A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER (CCO)

“A CCO has a unique job and does the work that no one else can do!”

-Police Detective who monitors sex offenders

Supervises:

- Registration
- Treatment
- Alcohol and drugs
- Relationships
- Entertainment
- Employment
- Residence
- Contact with potential victims



THOUGHTS ABOUT RISK.....

The goal is to reduce the risk of a re-offense for the sex offender, and...



...increase the factors that 'protect' or influence the stability and the pro-social behaviors.



A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO USING AN MDT MODEL

The responsibility for sex offender management cannot rest solely on a single agency or discipline. Collaborative relationships are imperative to an efficient and effective sex offender management system.

You are a key partner in this effort.

PARTNERSHIPS WORK!

- Treatment Providers
- Landlords
- Community Parole
- Block Watch Captains
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecuting Attorneys
- Job Supervisors
- Defense Attorneys
- Victim Advocates
- Guardians
- Family and Friends

Partnerships



ROLE OF HOUSING PROVIDERS

Housing Providers/Landlords have a leading role in offender accountability and stability.

You have the opportunity to be actively involved in partnerships through the system as a means for ongoing offender management and community safety efforts.

But, you can't do it alone.

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNITY RISK OR VULNERABILITY.....

- 44% of victims are under the age 18.
- Sixty percent of rapes go unreported.
- Approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim.



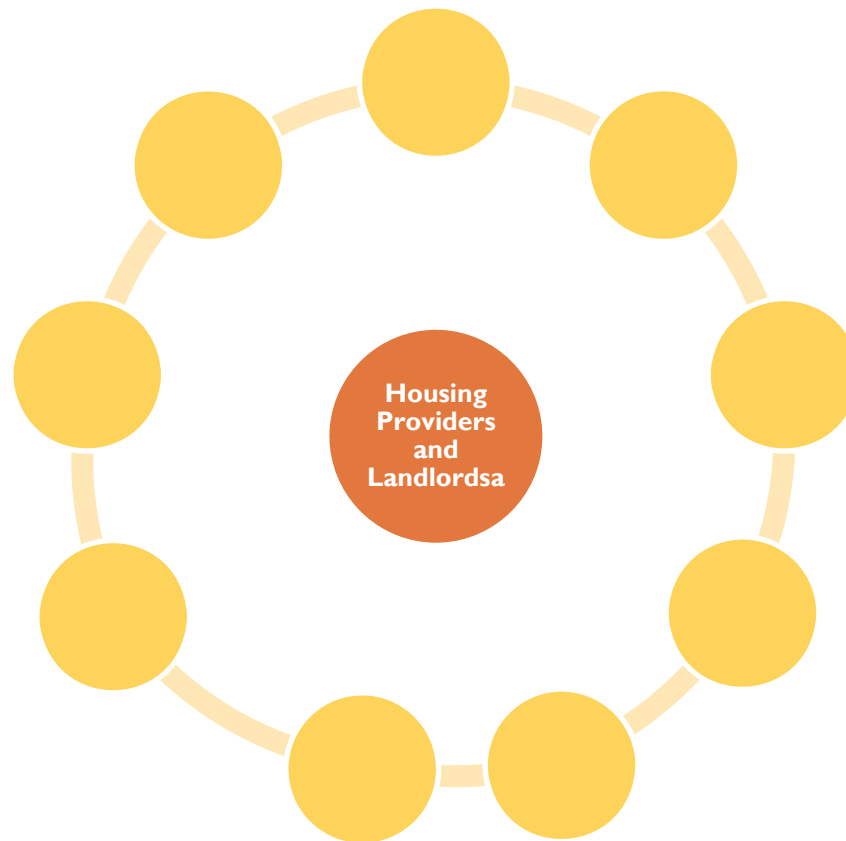
A COMMUNITY MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM MODEL



STRENGTH OF MDT

- MDT members, when all present or in coordination with partners, can handle the difficult questions and concerns voiced by the community.
- Location? Supervision? Crime committed? Treatment? Risk to Reoffend?
- Opportunity to enhance a community's knowledge

YOUR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM?



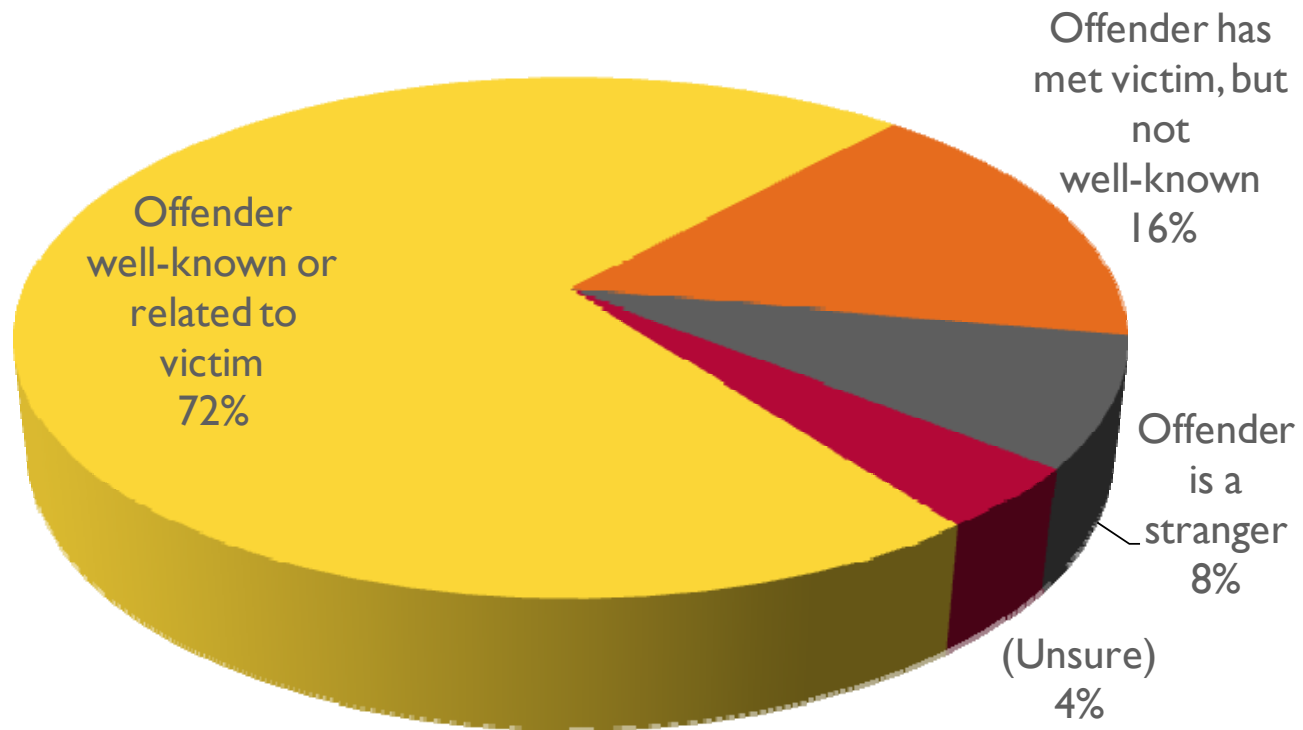


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WHAT ABOUT THE NEIGHBORS?

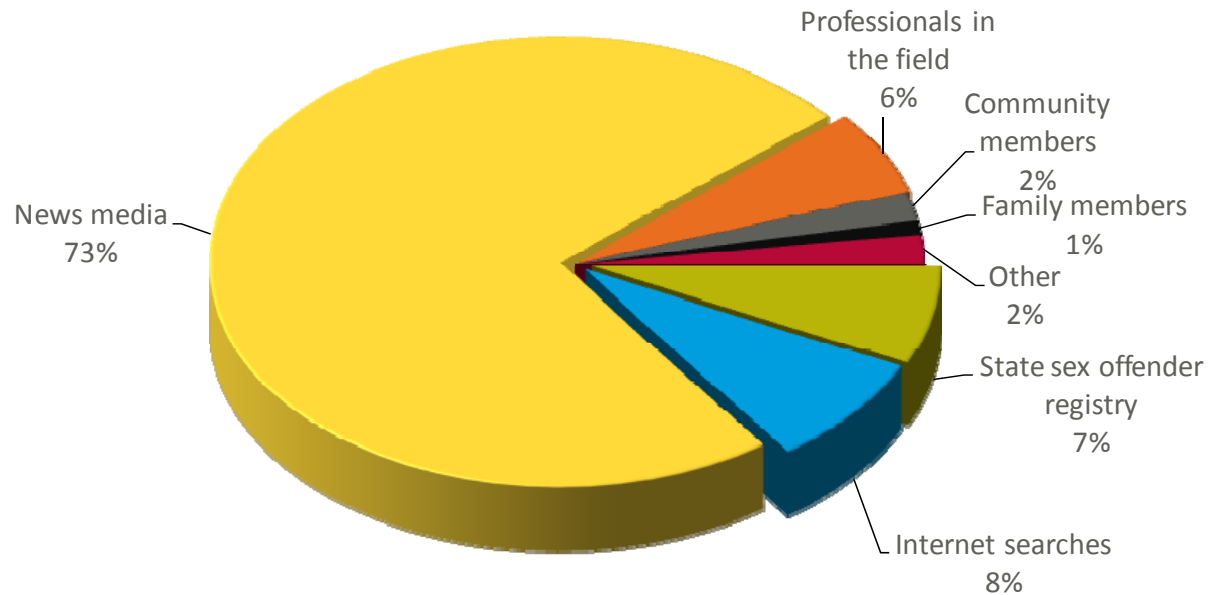
**SOME INTERESTING FACTS: RESULTS FROM THE PUBLIC
OPINION SURVEY BY THE CENTER FOR SEX OFFENDER
MANAGEMENT (CSOM)**

WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT SEX OFFENDERS WHO VICTIMIZE CHILDREN DO YOU THINK IS MOST TRUE?

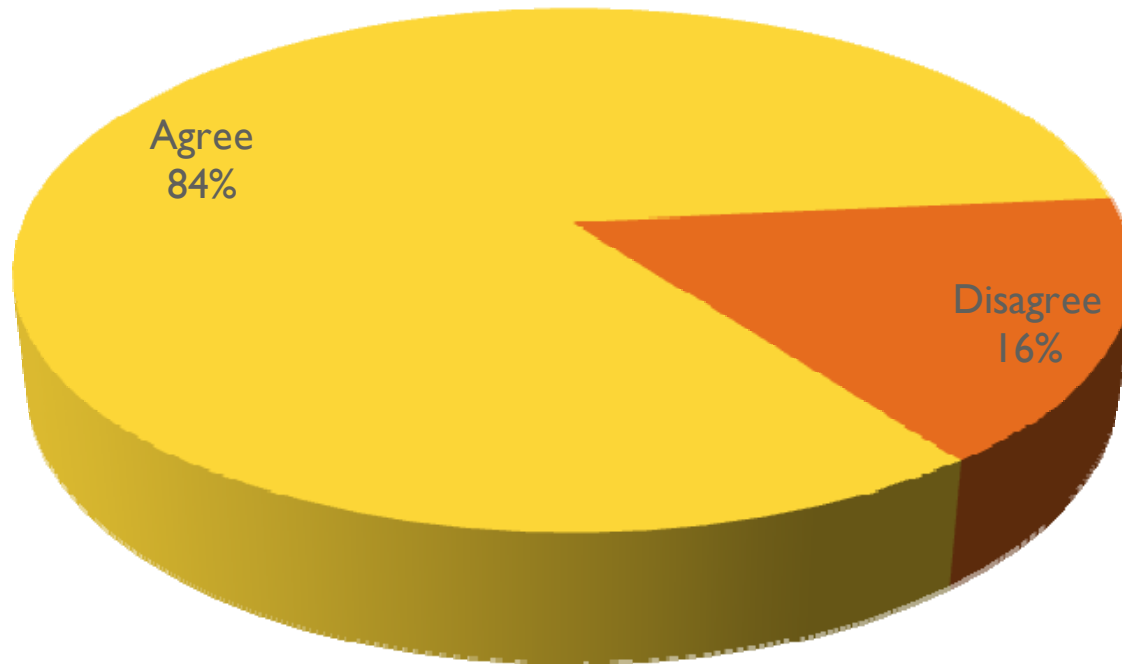


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FROM WHAT SOURCE HAVE YOU RECEIVED MOST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT SEX OFFENDERS?



I WANT MORE INFORMATION THAN I HAVE NOW ABOUT THE WAYS THAT SEX OFFENDING CAN BE PREVENTED IN MY OWN COMMUNITY



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IT COMES DOWN TO JUST TWO THINGS:

- 1. Emotions**
- 2. Connection**

THE EMOTIONS IN THE ROOM

- It is the “elephant in the room” that isn’t talked about but it is present.
- Knowledge does not change emotions.
- Some of the reasons why fear and anger are in the room.

SOME SIMPLE IDEAS:

Things to not say:

- “I hate sex offenders, too.”
- “If it were up to me _____.”
- “I know how you feel.”
- “Yes, even sex offenders have rights.”

Things to say:

- “If you see something suspicious, call.”
- “This does not have to be the end of the conversation. Here is my card.”
- “I hear your frustration.”

MOST IMPORTANTLY.....

- We know that a housed and stable sex offender or general offender is less likely to commit another crime.
- Stability = Safe Communities
 - There is no one solution to this social problem
 - Laws and incarceration will not stop this social issue. We also need to find ways to prevent and that is where the community has a role, as well as the members of the MDT

EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR YOU

- **Packets**
 - PowerPoint Presentation
 - Consultations
 - Information
 - Website

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Q AND A

- **Please ask me questions...**
- **Some questions to you:**
 - From your perspective, what in the sex offender management system needs changing?
 - What are some shortcomings of the sex offender management system that you see from your role/position?