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## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

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Sex Offender Programs, dated 5/1/2007

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Sex Offender Programs

- 1. <u>Policy</u>. The Department of Correction shall provide sex offender programs for inmates.
- Authority and Reference.
  - A. Connecticut General Statutes, Section 18-81.
  - B. American Correctional Association, Standards for Administration of Correctional Agencies, Second Edition, April 1993, Standard 2-CO-4E-01.
  - C. American Correctional Association, Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions, Fourth Edition, January 2003, Standard 4-4312.
  - D. American Correctional Association, Performance-Based Standards for Adult Local Detention Facilities, Fourth Edition, June 2004, Standard 4-ALDF-5A-01.
  - E. Administrative Directive 9.2, Offender Classification.
  - F. Department of Correction, Objective Classification Manual.
- 3. <u>Definitions</u>. For the purposes stated herein, the following definitions apply:
  - A. Sex Offender. An inmate who has been convicted of a sexual assault pursuant to the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes or if convicted of a sexual assault in another state in which the essential elements of the offense correspond with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes.
  - B. <u>Sex Offender Programs</u>. Services which may include orientation, psychoeducational groups, individual counseling, group counseling, pharmacological interventions, discharge planning, and other clinical interventions.
- 4. <u>Organization</u>. The Director of Programs and Treatment (Division) shall designate specific facilities to provide sex offender programs.
- 5. Sex Treatment Needs Score. A sex treatment needs score shall be assigned to each pre-trial and sentenced inmate consistent with the Objective Classification Manual and Administrative Directive 9.2, Offender Classification. Each classification counselor shall inform any inmate with a sex treatment needs score of 2 or above of existing sex offender programs.
- 6. Orientation. The Department shall provide sex offender program information at orientation for sentenced inmates with a sex treatment needs score of 2 or above at facilities that provide sex offender programming.
- 7. Referral. During regular reclassification reviews, a classification counselor shall inform an inmate, with a sex treatment needs score of 2 or above, of the availability of sex offender programs. An inmate may request to participate in sex offender programs through their assigned

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classification counselor or facility health services staff at any point during the inmate's incarceration. When an inmate requests sex offender programming, the inmate's counselor or facility health services staff shall submit a referral to sex offender program staff. Upon receipt of a referral, the sex offender program staff shall conduct an assessment to determine the inmate's eligibility to participate in sex offender programs. Inmates shall be prioritized for services based on clinical needs, motivation, available resources and release date.

- 8. <u>Assessment and Program Assignment</u>. Sex offender program staff shall conduct an assessment to determine eligibility and/or program assignment.
- 9. <u>Process Evaluation</u>. An ongoing evaluation of services shall occur at each facility providing sex offender programming. This evaluation shall require submission of annual reports to the Director of Health and Addiction Services or designee.
- 10. Exceptions. Any exceptions to the procedures in this Administrative Directive shall require prior written approval from the Commissioner.