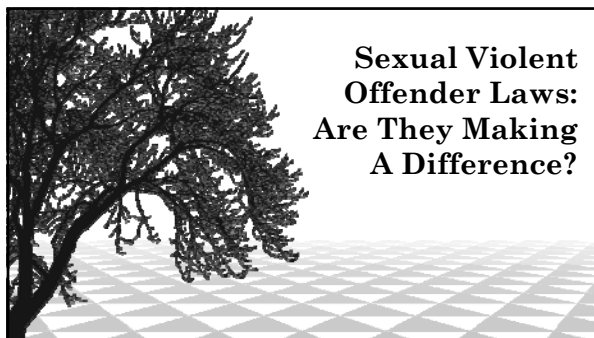


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Session Objectives

- Participants will have an understanding of the current sexual violent offender laws across states.
- Participants will discuss the efficacy of sexual offender laws in the deterrence of recidivism.
- Participants will address implications for health policy advocacy and research.

Clarification of Terminology

- Sexual Violent Offense
- Sexually Violent Predator
- Registration
- Risk Assessment
- Compliance

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Sexual Violent Offender Laws

- Wetterling Crimes Against Children Act (1994)
 - Sexually Violent Offender Registration Act [Megan’s Law] – 1996
- Pam Lyncher Sexual Offender Tracking and Identification Act (1996)

Adam Walsh Protection Act [AWA] (2007)

- Title I
 - Registration and community notification
- Title II
 - Sex Crime Punishment/ Sentencing Enhancements
- Title III
 - Civil Commitment
- Title IV
 - Immigration law reform

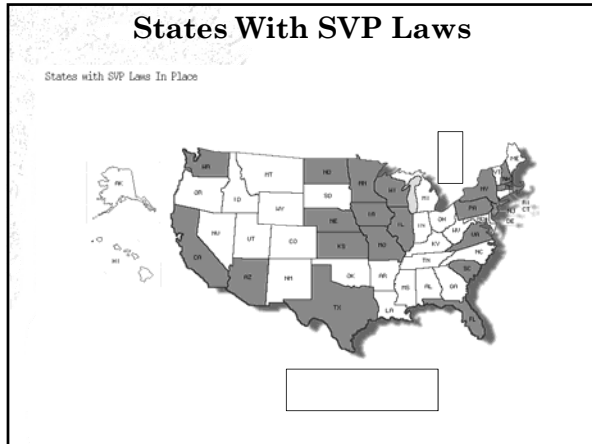
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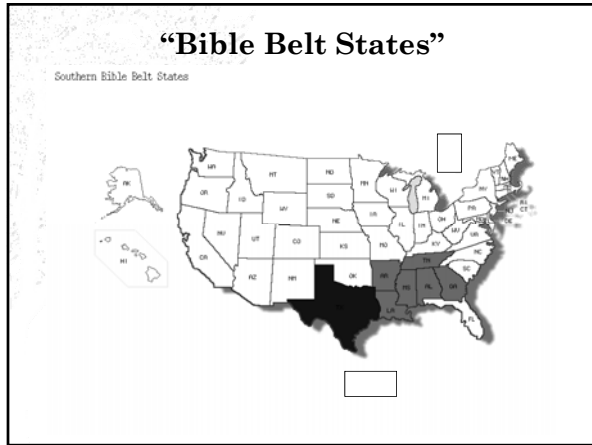
- Title V
 - Child Pornography Prevention
- Title VI
 - Children and Community Safety
- Title VII
 - Internet Safety

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- ### Gaps/Deficits
- Public misperception
 - Inconsistent risk assessments
 - Reliable evidence-based statistics
 - Reporting of compliance measures
 - Others

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Implementation Authority

- Varies among states
- Department of Public Safety
- Department of Justice
- State Law Enforcement Officials
- Local Law Enforcement Officials

Impact on Recidivism

- Risk Assessment
- Registration Requirements
- Duration of Registration
- Compliance Rates

Challenges/Controversies

- Public safety
- Accuracy
- Removal from registry
- Community notification
- Public Access to database

Policy and Advocacy

- In-depth Analysis of Existing Legislation
- Public Awareness
- Human Rights Protection
- Funding Priorities and Accountability

Research Implications

- Sex Offender Treatment Programs
- Effectiveness of different strategies
- Funding of the Center for Sex Offender Management
- Community engagement and multidisciplinary collaboration

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