

# How To Start A Juvenile Sex Offending Treatment Group:

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Helpful Hints and Potential Barriers

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# Basic Goals

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- Determining Need
- Program Design
- Securing Community Support/Marketing
- Funding/Sustainability

# Primary Goal

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Identify Potential Barriers that  
may (will) arise throughout the  
entire process

# Determining Need

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How do you know if your county/jurisdiction needs a treatment group for juvenile sex offenders?

And

Who is responsible for implementing the program?

# Determining Need

Local Family Violence Coordinating Council

Sexual Violence Committee

Juvenile Sex Offending Task Force

# Determining Need

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- Needs Assessment
- Surveys
- Already-existing Programs
- Data Collection/Stats
- Presentation to LFVCC

# Needs Assessment

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Explored other organization's/agency's

- Intake process pertaining to JSO's
- Capacity to serve this population
- Nature and extent of their involvement regarding juvenile offending issues

# Survey

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- Mailed to Mental Health Providers
- Examined current therapeutic services available to this population
- Explored willingness to serve this population
- Parameters surrounding service provision

# Already-existing Programs

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- Consultation
- Support
- Best Practice
- Feedback

# Data Collection

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- Sexual Abuse investigations involving Juveniles
- Sexual Assault investigations
- Status of alleged offender

# Presentation of Findings

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- National Data
- Intervention Strategies/Modalities
- Local Data
- Findings
- Action Plan

# Program Design

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Sometimes, theory does not  
translate into practice

# Program Design

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- Group Development
  - Format
  - Criteria
  - Rules
  - Topics
- Vendor Selection
- Referral Process
- Outcome Measures

# Group Development

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Sometimes, the best laid plans  
go astray.

# Group Development

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- Format
- Criteria
- Rules
- Topics

# Group Format

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- # of Facilitators
- Pre-determined Rules and Topics
- Well-defined Referral Process
- Parental Expectations
- Outcome Measures
- Frequency and length of group

# Group Criteria

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- Adjudication/Stipulation of Probation
- Acknowledgement of Offense
- Individual Therapy
- Comparable Ages and Developmental Levels
- Gender
- Assessment

# Group Rules

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- Policies
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Confidentiality
- Attendance
- Consequences

# Group Topics

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- Sexuality
- Social Skills
- Empathy
- Relapse Prevention

# Vendor Selection

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- RFP
- Contract
- Invoices
- Monitoring

# Referral Process

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- Referral Form
- Referring Agencies
- Referral Oversight
- “Welcome Packet”

# Outcome Measures

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- Baseline Assessment (Pre/Post-Test)
- Scoring

# Community Support/Marketing

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“Those that fail to learn from  
history, are doomed to  
repeat it”

Winston Churchill

# Community Support/Marketing

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- Community Outreach/Presentations
- The Juvenile Sex Offending Steering Committee
- Brochures
- MOU's

# Community Outreach

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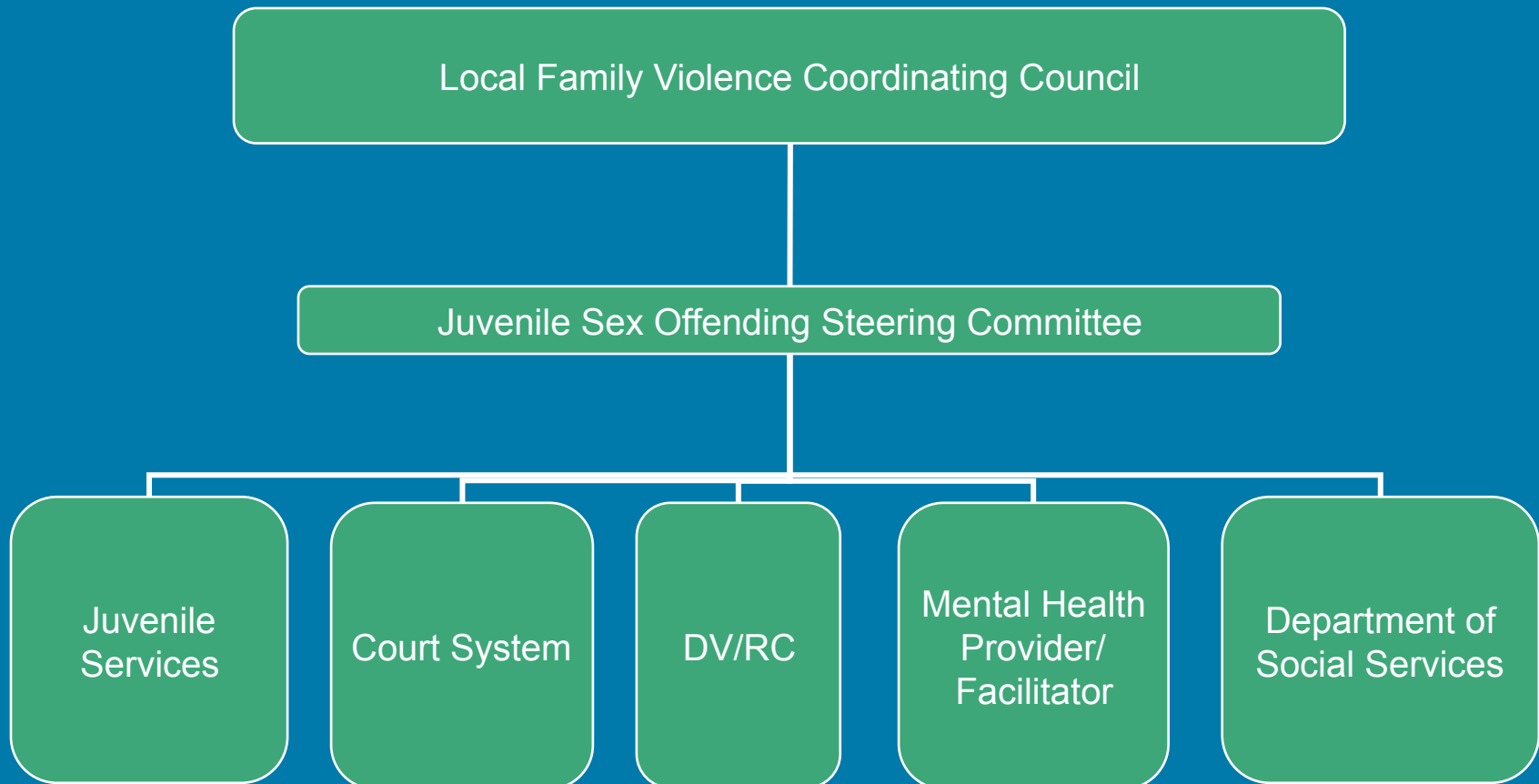
- Presentations
  - Juvenile Services
  - State Attorney's Office
  - Court System
  - Mental Health Providers
  - Board of Education

# The Juvenile Sex Offending Steering Committee

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- Evolution
- Representation
- Responsibilities

# The Juvenile Sex Offending Steering Committee



# Community Support/Marketing

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- MOU with Partnering Agency
- Brochures
- Announcements

# Funding/Sustainability

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I wish I knew then, what I  
know now.

# Funding/Sustainability

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- Grants
- Sustainability

# Grant Funding/Sustainability

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- Sources
- Spending
- Barriers
- The future

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Is the reward equal to the effort put forth to achieve it or is the reward, the effort in and of itself ?

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