North Dakota

Brief Synopsis

Sex Offender Registration Requirements
ND requires sex offenders to register at local law enforcement agencies for either 10 years after release from prison or after placement on probation. There are some sex offenders that are required to register for their lifetime. The sex offender has 10 days to register their address, name of the school attending, and name and address of employment. If they move, change employment or school, they have 10 days to record that change with the local law enforcement agency. Those sex offenders living outside North Dakota and either attending school or working in ND need to register. Any time an out of state sex offender working or going to school in North Dakota changes either their job or school, they need to notify law enforcement of their most recent change. If, on the other hand, a North Dakota sex offender works or goes to school outside the state, he/she will be required to register with that state. Also, if a sex offender is visiting another state and is at a specific location for 10 days or more, he/she will need to register. Failure to register or report above noted changes is a Class A Misdemeanor punishable for at least 90 days in jail and one year probation. Each succeeding violation of this law will result in a more severe sentence.

Sex Offender Special Conditions
All sex offenders at time of sentencing will be subject to our standard conditions of supervision as well as those conditions specific to sex offender supervision. Those sex offender specific conditions include: DNA testing, register as a sex offender, complete sex offender treatment, no contact with victims or children under 18, reside only at such places as approved by probation/parole officer, not loiter near schoolyards, parks, playgrounds, arcades or other places used or visited primarily by minors, be employed only by business that does not provide services for care/custody of minors, cannot purchase/possess/use sexually stimulating materials, can't utilize 900 numbers, cannot have any Internet service, cannot possess children's items (toys, games, pictures, books) without written permission of probation/parole officer, cannot date or socialize with anybody with children under 18 years of age (without written permission of probation/parole officer), notify probation/parole officer of any new and existing romantic or sexual relations, submit to psychiatric/psychological/pethysmograph/polygraph to assist with treatment, and be financially responsible for assessments/polygraphs/treatment. The sex offender conditions can be modified to include other specific elements through a process initiated by the officer and signed off by a judge. ND will also implement a GPS tracking system within this next biennium.

Additional Information
Our state has officers trained as sex offender specialists. These officers/specialists complete all sex offender presentence investigations and supervise sex offender-specific caseloads. They are required to facilitate cognitive restructuring groups for the sex offenders they supervise. ND has been on the fast-track for implementing supervision strategies and assessment tools to provide for safer communities and appropriate supervision of the sex offender population. Our officers are required to complete the MnSOST-R, Static 99, Stable 2000. Acute 2000 and LSI-R on all sex offenders they
supervise. A score of 8 or greater on the MnSOST-R will require our officers to write a letter to the local prosecutor and Attorney General's Office requesting a review for civil commitment.