

MONITORING SEX OFFENDERS: The Challenges to Community Corrections

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Supervision Practices

- Virginia Department of Corrections
 - 43 different districts
 - 14 funded containment supervision sites
 - Urban vs. Rural
 - Imposition of special instructions
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SENTENCING PRACTICES

- Different practices within districts
 - Different practices between districts
 - Plea agreements
 - Alford plea
 - Revocation hearings
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TREATMENT

- Qualification and experience of treatment providers
 - Availability of treatment providers
 - Commitment to the Containment Model of Supervision
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POLYGRAPH

- Buy in by the districts
 - Buy in by the Commonwealth Attorney
 - Buy in by the courts
 - Experience and expertise of the examiner
 - Availability of the examiner
(habituation/lack of qualified examiners)
 - Responsiveness of examiner to the district's needs
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PROBATION OFFICERS

- Caseload numbers
 - Support from above
 - Supervisors skilled to supervise these officers
 - Training, Training, Training
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CONCLUSION

- ❑ There will always be challenges
 - ❑ We can view these as opportunities and challenges, or we can choose to allow ourselves to be overwhelmed
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