#### SEXUAL OFEENDERS ASSESSMENT BOARD

# Module 6 Supervision

Transcript

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#### **Section 1: Introduction**

| Screen Number | Character                            | Narration  |
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| 6001          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | In this module we are going to focus on a critical part of the containment process: supervision. In the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania there are two different types of supervision: probation and parole. Both probation officers and parole agents are supervising agents and they both have the same broad objectives of containment and management. However, there are important differences between these state and county levels.  |
| 6002          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | As a state parole agent, I get the offenders who've served at least two years in a state prison or have served in a county jail but the judge ordered state supervision. In contrast, probation officers get offenders who have served less than two years in a county jail, or only received probation. Although offenders who received state sentences, may or may not be more "high risk" than offenders serving probation. In this business, we know a sex offender's risk of re-offending isn't based just on the original offense. |
| 6003          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | During the course of this module, It's important to keep in mind that the state parole board and the 65 county probation authorities have different policies and protocols. And two counties' – Mercer and Venago's - probation caseloads are handled at the state level only. Despite the differences between probation and parole, and the differences between individual counties, our supervision goals are the same.  |

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**State Parole Agent** with Supervision:

These goals include:

- First and foremost, public protection,
- Preventing further victimization,
- Reducing offender risk for re-offense
- Implementing risk management strategies and tools
- Holding offenders accountable
- Working with treatment providers to get effective treatment for sex offenders
- Providing opportunities for the offender to be successfully reintegrated into the community
- -Educating the public
- -Addressing specific safety needs of the victim, and,
- -Providing victim restitution

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State Parole Agent with Supervision:

However, these goals are not for supervision alone – they are shared by everyone on the containment team. In the next section we'll look at the individual roles and responsibilities in supervision. Then we'll cover case planning, including the areas of residence and employment.

# **Section 2: Roles in Supervision**

| Screen Number | Character                            | Narration  |
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| 6006          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | As a supervising agent, keeping victims and the community safe is my first priority. My role in containment involves being vigilant and keeping the offender properly supervised so that communities don't have to live in fear.   |
| 6007          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | The trouble is, sex offenders are very different from other offenders. With other offenders, like drug addicts, loss of a job or a failed urine test will give us a head's up that a reoffense cycle may be under way. With sex offenders, their reoffense cycle is more personal and difficult to spot.   |
| 6008          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | They can have a steady job, money in the bank, do <u>everything</u> we tell them to – and it <u>still</u> may not mean they're less likely to re-offend. That's because the behaviors sex offenders demonstrate <u>before</u> they re-offend may be subtle and can seem unrelated to sexual deviance.  |
| 6009          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | This is why <u>everyone</u> on the sex offender containment team is responsible for helping manage and contain the offender. It definitely takes a team effort.  |
| 6010          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Don't get me wrong, I have a big part in helping to contain offenders because I have direct, on-going contact with them, but everyone else on the containment team is critical to helping me achieve the goals I just talked about. The others on the team may be involved with treating or monitoring the offender – like me – or they could work with the offender's family or the victim. |
| 6011          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | This means your supervision network should consist of team members from:   |
|               |                                      | Criminal Justice Agencies  |
|               |                                      | Law Enforcement  |
|               |                                      | Social Service Providers   |
|               |                                      | • Treatment Providers  |
|               |                                      | <ul> <li>Polygraph Examiners, and</li> </ul>   |
|               |                                      | • - Victim Services  |

| 6012 | State Parole Agent with Supervision:   | To have a successful containment team, I have to have regular contact with all these members. We'll review treatment progress and discuss whether the offender is obeying the rules and conditions of his supervision. We'll also collaborate on reentry plans and surveillance requirements. The more eyes on an offender, the better.  |
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| 6013 | Law Enforcement:   | As a law enforcement officer, I work in the community, and partner with parole or probation to keep tabs on offenders in my jurisdiction, particularly high risk offenders. The agent and I will talk about the conditions of supervision and the offender's history. This should include things like offender photos, M.O.'s, victim profiles, and electronic monitoring schedules. We'll even share information pertaining to vehicles, travel, residency, and employment. |
| 6014 | Law Enforcement:   | Basically, I need to know as much as I can to help keep the community safe. This is why it's important for us to share a variety of information, strengthen a working relationship, develop a neighborhood risk assessment plan, and increase police awareness of sex offenders in the community.  |
| 6015 | 6015a treatment 6015b "supervising agent" image supervision 6015c "treatment provider" image - treatment | The supervising agent and treatment provider rely on each other. We have specific roles in the containment process that depend on each other. We discuss the offender's life management plan to develop rules and conditions that support treatment. We share information to create relapse prevention plans.  |
| 6016 |  | After treatment begins, I'll provide the agent with regular written progress reports on the offender. We'll also schedule meetings to go over individual cases. We'll review issues like:  |
|      |  | <ul> <li>How the offender is complying with the rules of<br/>supervision and treatment expectations</li> </ul>   |

• -The offender's attendance and participation in treatment

Sexual history relapse plans, PSIs, journals and travel

• - Family reunification plans – if they're appropriate.

• Family dynamics and life changes

logs, and

6017 **Treatment Provider:** 

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One area we will jump on if it becomes necessary is when the offender doesn't show up for treatment or one of us suspects he is relapsing. If that happens, I'll be on the phone to the agent and visa versa. We can't allow any incident – no matter how small it might seem – to potentially threaten the victim or

the community.

6018 Victim Advocate: I want to address one particular supervision issue where

> Victim Services should be called in: reintegrating an incest offender with his family. This is an extremely sensitive issue - as you can imagine. Reunification is not a given. There are situations where a family should not be reunified, despite the wishes of the offender and possibly other adults in the family.

Victim Advocate: When agents receive requests to assist in the family

> reintegration involving a sex offender, they need to discuss it with their supervisor and contact victim services before proceeding. The agent must work closely with the treatment provider and Victim Services to make the reunification safe

and secure for everyone.

**Victim Advocate:** 6020 Advocates like me will develop specific planning

> recommendations for each offender's family. Please follow them. There are many opportunities for the offender to manipulate everyone here, so the process must be approached with extreme caution. If you are a supervisor, treatment provider or Victim Services' advocate, download the document "Family Reunification Planning" from the program's library. You need to know and use this

information.

**State Parole Agent** 

Basically, you can think of your containment team as a with Supervision: professional network. However, you should not limit your network to only the individuals and agencies that treat or monitor the offender. There are other individuals who regularly interact with the offender who are in a position to

monitor daily activities and changes in the offender's

behavior.

State Parole Agent with Supervision:

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Your supervision network should also include the offender's personal or community network. This means you should include individuals like the offender's spouse or partner, family members, household members, friends, coworkers, employers, neighbors, sponsors, and even clergy. However, there are important factors that the agent must consider when working with this kind of network. An Agent and Member Requirements Knowledge Document is available for you in the program's library.

State Parole Agent with Supervision:

Now that we've reviewed the roles of the containment team and the entire supervision network, let's see how this comes into play with our next topic: the Supervision Plan. We'll walk though what you need to consider when creating a case plan and then apply it to an actual case.

# Section 3: Supervision Plan

| Screen Number | Character                            | Narration  |
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| 6024          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | When an agent receives a sex offender on his caseload, his first task is to create a supervision case plan. As I put a case plan together, I need to consider who the key people are in the offender's life. These are people I'll have regular contact with in the supervision network, like:   |
|               |                                      | • Family members   |
|               |                                      | Treatment provider   |
|               |                                      | • Employer   |
|               |                                      | • The offender's friends, and  |
|               |                                      | • - Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous sponsors   |
| 6025          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Any of them could provide insight into the offender's behaviors that could signal a possible relapse. These individuals can also help to monitor the offender's behavior and support his rehabilitative efforts.   |
| 6026          | State Parole Agent                   | Let's start applying a case.   |
|               | with Supervision:                    | Richard is a 47 year old sex offender, with an extensive criminal history. His previous offenses include one underage drinking charge, four DUIs, two aggravated assaults, and one rape charge.  |
| 6027          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | The offender is single – never married, and does not have any children. He does not have a girl friend or any other companion. His parents and sister live in the area, and he has no contact with his brother who lives out of state. He is currently unemployed, but is looking for a job. He is enrolled in a group treatment program and also participates in Alcoholics Anonymous. He has been an alcoholic for more than 20 years. |

| 6028 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | For this case, you'll want to consider including the offender's parents, sister, treatment provider, and AA sponsor as potential members in your supervision network. Also keep in mind that if the offender does become employed, you may also want to include his employer and coworkers too.   |
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| 6029 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Case plans will obviously vary, depending on the individual offender and the unique facts of his offense. But there are standard objectives to keep in mind when starting out. We want to:  |
|      |                                      | -Achieve our number one goal – protect the community  |
|      |                                      | -Reduce the offender's access to past and potential victims   |
|      |                                      | -Provide the means to closely monitor offender activities   |
|      |                                      | -Provide opportunities for the offender to learn to control his sexually deviant behaviors, <u>and</u> we want to:  |
|      |                                      | -Restore the victim and the community   |
| 6030 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Part of the case plan will involve a set of restrictions and activities that will help supervision meet these objectives. They include things like restricting computer use, using urinalysis as a tool, documenting dates and times of treatment, and requiring that the offender to pay for the victim's therapy and all supervision fees. A full list of restrictions and activities are available for you to review in the program library. |
| 6031 | State Parole Agent                   | Now let's look at our case.   |
|      | with Supervision:                    | In the rape case, the offender met the 25 year old victim at a bar. Both the offender and the victim were strangers to each other until the night of the offense. The victim remembers talking to the offender and accepting his offer of a drink. This is the last thing she remembers until after the offense.  |
| 6032 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | The victim is currently in therapy. She was unable to go back to work and quit her job as an administrative assistant. She also reports being anxious and fearful. She does not leave her house unless it's absolutely necessary.   |

| 6033 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | With respect to our case, all restrictions and activities may<br>be applicable. But you can see how things like restricting<br>offender's access to the victim; restricting his ability to go<br>into any establishment that serves alcohol, requiring him to<br>undergo alcohol assessment and treatment, and requiring<br>him to pay restitution to the victim are important and<br>relevant in this case.   |
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| 6034 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | In addition to these restrictions and activities, case plans also include supervision rules and conditions. Now, because of the nature of the crime, we have to impose rules that address offender issues that are personal and sensitive. It's not an easy process. But to ensure community safety and victim protection, we <a href="have to intrude">have to intrude in the offender's life.</a> We have to understand his deviant or antisocial cycle so we can detect his offending behaviors and intervene if and when it becomes necessary. |
| 6035 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | We create the rules of supervision for a very good reason: they establish the offender's boundaries. During intake a standard set of conditions are imposed on all sex offenders who are placed on supervision. These rules relate to things like the offender's conduct, contraband, employment, travel, and several other miscellaneous things. Review the "Rules of Conduct" Knowledge Document in the library to read about what offenders can and can't do.   |
| 6036 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | While supervising agents don't have control over these standard rules of conduct, they <u>do</u> have control with the special conditions that are attached to each offender's case. These conditions can and should be modified throughout the term of supervision as risk is fluid and sex offenders are not all the same.   |
| 6037 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | In order to determine what special conditions should be imposed in our case study, we need some more information related to the offenses.  |
|      |                                      | In the rape case, the victim reported not remembering how she ended up in the offender's house. Urinalaysis tests revealed that the offender used a date rape drug to  |

manipulate his victim. This drug can cause unconsciousness

and impairs balance and memory.

| 6038 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | The victim does remember waking up in the offender's house, with handcuffs and other sexual paraphernalia around the bed. Her body was bruised, her wrists were sore, and she had semen between her thighs. She reports being disoriented, but able to function to get dressed and leave the house. She did not remember seeing the offender when she left the house.         |
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| 6039 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Based on the specific details of the offender, and the offense, what special conditions should be imposed?  |
|      |                                      | First, you should impose a special condition regarding no alcohol or drug use. And if you didn't specify not "frequenting places where alcohol is being served", now would be a good time to do so. Finally, you should impose a specific condition that the offender must submit to a polygraph. This way you can learn the extent of his interests in coercion and bondage. |
| 6040 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | One important thing to keep in mind. When imposing rules for supervision, all agents should carefully consider their own responsibilities in this process and ask themselves:   |
|      |                                      | - Do I have sufficient training to be able to detect violations of the rules?   |
|      |                                      | - Am I willing to hold the offender accountable if he violates the rules I establish?   |
|      |                                      | - Am I able to document and explain to the offender that a rule – or rules – are reasonable? If you can't answer "yes" to all of these questions, contact your supervisor and see what specialized training is available.   |
| 6041 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | If you can answer "yes" to all of these questions, you should be ready to create supervision plans. We suggest you use the Supervision Requirements "Best Practices" Knowledge Document as a starting place.  |
| 6042 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | We've just skimmed the surface of the rules and conditions of supervision for offenders. Agents should review all the related documents on "Supervision" in the program library. In the next two sections, we're going to go over the two most critical areas of supervision: the offender's residence and his employment.  |

# **Section 4: Residency and Home Visits**

| Screen Number | Character                            | Narration   |
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| 6043          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | When a sex offender returns to the community, he has to live somewhere, right? The state parole board has a detailed list of conditions of parole that agents must follow regarding sex offenders at home. There's a specific list for offenders whose victims are minors and a different list for offenders whose victims are non-minors. Check out the Residency Lists document in the library for more information.  |
| 6044          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Regardless of the victim type, the offender's residence has to be approved by the supervising agent. We have to ensure that wherever the offender lives, he has restricted access to past or potential victims. For example, we'll check that the home is not situated near locations consistent with the offender's offense patterns, like a swimming pool or mall, if those were the kinds of locations the offender frequented to identify victims. Before he moves in, we conduct a thorough, on-site inspection of the residence and the neighborhood. |
| 6045          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | However, it's important to keep in mind that national studies have shown there's no correlation between where a sex offender lives and where he offends. Bottom line is that an offender will <u>find</u> a way to offend no matter <u>where</u> he lives – if that's his intention.  |
| 6046          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | This is why each agent should impose common sense conditions that are specific to an offender. For example, requiring that a sex offender live a certain distance from a public park is <u>not</u> protective of public safety if that particular offender has a habit of cruising shopping malls. Read the "Residence Factors" Knowledge Document for all the residency rules. It's available in library.  |
| 6047          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Now let's look at residence factors that are relevant to our case.  |
|               |                                      | The offender is in the process of moving to a new residence, where he will be living alone. If he is under state supervision, you are required to approve his residence, which is in an apartment building in the downtown area.  |

6048 State Parole Agent with Supervision:

You will want to check the location of the apartment building to ensure it does not provide access to his past victim and any potential victims. Based on the facts of the case, you will want to make sure the location is not near any situation that is relevant to his conditions of parole.

For example, if the offender has a history of alcohol abuse, you'll also want to make sure the apartment building is not close to a bar. Also, you'll need to inspect the actual apartment to confirm the offender does not have window or porch "views" of inappropriate situations, such as into a nearby apartment with young women.

6049 State Parole Agent with Supervision:

The agent should check the neighborhood for positive aspects as well, like if the offender doesn't own a vehicle, is there easy access to public transportation for work and treatment?

In reality, there are no perfect living situations and other than victim access, it does not make sense to try and find one. If a sex offender has decided to re-offend, the location of his home is no deterrent. The best home plan is one where the restrictions and limitations are specific to the individual's offending behavior patterns.

O State Parole Agent with Supervision:

Now, let's shift our focus to another residence related issue: home visits. After the offender moves in, our job is to make periodic visits to his home to make sure he's complying with the conditions of his parole. We will make these visits throughout the term of supervision, and they can be both scheduled and unscheduled.

State Parole Agent with Supervision:

When we do a home visit, we're looking for clues to the offender's lifestyle and his relationship with the people in his life.

- We want to make sure family members and other residents are supporting the offender's participation in treatment, and are willing to report violations.
- We also need to verify that the offender is not residing with individuals who use alcohol and drugs, use violence, or demean and abuse their partners, children, or pets. For a complete list of the reasons for a home visit, read the Home Visits Knowledge Document.

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| 6052 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | When we arrive at the offender's residence for a home visit, we have protocols we must follow:  |
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|      |                                      | We have to be allowed to:   |
|      |                                      | • Enter the residence   |
|      |                                      | <ul> <li>Conduct a visual observation of the residence, property,<br/>and the offender's vehicle, and</li> </ul>  |
|      |                                      | <ul> <li>Make face-to-face contact with the offender and any<br/>family member or friend.</li> </ul>  |
| 6053 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | In assessing the home environment, the agent should be observant of items in the home which may be indicators of risk, based on the offender's pattern of offending. These items can seem completely benign or unrelated. For instance, maybe the offender has picked up a new or unusual hobby. Initially, it might not seem as if there's a connection to his offending pattern, but there could be.            |
| 6054 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Agents need to be vigilant, on the look-out for any clues that the offender might be preparing to re-offend. If an offender's victims have been children, the agent should keep an eye out for inappropriate materials such as children's movies or books.  |
| 6055 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Here's a good place to call on other members of the containment team. Often we may have a sense that something is inconsistent or out-of-kilter, but we can't put our finger on it. By talking about our observations with other members of the team, re-offending patterns may be revealed.  |
| 6056 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Home visits are one thing; home <u>searches</u> are something different altogether. The supervising agent conducts both. Home visits, as I said earlier, can be either scheduled or unscheduled. Home searches should always be random. No appointment is required. Agents may do a home search because they suspect something is up or they may do a "plain sight" search as a regular part of their monitoring. |

6057 During intake, we tell the offender that we have the right to **State Parole Agent** with Supervision: enter his home at any time to ensure that he is in compliance with his conditions of parole. Agents look for materials that are inappropriate such as children's DVDs or pet supplies if the offender should have no contact with children. For an offender who has had minor victims, anything used to entice a child into interacting with him should not be in his possession. 6058 **State Parole Agent** We look at it this way: we are helping offenders control with Supervision: their behaviors by monitoring their lifestyles. Should an agent suspect an offender is entering a re-offense cycle, he or she should proceed with an in-depth search after discussing it with his or her supervisor. This intensive monitoring may include reviewing phone bills, credit card bills or any documents that may reveal what the offender's been doing. 6059 **State Parole Agent** An agent may decide to bring along some help on the with Supervision: house search. It doesn't happen often, but it's acceptable. When we go into a home on a search, we're looking for specific items – unlike a home visit. For the full list, go to the Knowledge Document in this section. The bottom line with a home search is that we are looking for things that fit with the offender's sexual preferences and offenses. Remember, these things aren't obvious, so you really need to look and think about what does or doesn't belong in the house.

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**State Parole Agent** 

with Supervision:

Well, we know that the offender lives alone and has a history of alcoholism. We also know from his offense, that he met his victim at a bar and used drugs to manipulate the victim. The victim also reported seeing handcuffs and being badly bruised and having sore wrists following the offense.

Let's refer back to our case. What things could an agent

find during a home search that should set off an alarm?

| 6061 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Now, let's imagine we are walking through the offender's apartment and I'll go over some examples of things that should stand out to you. What if on the kitchen counter you notice that there is a woman's earring just laying there. You know that the victim lives alone and does not have a girl friend. Sure the earring could be his mother's but it could be something more. |
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| 6062 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | How about this one In the office you notice a matchbook on the desk. It's propped up next to the candle. Normally, a matchbook wouldn't tip you off, but this matchbook is from a bar that is about 25 miles away.  |
| 6063 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Or what if you are in the offender's bedroom and you notice a pile of rope partially shoved under the bed. Rope may not be the same thing as handcuffs, but it can be used to restrain someone. Just like during the offense.   |
|      |                                      | Sure there may be reasons why these objects are here, but as part of a home search, you can't overlook the obvious. We all want to look for the absolute best in people, but unfortunately we can't take that risk.   |
| 6064 | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | In addition to looking for specific items during a search, agents should be alert to any signs of possible sexual abuse in the home. If an agent suspects child abuse, he should report it to Children and Youth Services and local law enforcement agencies right away.  |

#### **Section 5: Conclusion**

| Screen Number | Character                            | Narration  |
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| 6065          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | A regular job is critical to offender rehabilitation and supervision. To have a normal life back in society, the offender has to have a job that supports him, a regular schedule and the ability to pursue his <u>legal</u> interests. And all of this has to be supervised.  |
| 6066          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Agents first have to verify that the employment the offender chooses doesn't have inappropriate aspects – like a delivery truck driver who would spend a lot of time alone or a health care worker who works with vulnerable populations, like the elderly. Look for other employment factors to consider in the Knowledge Document in this section.                           |
| 6067          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | A good employment choice for an offender would be a job that includes:   |
|               |                                      | -Methods for maintaining supervision standards and contacts  |
|               |                                      | -The ability for the offender to continue treatment  |
|               |                                      | -The ability for the offender to put his relapse prevention plan into action, and  |
|               |                                      | -The availability of tracking devices, like a time clock, to monitor the offender's attendance and punctuality.  |
| 6068          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | So what would be a good employment choice for our case study?  |
|               |                                      | Well, we definitely wouldn't want an offender with an alcohol problem to work in or near a bar or an establishment that served alcohol. We also wouldn't want the offender to have a job where he would be predominantly working alone or would have access to someone's home. This would rule out jobs like plumbers, cable technicians, and apartment complex groundskeeper. |

**State Parole Agent** with Supervision:

If he has just served a long stretch in prison or has no formal education, the opportunities may be limited. Some good possibilities could include warehouse or manufacturing jobs; new construction (but not home repair), or telemarketing.

6070 State Parole Agent with Supervision:

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Keep in mind that getting and keeping a good job is an issue for everyone, so imagine how difficult it can be for a felon. Now imagine how much more difficult it is for a sex offender. Many sex offenders do have an education and may return to their previous profession, as long as it does not give them access to victims or is an obvious pathway to re-offending; such as regular, unmonitored use of a computer.

State Parole Agent with Supervision:

Obviously, we can't monitor the offender at his workplace the way we can at his home. On the job, we look to the offender's employer to verify his whereabouts and account for the hours the offender reports. The employer has an important role in the containment process. He can observe the offender and report to the supervising agent any changes in the offender's behavior or any suspicious activities.

#### **Section 6: Conclusion**

| Screen Number | Character                            | Narration   |
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| 6072          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | As you can tell, in the containment process I'm the one closest to the offender – I'm the one who manages the offender's risk in the community. It's a high stress job – I can tell you. I have to monitor and track the offender's patterns of behavior. I can't rely on the offender's self-report – no supervising agent should.   |
| 6073          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Specialized training for supervising sex offenders is extremely valuable. I can't stress this enough. Since the issues regarding this kind of offender are a specialized area of behavioral science, it's been challenging for state and local governments to develop a standardized approach to sex offender management, much less have an organized sex offender containment team.  |
| 6074          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Bottom line is that sex offender risk is comprised of both static and dynamic factors and the supervising agent and his or her unit supervisor need to be cognizant of the factors unique to each offender. If you're a supervising agent who needs training or assistance in managing sex offenders, talk to your supervisor or chief to find specialized training opportunities.  |
| 6075          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | It's also important to remember that while a supervising agent <u>is</u> the closest to an offender, it takes <u>a team</u> to supervise and manage a sex offender after he's been released into the community. Law enforcement, victim services, treatment and supervision – we all have interlocking containment roles in the process.  |
| 6076          | State Parole Agent with Supervision: | Supervising agents, like me, typically have a large caseload, so we can't maintain constant surveillance on all the sex offenders. This is why we need to have an open line of communication with the containment team, especially the treatment provider. The relationship between the agent and the treatment provider is the cornerstone to sex offender containment in the community. Once the offender is living and working in the community, these two team members are vital to successful containment. |

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**State Parole Agent** with Supervision:

Through this partnership, we want to find ways to move the offender away from a relapse path and onto a non-offending path. Simply watching him isn't enough. We know from experience that containment comes from:

- Coordinated supervision, and
- The offender's active participation in <u>treatment</u> and prosocial living patterns.

It's in these programs that the offender can gain the knowledge and skills he needs to avoid re-offending.

For more information related to this topic, you should check out the Supervision document in the program's library.