SARATSO NEWSLETTER

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2023 SARATSO Annual Tracking Form

The 2023 SARATSO Tracking Form was distributed in January 2024, and is now posted to the <u>Certified</u> Scorers Portal.

2024 SARATSO Meeting Schedule

The 2024 SARATSO Meeting Schedule is now available on the SARATSO Meetings webpage.

If you have questions, please reach out to SARATSO Staff at SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov.



Dynamic and Violence Risk Tool Training Fee Increase

Due to the increasing cost for SARATSO to host trainings, effective January 1, 2024, the following training fees will increase in price:

- LS/CMI Basic training will increase from \$65 to \$80
- Stable/Acute Recertification will increase from \$50 to \$75
- Stable/Acute Basic Training will increase from \$115 to \$150



Child Pornography Offense Risk Tool (CPORT) Pilot Program Mid-Point Review

As of October 31, 2023, the four counties involved in the program -Kern, Orange, San Diego, and Solano- have scored a total of 11 cases. CDCR has scored a total of 17 cases.

While the tool is promising, the following challenges have been identified:

- Across the board, participants have not always been able to score items #5-7. This is in large part due to lack of information needed to score these items.
- Some police reports do not include enough information in order to score all items on this tool.
- Probation reports lack important information needed to score this risk tool.

In starting to overcome these barriers SARATSO Chairs met with a representative of the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. SARATSO will facilitate a training for ICAC on what information /details are needed within police reports to score this risk tool. In addition, SARATSO Chairs will collaborate with the SARATSO Training Committee Chair, Chief Steve Jackson, to work with the Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) on what needs to be included in probation investigative reports. The study is set to close in April 2024.

Parole Contract Changes & GEARS

In October 2023, CDCR rolled out new contracts with treatment provider agencies. This transition unintentionally effected SARATSO due to the GEARS platform. SARATSO distributed emails to agencies affected by the transition, and provided instruction on how to request Employee Permissions Changes and Client Transfers in GEARS.

SARATSO anticipates having transfers completed by the end of January 2024.

If your agency has questions regarding the transition, please contact SARATSO staff at **SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov**.

State Authorized Risk Assessment Tools for Sex Offenders (SARATSO) Review Committee

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2024 CASOMB Meeting Schedule

The Board voted to decrease the number of CASOMB Meetings moving forward. The Board will meet six times per calendar year, fully in-person with no option for virtual attendance.

The 2024 meetings will occur on the following dates:

- January 18, 2024
- March 21, 2024
- May 16, 2024
- June 13, 2024
- September 19, 2024
- November 14, 2024

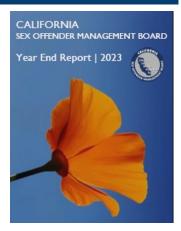
Locations will be posted to the **CASOMB Meeting** webpage as the meetings occur.



Year End Report

The 2023 CASOMB and SARATSO Year End Report is complete, and will be posted to the CASOMB Reports webpage in February 2024.

If you have questions regarding the report, please contact CASOMB Staff at CASOMB@cdcr.ca.gov.



Addendum to the CASOMB Report: Conditional Release Program Housing and Community Placement Barriers dated January 2023

Senate Bill 1034 took effect on January 1, 2023, and created some changes to the existing conditional release process in California. This bill affected the Conditional Release Program Housing and Community Placement Barriers paper adopted in January 2023, and an addendum was created to address the changes.

If you would like to read the addendum, please visit the **CASOMB Reports** webpage.

MEET THE BOARD:

Bradley McCartt earned his Juris Doctor from Pepperdine University School of Law. He joined the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office in 1995 and specializes in the prosecution of sex crimes and child abuse as well as sex offender registration law and sex offender recidivism. He is currently assigned as the Deputy-In-Charge of Stuart House/Santa Monica Rape Treatment Center as part of a multi-disciplinary team specializing in the investigation and vertical prosecution of sexual assault cases involving children. Mr. McCartt serves as a legislative resource for the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, having authored six bills seeking to improve California's Sexually Violent Predator Act, Sex Offender Registration Act and sexual assault victim's rights. Two of these bills (SB 384 -Tiered Sex Offender Registration and SB 145 - LGBTQ Young People Nondiscrimination/Sex Offender Registration) were co-sponsored by Equality California (EQCA). In light of these accomplishments, he received an award for civic engagement by a prosecutor. In 2023 Mr. McCartt was appointed to the California Sex Offender Management Board representing all prosecuting attorneys in the state of California. Additionally, he was appointed to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) State Advisory Committee (SAC) on Sexual Assault Victim's Services. In January of 2024 Mr. McCartt was elected President of The California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (CAPSAC).

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