

SARATSO NEWSLETTER

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SARATSO CE's for Psychologists

SARATSO was recently certified by the American Psychological Association (APA) to sponsor Continuing Education (CE) Credits for Board of Behavioral Science (BBS) and Board of Psychology (BOP) licensed clinicians. SARATSO will begin offering CE's for these individuals at the June 2020 trainings and moving forward.



COVID-19 UPDATE

SARATSO Trainings & Certifications

As of May 2020, ALL trainings for SARATSO related instruments (including the Static-99R) may be schedule via webinar with SARATSO Certified Trainers. Please visit www.covid19.ca.gov to review the plan for your county in relation to moving towards in-person services. Please check the SARATSO website for current webinar training opportunities.

To access current training opportunities, please visit the SARATSO Training page at www.saratso.org.

STABLE-2007 & Release from Supervision

In reviewing the Penal Code, the SARATSO Committee discovered a gap in scoring the dynamic risk assessment. According to Penal Code section 290.09(b)(1), the dynamic instrument (STABLE-2007) should be administered within 6 months of release from supervision. It is mandated that scoring take place pre-release from supervision, even if the individual is no longer in treatment. If the individual is no longer in treatment, the individual will be required to go back to the treatment provider to be assessed on the STABLE-2007 before being released from supervision.

SARATSO will send a letter to CPOC to notify County Chiefs of Probation regarding this change. It is highly recommended that changes take place as soon as possible. This topic will be addressed in future trainings.

Static-99R FAQ's for Attorneys & Judges

A Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) list is being developed that focuses on essential information regarding Static-99R scoring for Attorneys and Judges. The short FAQ will explain why certain individuals cannot be scored. If your county would like a copy of the FAQ, please email SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov.

Official Change to Timeframe for LS/CMI & STABLE-2007 Score Submissions

The SARATSO Committee announced that they will move forward with the recommendation to decrease the score submission timeframe for treatment providers scoring the LS/CMI and STABLE-2007 from 90-120 days down to 30-60 days. Certified scorers will be notified of the change, and have 6 months to transition to the decreased timeframe. Official implementation will take place on January 1, 2021. If you have questions, please email SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov.

SARATSO INVESTIGATES.... Child Pornography Offender Risk Tool (CPORT)

The SARATSO Committee continues assessing the CPORT for use in California. The Committee reached out to the test developers regarding possible cross-validation studies, and touched base with law enforcement to review access to information needed to score the tool.

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

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Compliance Review Update

CASOMB continues to complete treatment provider and provider agency compliance reviews. For more information regarding Provider Agency and Provider Certification Requirements please visit the [CASOMB Certification](#) page.

Provider Agency Requirements

- CASOMB [Provider Agency Application Request Form - New Form!](#)
- [Provider Agency Certification Requirements - Effective 1/1/2019](#)
- [CASOMB Audit Protocol - New Form!](#)
- [Treatment Completion Guidelines](#)
- [Treatment Completion FAQs](#)
- [Provider Agency Employee Change Form - New Form!](#)

Provider Certification Requirements

- CASOMB [Provider Application Request Form - New Form!](#)
- [At-A-Glance: New Provider Level Certification Requirements - Effective 1/1/2019](#)
- [Provider Certification Manual - Effective 1/1/2019](#)
- [Training Requirements for Certification](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Fee Schedule](#)

Did you know...

That all Apprentice and Associate level treatment providers must receive supervision, even if they are licensed by the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) or Board of Psychology (BOP). Supervisors may include independent level treatment providers or licensed associates. To review the policy please visit the [CASOMB Certification](#) page.

MEET THE BOARD:

Ventura County Probation Division Manager of Adult Safety Realignment, Michelle Steinberger, began her career at Ventura County Probation as a Deputy Probation Officer in 1989, and quickly promoted to Supervising Deputy Probation Officer in 1999. Officer Steinberger is a state expert in sex offender assessment and supervision, and also has experience in Adult and Juvenile Investigations, Field Supervision, Adult and Juvenile Intensive Supervision Services, Juvenile Supervision, and Juvenile Detention/ Commitment Facility. Supervising Probation Officer Steinberger sits on the CASOMB Board representing Probation Officers.

SB 384 Tiered Registration Update

Due to COVID-19, the Department of Justice (DOJ) is in the process of transitioning trainings for law enforcement to an online forum. Registrants may request their local registering agencies to provide them with their tier notification letters after **January 1, 2021**. 290 registrants eligible for release from the registry must petition the court to be released beginning on **July 1, 2021**.

For more information regarding SB 384, please review the FAQ's posted to the [CASOMB Website](#) and the [DOJ](#).

STABLE-2007 Research Update

The CASOMB Research Committee and SARATSO will be moving forward with analyzing changes in STABLE-2007 scores from intake to release from certified sex offender treatment services. This will be broken down into two research projects. The first project will consist of an interrater reliability study, looking at scorers consistency in scoring, and the second study is to assess the degree to which STABLE -2007 total score and item scores change in relation to treatment. More details will be provided as the research progresses.

COVID-19 & Treatment Services Surveys

CASOMB was interested in learning more about how the COVID-19 crisis and tele-health services impact various pieces of the Containment Model. Three separate surveys were developed and distributed for feedback from Probation, Treatment Providers and Offender Clients. CASOMB analyzed the results and found mixed responses to how effectively each part of the containment model adapted to the pandemic. A short summary of the results may be requested after July 30, 2020.

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