

SARATSO NEWSLETTER

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Did you know... SARATSO registration will be changing for the LS/CMI and Stable-2007/Acute-2007. Providers will be required to provide the following information during registration:

- Agency associated email address
- Agency office address

SARATSO will use the information to assign permissions to providers in GEARS.



2022 CCOSO Conference

SARATSO will be hosting trainings at the 2022 virtual California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO) Conference from May 10-13, 2022. For more information and to register for the event, please visit the [CCOSO website](#).



MHS Transition to GEARS

SARATSO is in the next phase of the transition from the MHS Legacy platform to the GEARS platform. Agencies received a letter from SARATSO on February 3, 2022 noting next steps for the transition. The letter can be found on the SARATSO homepage under [What's New?](#) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to SARATSO staff at SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov.



Stable-2007 Treatment Progress Study

SARATSO encourages treatment provider agencies to participate in the Stable-2007 Treatment Progress study which assess the effectiveness of the Stable-2007 in sex offender treatment programs. CASOMB distributed letters to agencies in late 2021 explaining the aim of the study, and requesting participation. If you have any questions or would like to participate in the study, please email SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov, and your communication will be forwarded to principle investigator Dr. Allen Azizian.

Stable-2007 Interrater Reliability Study

SARATSO rolled out the Stable-2007 Interrater Reliability (IRR) Field Study in January 2022. SARATSO encourages *all* Stable-2007 scorers to participate in the study in order to establish the IRR of the STABLE-2007 in California. Scorers who enroll in recertification courses will automatically be given the opportunity to participate. If you would like to participate in the study and are not due for recertification, or have any questions, please reach out to SARATSO@cdcr.ca.gov.

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

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Treatment Provider Level Transition

Letters to Apprentice Level providers will be distributed May 2022. The letter will explain whether the treatment provider will be placed in the Student or Associate provider level.

If you plan to matriculate to the Independent provider level under the current Independent level requirements, please submit your matriculation request by May 31, 2022.

If you have any questions, please email CASOMB@cdcr.ca.gov.

Qualified Training Hours: Initial CASOMB Application



Please note, the SARATSO (Static-99R, JSORRAT-II, LS/CMI, and STABLE-2007/ACUTE-2007) risk instruments require advanced knowledge and will not be accepted for eight (8) hours of documented training for the initial Apprentice level application.

MEET THE BOARD:

Dr. Heather Bowlds is the Director of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). She graduated with a doctorate degree in Forensic Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology. While working as a practicum student and psychology intern at the Northern California Youth Correctional Center as she pursued her doctorate in psychology, she was also employed as a full-time psychologist at O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility while obtaining her license as a psychologist. During her twenty-two year career with DJJ, Dr. Bowlds has also held the positions of Coordinator of the Sexual Behavior Treatment Program, Associate Director of Mental Health and Deputy Director. Dr. Bowlds specializes in the treatment of adolescents who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior and her career trajectory has taken her to national prominence in the treatment of juvenile sexual offenders. In 2014, Dr. Bowlds received the Christine M. West Award, in recognition of significant contributions made to the field of forensic mental health by the Forensic Mental Health Association of California. In December 2020, Dr. Bowlds was appointed to the CASOM board representing CDCR.

Qualified Training Resources

Visit CASOMB's website under the [Resources](#) tab for acceptable trainings for certification purposes. The following are recognized entities:

- California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO)
- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
- National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA)
- Safer Society Press (SSP)
- Global Institute of Forensic Research (GIFR)

Please review the [CASOMB Treatment Provide Certification Requirements](#) manual for in-house trainings.

Tiered Registration FAQ

Tiered registration is ongoing in the State of California. If you would like more information about California's tiered registration system, please visit the [California Department of Justice's website](#).



Juvenile Realignment Bill SB 823

CASOMB is seeking jurisdiction of treatment providers who provide treatment services to juveniles who have offended sexually. If legislation is passed, CASOMB will create best practice guidelines for this population.

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