

REFERRALS

Currently, the Youthful Sex Offender Treatment Program is serving adults, ages 18 to 25, residing in the following seven counties in the Eighth Judicial District: Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, Van Buren, and Washington.

Those referred to the program must be screened for eligibility and to determine any individual pre-treatment needs. In addition, eligible clients will be assigned to one of four different treatment tracks : Statutory/Low Risk, Special Needs, High Risk, or Individual Therapy. Partner and spouse groups are also offered for support persons.

Individuals ordered to YSOTP as a condition of pretrial supervision will not participate in the treatment components until final adjudication and the completion of all assessments by staff. However, all program rules of supervision will apply.

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PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Interventions and Services

- *Risk and Needs Assessments*
- *Case Planning*
- *Weekly Treatment Groups*
- *Individual Counseling*
- *Quarterly Court Sessions*
- *Ongoing Treatment Progress Reports and Staff Reviews*
- *GPS Monitoring*
- *Social Media and Internet Monitoring*
- *Drug and Alcohol Testing*
- *Home Visits*
- *Sex Offender Registry Compliance*
- *Polygraph Examinations*
- *Job Training and Employment*
- *Education/GED*
- *Reasoning Skills*
- *Life Enhancement Groups*
- *Community Service*
- *Assistance Obtaining Health Insurance*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is YSOTP?

It is a community-based pilot program for young adults convicted of a sex offense that provides an age-appropriate, seamless continuum of intensive treatment and long-term supervision services.

Sometimes referred to as members of the emerging-adult population, program participants are at significant risk for noncompliance due to age-related issues, which can ultimately lead to an increase in technical violations and ultimately incarceration. Moreover, evidence-based practices suggest that it is inadvisable to mix young adults in treatment programs created specifically for older probationers and parolees who may exhibit a higher degree of criminality.

Accordingly, this program is designed to reduce the risk for recidivism among participants by offering treatment and supervision services that meet their unique needs.

Who is Eligible?

Young adults, ages 18 to 25, convicted of a sex offense or ordered to pretrial supervision related to a sex offense are eligible for the program. However, individuals referred to the program must be screened and assessed for eligibility prior to formal admission.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Judiciary

Chief Judge Mary Ann Brown presides over quarterly court sessions to ensure individual accountability through positive reinforcement strategies and by imposing court sanctions in an expeditious manner.

Iowa Workforce Development

In conjunction with Iowa Workforce Development's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act/Promise Jobs program, participants learn new job skills through work-based learning opportunities.

Licensed Mental Health Counselor

Vicky Rosenkoetter has long been associated with the District's adult sex offender treatment program. In addition to co-facilitating weekly treatment groups and partner and spouse groups, she provides individual counseling.

Polygraph Examiner

Sexual history, maintenance and specific issue polygraph examinations are conducted by a private contractor specializing in working with individuals convicted of sex offenses.