

**Alaska Department of Corrections
Sex Offender Treatment Programs
APPROVED PROVIDER LEVEL SYSTEM**

Alaska DOC classifies approved sex offender treatment providers using a level system that is based upon experience and training. The approved provider system is not a state licensure and **Department regulations require that all approved providers be clinically licensed by the State of Alaska in their respective clinical fields.** The approval process is a systematic review established by the DOC to insure that sex offenders who are under the Department's jurisdiction are seen by professionals whose philosophy and methods of treatment are consistent with the Department's standards of care. Sex offenders with probation/parole requirements to obtain sex offender treatment are required to see a DOC Approved Provider.

Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor

Professionals meeting the below requirements may engage in supervision of other DOC approved providers.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Meets all requirements of Level I full service provider.
- Masters degree or Doctorate degree in the behavioral sciences.
- Experience in supervising other professionals who are treating sexual offenders.
- Clinical experience in treating, rapists, child molesters, and other paraphiliac disorders.
- Experience in working with residential treatment programs for sex offenders is desirable.
- Three years full time experience in the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders or 6000 documented hours of direct experience in the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders.
- Three years experience in working with Alaska DOC's sexual offender programs (or program(s) with a comparable philosophy and approach).

LEVEL I - Full Service Provider

Approved to provide the full range of clinical services necessary in the treatment of sexual offenders. Less experienced full service providers may still be required to obtain clinical supervision.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Masters degree or Doctorate degree in behavioral sciences.
- One year full time experience in the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders or 2000 documented hours of direct experience in the assessment and treatment of sexual offenders.
- Clinical experience in treating adult rapists, child molesters, and other paraphiliac disorders.

LEVEL II - Partial Service Provider

Approved to provide specific sex offender services at the discretion of DOC and a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor. All Level II providers are required to receive supervision by a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor no less than once every two weeks.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Masters degree or Doctorate degree in the behavioral sciences, or
- Masters degree in non-behavioral sciences and a minimum of 1000 hours of documented direct clinical experience in sex offender treatment

RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS

For approximately five years, all new providers have been required to obtain clinical supervision for at least the first year that they provide services to offenders supervised by, or in the custody of the Alaska DOC.

The Department, upon recommendation by the Approved Provider Committee, may elect to impose limits upon the services provided to offenders in our custody by any approved provider. Some examples of limitations placed upon providers include:

- May not conduct assessments unless under direct supervision of a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor.
- Services provided will be on a case review basis and approved by DOC, (e.g., may only treat clients with a previous history of treatment in a DOC program, may only treat incest offenders, etc.).
- All clinical reports must be reviewed and signed by a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor.
- May not conduct psychological testing if not licensed to do so in this state.

Movement between levels of approved provider status must be reviewed and approved by DOC Director or recommended by a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor and reviewed and approved by DOC Offender Programs. Level I providers may request to be trained as a Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor. Level I providers interested in providing supervision must be trained and supervised by an approved Sex Offender Treatment Supervisor.