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GA Sex Offender Management and Collaboration

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Louise's House Sex Offender Reentry Program

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Sex Offender supervision, management, and reentry have been a priority in Georgia for the last 10 years. The Governor's Criminal Justice Reform Council considered necessary changes on all levels to implement best practices. These reforms have gained national attention and accolades. The GA Department of Community Supervision was developed in 2015 to combine field operations from both Parole and Probation. Reentry efforts have focused on increasing collaborations with community partners, housing options, and treatment providers. This panel discussion will focus on an overview of lines of effort in GA, as well as collaborations with community partners and Louise's House Sex Offender Reentry Program specifically, with outcomes discussed.

Learning Goals:

- To discuss the goals and objectives of the GA Department of Community Supervision.
- To present an overview of the Sex Offender Administration Unit and collaboration between state agencies responsible for sex offender management
- To present the Sex Offender model used by the GA Department of Community Supervision to best meet the needs of sex offenders and community safety.
- To discuss housing, reentry and sex offender innovations aimed to improve reentry outcomes and reduce risk.

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Susan Strickland, PhD, LCSW – Director, Louise’s House Sex Offender Reentry Program. Dr. Strickland has worked with sex offender for over 30 years in outpatient, prison and residential settings. She developed Louise’s House residential reentry program in 2010 for male sex offenders exiting the GA prison system. This program addresses both reentry support and needs, and sex offender specific treatment aimed to reduce criminal and sexual risk.

Michael Nail, MPA, Commissioner of the GA Department of Community Supervision. Prior to being appointed the first Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Supervision, Michael held multiple senior and executive leadership roles with the Georgia Department of Corrections and the State Board of Pardons and Paroles to include: Director of Probation Training, Director of Probation, Corrections Division Director, and Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles.

With over 29 years of experience, Michael is nationally recognized as a thought leader in the fields of corrections and community supervision. A recipient of multiple state and national awards, Michael has served in various roles and capacities on numerous councils and commissions. In addition, Michael was a member of the Executive Session on Community Supervision at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government for three years. His participation led to the publication of *Less Is More: How Reducing Probation Populations Can Improve Outcomes*. He continues to engage with projects sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections and National Institute of Justice.

Lori Rozier, MS, MEd, GA DCS - Lori oversees the operations of the Sex Offender Management Unit. This unit is responsible for providing support to DCS and external stakeholders concerning management and supervision of sex offenders. Lori develops policies, procedures and guidelines.

Neal Frazier MMPA – Treatment Provider. Neal works with the Sex Offender Administration Unit. He is a Criminal Investigator III and serves in various capacities. One of his assignments consists of being the liaison for sex offender treatment.

Sherri Bloodworth - Reentry Housing.

Payton Wells – DCS field officer