No Room at the Home: Sexual Offense Policy & Aging



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Employment Injury Loss of social Property supports damage Consequences Mental health Stigma of the Registry Banned from Travel locations restrictions HOUSING Education denial

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But what about...

- Housing—significant restriction
- Non-traditional housing
 - Long-term care facilities
 - Future outcomes



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Questions

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Scope of the Problem

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Business Practices vs Legislation

• Business Practices?
• State legislation?

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Similarities with language



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Not publicly available

Jacob Wetterling Act Result of the abduction and death of Jacob Wetterling Passed in 1994



Megan's Law

Result of the murder of Megan Kanka Passed in 1996 Expanded the scope of the registry



Adam Walsh Act

Named after Adam Walsh Passed in 2006 Established a national registry

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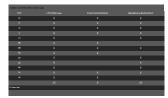
 Population, Median Age, Crime Rate, Incarceration Rate, Police/Capita Criminal Justice
Policies

• Death Penalty,
Three Strike Laws,
Disenfranchisement

Residency
 Restrictions*, Civil
 Commitment*,
 Lifetime GPS
 Monitoring

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States with RR and CC Laws



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Facility-Level Characteristics



What do Administrators think?

Themes				
IDII	Would make admission exceptions	In Favor of CompanyPolicy (Y/N)	Location of facility matters	Room placement
1	x	x	×	
2		x		
3		x		
4		×		X
5	x			
6	x		x	
7	x	x		X
8	x	×	x	
9	x	x		
10	x			X
11	x	×		
12	×			
13	x	×		X
14	x		x	
15		×	x	
16	×	×		x
17	x	x		
Total	13	12	5	5

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In Favor of Company Policy

Agreement with Policy		
	Admit RSO/Offense History	Do Not Admit RSO/Offense History
	(n=7)	(n=10)
Agree with Company Policy	100%	70%
Disagree With Company Policy	***	30%

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Discussion

- Criminal Justice response vs Public Health response
- Punishment vs Prevention
 Human Rights
 Medical Ethics
 Social Justice
- Lifetime Registry

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What is next?

- Collaboration
 Legislative Reform
 Advocacy
 Research



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