

## **SEX OFFENDER CASELOAD**

Offenders placed in this caseload are required to register as a sex offender with Texas Department of Public Safety via local law enforcement agencies within seven days of sentencing. They are subjected to yearly polygraph examinations and weekly group counseling sessions for approximately eighteen months with aftercare follow-up services every six months. These offenders may also be subjected to court ordered psychological evaluations or as deemed necessary based on their progress in treatment. Group counseling, aftercare and psychological evaluations are administered by a Psychologist contracted by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department. Sex offenders are restricted by statute to not be within one thousand feet of areas designated as child safety zones. Areas designated as child safety zones include: day care facilities, schools, parks and any other area where minor children congregate without having to post a sign in front of their residence which identifies them as a sex offender. The community supervision officer that supervises sex offenders monitors that they are in compliance with all of these requirements through frequent contacts with the offender at the community supervision and corrections department and a minimum of one home visit every sixty day. In addition, all sex offenders are required to participate in a Halloween night lock-in from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the community supervision and corrections department to prevent inadvertent contact with minor children. These high-risk offenders are monitored until the end of their term of community supervision.