

CHAPERONE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- A. A chaperone training program is designed to keep society safer by providing the chaperone with an understanding of sexual offender behavior, traits and cycles. The chaperone will be required to sign a contract at the conclusion of the training and may have their rights to be a chaperone revoked if unable or unwilling to perform their responsibilities.

- B. The chaperone training program should include the following components:
 - 1. What treatment is and how it works.
 - 2. Motivation for deviant behavior-power and control issues.
 - 3. A supportive environment, encouraging chaperones to discuss the impact of perpetrators behavior on themselves, family and community.
 - 4. Participation by a volunteer perpetrator to disclose his layout, outlets, cycle, high risks, coping strategies and what treatment is to him and to answer questions from chaperones.

- C. In order to fully understand the individual offender, the chaperone must understand:
 - 1. The exact nature of the perpetrator's crime.
 - 2. "Homework" assignments for the chaperone to discuss and document with the perpetrator, including layout, outlets, high risks and coping strategies.
 - 3. Rules for any contact between perpetrator and children or victim, which would include:
 - a. Never being alone with children.
 - b. Never initiating physical contact.
 - c. No discussions about sexuality between perpetrator and children.
 - d. No secret keeping.
 - e. If a perpetrator is going to live in a household with children there should be specific arrangements concerning a wide variety of issues, including locks on bathrooms and bedrooms, and not being alone with children.
 - 4. Chaperones should contact the treating therapist to facilitate open communication.
 - 5. Chaperones should sign a contract which indicates they are aware of the expectations and rules that are inherent to being a chaperone, including the willingness to call the police, parole officer, therapist, if there is any behavior that jeopardizes the safety of the community.