

**Juvenile Sex Offender Registration:  
Current Research, Judicial Perspectives, and Shaping Policies**

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In recent years, there has been an unprecedented proliferation of sex offender-specific legislation throughout the United States. Although much of the legislation targets adults who have committed sex offenses, an ever-increasing controversy involves the application of sex offender registration statutes to juveniles. Research demonstrates that adults and juveniles who commit sex offenses differ in a number of important ways, which suggests that court dispositions, assessment practices, treatment interventions, supervision strategies, and public policies should collectively take into account these developmental and other identified differences. As such, with the growing trend of placing juveniles on public sex offender registries, key stakeholders in the fields of juvenile justice and sex offender management continue to express a variety of concerns about this practice. Chief among these concerns are the potential negative impact that registration may have on youth and their families and the potential unintended consequences that registration may have on the processing such cases within the juvenile court system. This symposium will provide an overview of contemporary research about the impact of sex offender registration for juveniles, highlight insights and perspectives from juvenile and family court judges, and offer recommendations about promoting informed public policies through collaborative partnerships and targeted educational initiatives.