

Recommendations

1. Given the differences between adolescents who commit sex offenses and adults who commit sexual offenses, management policies used with adult sex offenders should not automatically be used with adolescents.
2. Programs designed to reduce recidivism should target general offending and sexual offending.
3. Programs should be evaluated for their effectiveness and the possibility of creating problems, e.g., mixing low and high-risk individuals.
4. Interventions need to fit the individual's risk, needs, and learning style.

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5. Individuals conducting risk assessments must be properly trained.
6. Risk assessments should look at both risk and protective factors.
7. Use evidence based treatments.
8. Match the intensity of treatment to the adolescent's level of risk.
9. Never, never, never ever put an adolescent on the public registry.


