

Many people have changed their lives, turning away from a life of drugs, alcohol or violence and left their criminal behaviors in their past. They can all say, "I put that behind me years ago. I am not that any more, and it does not define who I am today." Society now supports their efforts to live a life as changed, better, sober or in recovery. Most, convicted of a sexual crime, have been through therapy or a group treatment program and have not re-offended in many years. They have the same right to claim, "I am NOT a sex offender, and I do not accept that label."

For a government to label any group of people with a criminal behavior is oppression. Calling someone a "sex offender" after he or she has completed a prison sentence and has shown a repentant heart, negatively affects their re-entry into society. Placing lifetime stigmas on anyone is vengeful and punitive. Where is their hope of redemption or their rights as human beings? Everyone deserves the freedom to put their past behind them and move forward.

In his 2004 State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said, "***America is the land of second chances, and when the gates of the prison open, the path ahead should lead to a better life.***"

We agree, and this statement should apply to ALL people, no matter their race, gender, social status or criminal conviction. Even those, who have been convicted of a sexual offense and paid their debt for their crime, should be given the same opportunities to live a better life upon release, a second chance to find a new path ahead of them. Because this is true, we WILL make a difference. We will take our collective voice and speak up for what is right, for what is constitutional and what is just. For those lives affected by a sex offender registry, we will advocate for change, to reform the laws making them rationally based on fact rather than fear.

Links

NARSOL

**National Association for Rational Sexual
Offense Laws**
narsol.org

WAR

Women Against the Registry
womenagainstry.org

ACSOL

Alliance for Constitutional Sex Offense Laws
all4consolaws.org

SOSEN

**Sex Offender Solutions and Education
Network**
sosen.org

CURE-SORT

Sex Offenders Restored through Treatment
(an issue chapter of)
**Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of
Errants**
cure-sort.org

The Community Room

eadvocate-community.blogspot.com

Daily Strength

Families of Registrants – Online Support
dailystrength.org/groups/families-of-sex-offenders

Prison Talk

prisontalk.com



ok-rsol.org

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What is OKRSOL?

OKRSOL, Oklahoma Reform Sex Offender Laws, was founded in 2010. It is a nonprofit advocacy organization in Oklahoma that was incorporated with the state in 2014. Its membership is strictly volunteer, and it is funded by donation only.

OKRSOL advocates for the thousands of people in Oklahoma affected by the requirement to register with the state's sex offender registry. The collateral damages, caused by the registry and the restrictions that come with it, impact the lives of both the registrant and their families.

OKRSOL monitors the Oklahoma legislature every year and watches for both negative legislative bills to oppose and positive legislative bills to support. Through communication with legislators, the media, and the public, OKRSOL's aim is to prevent any harmful "sex offender" legislation from becoming new law and work to abolish negative and ineffective current laws.

OKRSOL does not condone or support any crime of a sexual nature. Anyone convicted of a sexual offense should be punished according to the law. Our goals are aimed at preventing unjust and unconstitutional punishments of persons convicted of a sexual crime from the time of arrest and after serving their time.

Mission Statement

Educate Oklahomans about sex offender laws, change or repeal existing laws that are detrimental to society, and pass beneficial laws.

Vision Statement

Oklahoma RSOL will seek to educate the public, the Legislature, and the Governor on the facts versus the myths concerning the current laws regarding registered offenders, including the registry and its effects on everyone, not only the former offenders and their families but on the community as a whole.

Ultimate Goals

Abolish laws which label former offenders, who are obeying the law and not re-offending, as a threat to the community.

Abolish laws requiring all offenders to be placed on the public registry.

Pass laws providing for risk assessment and restorative treatment for ALL former offenders to help them successfully reenter society.

Activities

Within previous year's legislative sessions, OKRSOL has been able to successfully block several pieces of harmful legislation that would have been extremely damaging for registrants and their families. In the future, OKRSOL will continue this work as well as introduce legislation that will help reduce the negative burdens and stigma experienced by registrants and their families.

Each year, this work is conducted at the state capital during the legislative session and throughout the year as members of our legislative committee meet with state lawmakers to educate and discuss issues that affect both the registered community and the public.

Contact Us

If you are interested in learning more, would like to become a member, or would like to make a financial contribution to our organization, please contact us at one of the following:

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