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 CFSW ASSOCIATING FOR TIGHTER SEX OFFENDER LAWS

**Housing of Sex Offenders in Wisconsin:**  
 A Presentation to the Special Committee on Placement of Sex Offenders

November 30, 2006

**The CFSW, Inc. Mission**

Advocate for tougher sex offender legislation and enhancements to Wisconsin's comprehensive sex offender management program.



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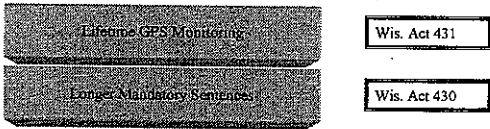
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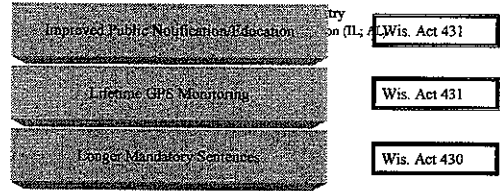
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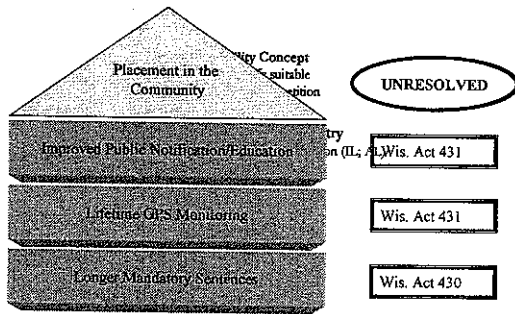


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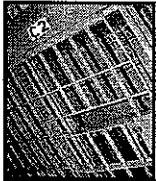


Wisconsin's Two Categories of  
 Sexual Perpetrators:

Sex Offenders v. Sexually Violent Persons

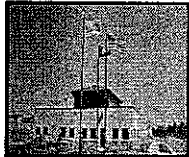
### Category 1: Sex Offenders

- Sentenced to prison term
- Under the supervision of the Department of Corrections upon release
- Must register as a Sex Offender on the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry



### Category 2: Sexually Violent Persons

- Considered "Dangerous because of a mental disorder that *makes it more likely than not* that the person will engage in acts of sexual violence."
- Civilly committed to Sand Ridge Treatment Center under Wis. Stat. Chapter 980 as mental health patients
- Petition for supervised release



## The Crisis Under Chapter 980: Housing of Milwaukee County SVPs

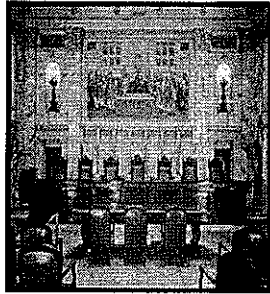
### Brief History

- State encountered difficulty in finding permanent housing for SVPs from Milwaukee County
- State explored constructing a single transitional facility to put all Milwaukee County SVPs on supervised release, but failed
- Milwaukee County's unresolved issues have significant implications for the viability of the Chapter 980 civil commitment program

## Housing Options for Legislative Council's Consideration

## The Wisconsin Supreme Court Equally Concerned About Lack of SVP Placement

*In re Commitment of Shawn D. Schulpius*  
January 10, 2006



### Option 1: Remove State's Obligation to Arrange SVP Placement

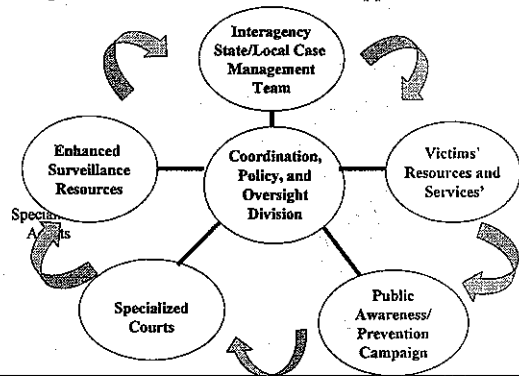
- Intent of placement obligation obsolete with active GPS monitors
- Require SVPs to recommend housing solution, subject to DHFS approval
- Child Safety or exclusionary zones
- Mandate law enforcement notification of residents within ½ mile radius of property
- Consider additional notification methods
- Preserves Chapter 980 civil commitment statute

### Option 2: Reinstate the "Burden Equity" Provision and Abandon "One Size Fits All"

- Act 431 required SVPs from Milwaukee County to be returned to the municipality from which they came, subject to some limited exceptions
- Sets the stage for local versus state control (menu approach)
- Promotes cooperation to find creative solutions
- Child Safety or exclusionary zones
- Preserves Chapter 980 Civil Commitment Statute

### Proposed Sex Offender Management Enhancements

### Adopt and Fund the Collaboration Approach



### Enhance Sex Offender Registry and Notice

- Risk Assessment Status
- Employment/School Information
- Multiple photos; updated annually
- Description/photo of distinguishing marks
- Require in-person verification semi-annually for highest risk offenders
- Develop standards for community notification
- Grants for community website registries, task forces

### Impose Tough Sanctions for Violations

- 10-year mandatory minimum sentence for failing to register in a timely manner
- Penalties for aiding offender to avoid or falsify registry requirements
- 20-year mandatory minimum for tampering with the GPS monitor or other surveillance equipment
- Sanctions imposed if high risk behavior surfaces vs. increased monitoring

### Summary

- Re-instate the Burden Equity provision
- Child Safety or exclusionary zones regardless of offender category
- Build and Fund a Collaborative Management program
- Enhance the Sex Offender Registry
- Impose Tough Sanctions for Violations
- Improve Public Education

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