



Fall 2025

* 2025 has been a time of renewing and moving forward. Advocates for Change has a new and improved website to, hopefully, be more convenient and valuable in the search for education. Starting with the lock downs during Covid, AFC has been meeting via Zoom on a regular, biweekly schedule. We continue to educate ourselves to have answers for anyone looking for them. We resumed our in-person evening meetings and we're working on having the meetings every other month switching from one place (our previous location no longer wanted to rent their facility) in Westminster to another location in Littleton. We're hoping this helps with opportunities for people who would want to participate.

* Many of you know Tami Floyd, but may not know that she and her husband, Rick Ostring, were in a serious motorcycle accident this summer. Tami was badly injured and is working hard to regain the use of her upper and lower body – she has increased feeling and is making great progress. She is successfully using a wheelchair to get around. Tami and Rick are still helping those looking for housing and working with AFC to create better ideas for people who are or have been incarcerated.

* What's coming up in the Legislature? We don't know what the legislature holds for 2026, but this is what we're working on. We have been asked by SOMB to help revise section 5.5 of the Standards and Guidelines – Role of Family Members and Natural Supports Within the CST. AFC was asked to review the current section and help to update the language. We had a seven-member committee with a variety of backgrounds working with family and others in the areas of parole, probation, and DoC.

“We Can't Arrest Our Way Out of Child Sexual Abuse”

January 26, 2025 - John Dawe, PARSOL

One of Pennsylvania Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws (PARSOL)'s top priorities is to ensure our communities and leaders recognize that sexual harm is preventable. On June 25-26, 2024, PARSOL staff joined more than 250 researchers and advocates at the Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at an annual Envision conference, “The Future of Prevention.” This inspiring, challenging, and motivating two-day conference featured the latest research, practices, and experience in the prevention of child sexual abuse. MOORE unveiled its new Prevention Global hub and a deep dive

series of knowledge resources exploring challenges and opportunities in perpetration prevention. Simon Bailey, QPM, DL, CBE, chair of the International Policing and Public Protection Research Institute and Director of Strategic Engagement at the Child Rescue Coalition, presented a strong case for a shift in addressing child sexual abuse, particularly in the online realm.

The Ineffectiveness of Current Approaches

During his presentation, Bailey made a bold statement: “We cannot arrest our way out of this problem,” he said. He notes that despite leading what he described as “the world’s leading response to the enforcement threat,” the number of victims and offenders kept growing month after month. Another approach is needed: A Public Health Approach rather than a criminal justice response; Evidence-Based Solutions – understanding what works and what doesn’t work; Big Tech Responsibility of technology -in relating profit over protection of children; and Support for Victims and Front-line Workers providing updated information and evidence-based research.

Colorado Supreme Court weighs whether lifetime sex offender registration amounts to ‘punishment’ (People v Beagle)

By Michael Karlik 10/30/2025

Members of the Colorado Supreme Court appeared wary last week of deeming lifetime sex offender registration “punishment,” even as they heard about the inescapable consequences of an individual’s liberty and privacy.

Under Colorado law, “sexually violent predators” are subject to lifetime sex offender registration. To qualify, they must be 18 years or older, convicted of certain offenses, commit the offense against certain types of people and, finally, be “likely to subsequently commit one or more” sexual offenses.

Although the legislature has not deemed lifetime registration to be “punishment,” Colorado’s justices wondered during the Oct. 22 oral arguments whether it nonetheless bears hallmarks of punishment — and, therefore, whether it could be cruel and unusual punishment.

Assistant Attorney General Jaycey DeHoyos acknowledged the label sexually violent predator “can be misleading. And violence really has nothing to do with how someone becomes — or should not enter how someone is designated as — a sexually violent predator.” The label can cause that sort of panic.”

Timothy Paul Beagle plead guilty in Jefferson County to attempted sexual assault and distributing drugs to a minor. He did not have any prior sex crimes on his record, but a trial judge imposed lifetime registration on him.

Beagle argued the label amounted to cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eighth Amendment. Although the state Supreme Court in 2021 (234567890-8765430) deemed mandatory lifetime registration for juveniles to be cruel and unusual, it has not reached that conclusion for adults.

The Court of Appeals upheld Beagle’s designation but acknowledged there was potential merit to his argument. On appeal, the ACLU of Colorado weighed in to support Beagle, arguing that lawmakers established the sexually violent predator designation in 1997 out of a belief that sex offenders posed a

lifetime risk. However, scholarship suggests the risk of recidivism declines over time, with data from Colorado showing very few lifetime sex offender registrants commit new felonies.

Justice Richard L. Gabriel wondered if Beagle’s challenge actually implicated the accuracy of the existing tools to designate someone a sexually violent predator due to their risk, more so than the designation itself. “It may not in reality be effective because the tools aren’t correct, and I have some concerns about the tools,” he said.

“Mr. Beagle seems to have been caught in this SVP net, in a way, based on circumstances that really look different than the kind of SVP assessments I saw when I was trial court judge,” said Justice Maria E. Berkenkotter. “Emphasis on predatory conduct, lots of grooming, lots of history, lots of sex offending. And Mr. Beagle’s circumstances seem different.”

The Registry Didn’t Stop That Either - November 4, 2025 - Florida Action Committee

So Meta, the company that owns Facebook and other popular social media platforms enacts a strict rule saying, “No one on the sex-offender registry may use our platforms!” — brilliant, right? That should instantly shut down all the sex crimes taking place on those sites. Problem solved. Except — surprise! A survey conducted by the Florida Attorney General’s office finds that more than half of reported cases of human trafficking in Florida since 2019 used Meta!!!

The logic, we’re told, is that banning registrants will somehow make everyone safer and prevent sex crimes. And yet, according to Florida’s AG, over half of human trafficking cases take place on Meta’s platforms – where registrants can’t even be. It seems the “bad guys” aren’t on the registry at all.

It’s the digital equivalent of hanging a giant “Beware of Dog” sign on your fence — while there’s no dog in the yard, the burglars are already inside the house rummaging through the silverware.

And that illusion is dangerous. When parents see a “Predator-Free Zone” sign at a park or learn that Meta bans registrants, they breathe a little easier. They assume their children are safe — after all, the signs and rules say so. But what those same parents don’t realize is that over 95% of sexual offenses are committed by someone not on the registry. So, what exactly do these bans and signs accomplish, other than giving a false sense of security? They make people let their guard down, trusting that the threat has been neatly contained, when in reality, it’s been hiding in plain sight all along.

Meanwhile, Meta’s ban sweeps up hundreds of thousands of people who have already served their sentences, rebuilt their lives, and pose no threat to anyone. These individuals are blocked from participating in modern social interaction — from connecting with family, receiving news, networking for work, or running legitimate businesses. In today’s digital world, being barred from social media isn’t a minor inconvenience — it’s social exile. And for what? To maintain the appearance of safety? At least the Florida AG seems to acknowledge that it’s not working!

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