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## You Want To Polygraph Who??

**Can we benefit from the polygraph of others  
involved in treatment and supervision of  
Sexual Offenders**



## Supervisors/Chaperones

- Clearly, for most, offenders who have approved supervisors are more successful in treatment.
- Clearly, Managing a supervision program brings many challenges to the treatment team.
- Clearly, Supervisors can be detrimental to the success of the offender.

## Supervisors Most Often Are

- Spouses
- Siblings
- Adult Children
- Parents
- Ministers
- Friends
- Fiances

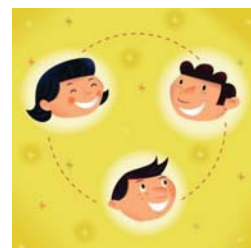


# Family Members are by Design Poor Supervisors

- Family members are generally the first to put an offender in a high risk situation.
- Family members are accustomed to relying on family members to meet their own needs.
- Family members fear restrictions on the offenders will inconvenience or displace them.
- The offender often has the power to dissuade the supervisor from reporting incidents

## Family Members

- Find reporting violations difficult
- Often engage cognitive distortions in determining reportable offenses





## Why Do You Want To Be A Supervisor?

- You are extremely dependent
- You really love this person
- You're just plain stupid
  - OR
- You have another more sinister motive



## Alert Alert Alert

- Supervisors may have more than love of the offender behind their motivation to be so intimately involved
  - Sadistic Investment
  - Masochistic Investment
  - Hybristic Investment



## Hybristophilia Bonney and Clyde Syndrome

- Greek root hybridzein, to commit an outrageous offense
- Sexuoeroticaly turned on by a partner who has a predatory history of outrages perpetrated on others John Money

# The Treatment Team

- Tony Gribben, Licensed Polygraph Examiner,  
State of Texas
- Gerald Rogers, M.A.,MSW, PH.D.  
Licensed Clinical Social Worker  
Licensed Professional Counselor  
Certified Sexologist  
Licensed Sex Offender Treatment Provider

# Supervisor/Chaperone

Individual who:

- Completes formal training including exposure to ALL of our knowledge of the Offender
- Demonstrates RECOGNITION OF RISK and UNDERSTANDING OF LIABILITY
- Formally requests to be identified as persons responsible for SUPERVISING an offender during direct contact with a minor and indirect contact while experiencing daily life in the free world.
- Is approved by the treatment and supervision team



# History of Supervision Program

- 1984 My Practicum Supervisor required spouses/partners to attend group with the perpetrator.
- 1990 or about began to develop formal program to teach spouses/partners to assist the perpetrator in following the rules of treatment/community supervision
- 1998 reevaluated process and the components we were using and refined the process
- 2001 Recognition that individuals wanting to become supervisors for my female population had ulterior motives, but couldn't identify specifics
- Dr. Rogers researched this in terms of paraphilia's and began to explore this in terms of the supervisors potential pathology
- 2002 Began to explore use of Polygraph with supervisors/chaperones

# Supervision Training Tasks

1. Attends 6 group sessions with the offender
  1. Develops understanding of group process
2. Attends 6 individual sessions and completes
  1. Thinking Errors Worksheets
  2. Relapse Prevention Worksheets
  3. Review of Patient File
  4. Development of an Adequate Safety Plan
  5. Demonstrates Understanding of These Concepts
3. Initial Polygraph
4. Signs Understanding of Liability Form

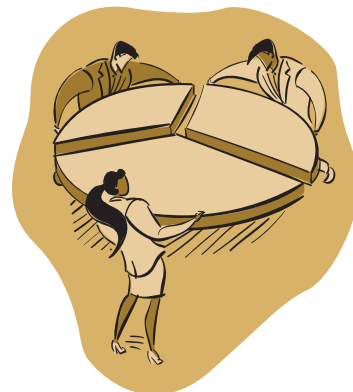
# Benefits of Polygraph for Supervisors

- Excellent external deterrent to the persuasiveness of the offender
- Maintains perspective (them or me)
- Deters the unsuitable from participation
- Eliminates those with something to hide
- Protects the innocent..the children



# Benefits for Treatment

- ❖ Shares a portion of the liability
- ❖ Intensifies supervision of direct contacts
- ❖ Increases accountability
- ❖ Protects the innocent



# Development of the Pilot Study

- Consult with Polygraph Examiner
- Develop Pre Polygraph Questionnaire
- Wrote, Rewrote and Edited Questions
- Present implementation to the group participants and their Chaperones
- Address the Whining and Complaining
- Address the questions of the CSO's arising from the whining and complaining

## Pre Polygraph Questionnaire for Supervisors

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1. Who are you a chaperone for?
2. How long have you been a chaperone?
3. Have you completed the necessary paperwork/courses/fees to be a chaperone?
4. Did you falsify any information to become a chaperone?
5. Since you have been a chaperone have you ever been arrested?
6. Since becoming a chaperone have you used any illegal narcotics?
7. Since becoming a chaperone have you purchased any illegal narcotics for the offender?
8. Since becoming a chaperone have you given/provided the offender any illegal narcotics?
9. Since becoming a chaperone have you purchased any alcoholic beverages for the offender?
10. Since becoming a chaperone have you given/provided the offender any alcoholic beverages?

# Pre Polygraph Questionnaire for Supervisors

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11. Since becoming a chaperone have you consumed any alcoholic beverages?
12. Since becoming a chaperone have you kept any alcoholic beverages in the home?
13. As a chaperone have you lied to the offender's probation/parole officer?  
About what?
14. As a chaperone have you lied to the offender's therapist/counselor?  
About what?
15. Have you completely disclosed all violations that you have witnessed?
16. Has the offender ever threatened you if you disclose any violation(s)?
17. Has the offender ever assaulted you for anything you have disclosed to a probation office or therapist?
18. Have you ever purchased/provided any pornography for the offender while on probation/parole?
19. What violations have you witnessed the offender commit?
  - Have you ever lied to a parole/probation officer to get the offender in trouble?

# Pre Polygraph Questionnaire for Supervisors

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21. Have you ever lied to the offender's therapist to get the offender in trouble?
22. Have you ever threatened the offender by saying you would tell lies to the therapist or probation officer if he would not do something?
23. Have you falsified any written materials for the offender?
24. Are you doing anything in front of the offender that he/she is not able to do because it is a violation?
25. Are you participating with the offender in activities that you know are violations?
26. Has the offender been alone with any children?
27. Has there been any family violence committed by the offender in your presence?
28. Have you observed the offender "groom" any child that could lead to future sexual events?
29. If you are involved in a sexual relationship with the offender, do you have an exclusive relationship?
30. Have you heard the offender speak of harming anyone involved in his/her probation/therapy?

## Pre Polygraph Questionnaire for Supervisors

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31. Has the offender discussed any sexual fantasies involving anyone involved in his/her probation/therapy?

32. Have you answered each of the previous questions truthfully and completely?

33. Have you followed every agreement in your supervision plan?

34.

35.

36.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for Polygraph

Did you lie about anything in your past to become a supervisor?

Since becoming a supervisor have you intentionally  
not enforced any rule of the program?

Did you answer all questions on the questionnaire truthfully?

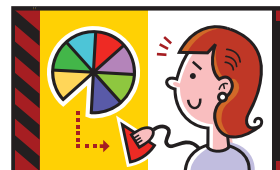
Since your last polygraph have you.....

## Initial Comments from Participants

1. Cost of polygraph is too high
2. Feel like being punished for the offenders crime
3. Makes feel fearful of making a mistake
4. Have a desire to feel like they are doing something good and the polygraph makes feel they are bad
5. May prevent some from having a supervisor

## Current Feedback From the Participants

- Identify with the anxiety of the offender over the polygraph
- Makes reporting incidents easier
- Increases awareness of rules and potential violations



# Raw Data

N=23

	Total	D/C	Continue	Complete	Died
Husband	2	2			
Wife	6	2	4		
Fiance'	1		1		
Mother	5		2	2	1
Father	3	1	1		1
Mother n Law	1		1		
Grand mother	1		1		
Sister	2	1	1		
Brother	0				
Friend	2	2			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## Current Feedback About the Program

Increases confidence in the supervision of family reunification

Being requested by community intervention and supervision agencies

Increases the success of family reunification with adolescent offenders

Intensifies the level of supervision provided by the supervisor

Raises the expectation of the supervisor to have cooperation of all family members in direct supervision situations