

Workshop #6
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2009 – Session 2 (10:45-12:15)

**EFFECTIVENESS OF SEX OFFENDER PUBLIC POLICIES:
ARE THEY MAKING COMMUNITIES SAFER?**

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Workshop Summary

This session will explore the issues and evidence surrounding public policies designed to manage sex offenders. Specifically, the session will review the literature surrounding sex offender registries, community notification, and residency restrictions, with special attention paid to studies conducted using New York State offender samples. The relative strengths and weakness of these studies will be evaluated, the findings summarized, and outstanding issues discussed. Following examination of these existing sex offender management policies, the session will conclude with a brief discussion on the possible implementation and impact of the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.