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SEX OFFENDER PROGRAM AND HOUSING

This area should be dubbed "No Man's Land". It seems every program and grant wants to eliminate this demographic...we don't. The reality is, these offenders are coming home. When we exclude these men and women from every program and highly limit their chances for employment or success, that does not solve the problem, it perpetuates it. The fact is, a small percentage of sex offenders are predatory. The sex offenders who truly are not predatory are treatable.

It is a known fact that sexual activity can become an addiction just like any other addiction, but can be an addiction that is more difficult to manage than nicotine. From a "faith-based" perspective, one of the most dangerous fallacies when one comes to Christ, is that Christ takes the addiction away. Men will genuinely receive Christ but incorrectly believe that Christ is going to keep them from their activity. The truth is, this addiction, like other addictions, is an escape for pain, anger and other issues that need to be tended too. When these clients are "backed into a corner", issues not dealt with, no income and no support, they will do what they know to do to escape from reality, just like a crack addict. In this case, the drug of choice is not crack, it is sex and involves victims.

We intend to initiate a pilot program in the Sacramento region. This program will be a group home model, preferably just out of town in a semi rural area. Clients will be involved in a faith based, sexual addictions group program that is two phase, as well as entrepreneurial training. We intend to teach them how to be business owners in the field that interests them, thereby limiting their involvement in the mainline work force, yet becoming a self-supporting, viable part of society.

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