



**SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY
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Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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Senator Justin Boyd
Chair, Arkansas Legislative Council
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Representative Les D. Eaves
Chair, Arkansas Legislative Council
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Dear Governor Sanders and Chairpersons:

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 12-12-921, the Sex Offender Assessment Committee (SOAC) must report to the Governor and Legislative Council each year a summary of the proceedings, a statement of revenue, expenditures, and any additional requested information. On behalf of the SOAC, I am enclosing a report for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2026. The committee has no revenue, and their expenses are covered by the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,

Sarah Wilson-Cotton, M.S., L.P.E.-I
SOCNA Administrator

Cc: Lindsay Wallace, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Corrections



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REPORT ON SOAC PROCEEDINGS

The Sex Offender Assessment Committee (SOAC) is a committee that reviews and approves guidelines for the sex offender assessment process, votes to assign Level 4 community notification status, and evaluates cases in which offenders seek administrative review. The Secretary of the Department of Corrections (DOC) or the Secretary's designee serves as the executive secretary of the committee, and the administrative functions of the committee are the responsibility of the DOC. The SOAC is a 9- member committee with six (6) members of the committee appointed by the Governor. The remainder of the committee is comprised of directors of the Division of Community Correction (DCC), the Arkansas Crime Information Center, and the Division of Correction (ADC) or their designees.

The Committee met nine (9) times during FY 2026. During regular meetings, the Committee received information about the adult and juvenile assessment processes from SOCNA and Family Treatment Program staff, respectively. Additionally, in FY 2026, SOAC reviewed twenty-one (21) cases presented for consideration as Sexually Dangerous Persons and seventeen (17) requests for Administrative Review.

Committee members are not paid a salary, but statute authorizes members who are not state employees to request a \$110 per diem for each meeting, examination, evaluation, or inspection attended or for any day while performing any proper business of the committee. In FY2026, \$340.00 was expended towards per diem payments. Members may also seek compensation for expenses incurred travelling to and from SOAC meetings. In FY2026, \$617.76 was reimbursed to members for their expenses for attending meetings. In addition, \$126,000 was remitted to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Family Treatment Program pursuant to a contract for performing juvenile risk assessments.

CONTACT INFORMATION

This report was compiled on behalf of the Sex Offender Assessment Committee by the Arkansas Department of Corrections, Division of Community Correction. To request additional information, please contact SOCNA at ADC.SOCNA@doc.arkansas.gov.