

# Resources

**For women associated to the sex offender registry through a romantic relationship with a sex offender and/or have children with a sex offender**

**Read *Consensual Consequences*:** *Consensual Consequences: A True Story of Life with a "Registered Sex Offender"* was written by a woman who married a registered sex offender. It has been classified as "a powerful story of true love and heartache while living in fear of vigilantism and simultaneously battling a system that punishes their whole family endlessly." Women in similar situations to the author have found comfort in reading her story and feeling they are not alone. <http://www.amazon.com/Consensual-Consequences-Story-Registered-Offender/dp/1934759503>

**Join [dailystrength.org](http://www.dailystrength.org):** This website provides free online support groups for various populations in need. They have a specific support groups for families of sex offenders, whether or not you are still with him. There are also other support groups available that may apply to what you are going through. <http://www.dailystrength.org/groups/families-of-sex-offenders>

**Join Yahoo Group "Offender Solutions":** "S.O.S. (Sex Offender Solutions) is a fellowship of individuals from every walk of life that are dedicated to the recovery of S\*x Offenders, the reunification of their families, and the restoration of their Civil Rights." <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Offendersolutions/>

**Join Citizens for Second Chance:** This group is a Michigan based support group for families of individuals convicted of -or- charged with a sex offense. You do not have to be a resident of Michigan to find support within this group. Their website offers both support and information on laws related to registration. <http://www.citizensforsecondchances.com/mission-statement>

**Join [Womenagainstregistry.org \(W.A.R.\)](http://womenagainstry.org):** "Women Against Registry brings much needed attention to national and state registries which are destroying American families and depriving them of the liberties and equal protection guaranteed to each and every American citizen. Women Against Registry gives a voice to the hundreds of thousands of innocent women and children who are being wrongly and unfairly punished because we have a family member who has been convicted of a sexual offense." Members of W.A.R. find support in women in similar situations as well as advocacy opportunities. <http://womenagainstry.org/>

**Join Illinois Voices for Reform:** This group is a Illinois based advocacy group for sex offenders and families of sex offenders. You do not have to be a resident of Illinois to find opportunities within this group. Their website offers information on advocacy efforts on laws related to registration. <http://www.citizensforsecondchances.com/mission-statement>

**Join The Offenders Wife:** This mission of this website is to support and empower women who find themselves labeled and stigmatized by their association to the sex offender registry through a partner. This may be a resource of support for women who find themselves stigmatized even if they are no longer in a romantic relationship with the offender. <http://theoffenderswife.org/>

**Join USA FAIR:** USA FAIR (Families Advocating an Intelligent Registry) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to educating the public on issues related to the sex offender registry. This may be a resource for those who wish to become actively involved in sex offender advocacy. [http://www.usafair.org/about us](http://www.usafair.org/about_us)

**Visit Shana Rowen's blog:** Shana Rowen is the partner of a sex offender and Executive Director at USA FAIR (Families Advocating an Intelligent Registry). She upkeeps a personal blog discussing current legislation and advocacy efforts. This may be a resource for those who wish to be kept up to date on sex offender advocacy movements. <http://iloveasexoffender.blogspot.com/>

**Visit SOSEN.org:** "The mission of SOSEN (Sex Offender Support and Education Network) is to educate the public, the media, law-enforcement, and legislators regarding the facts, based on current research, of sexual abuse. We are striving to incorporate fact-based solutions thus helping to change the laws that affect former offenders, their loved ones, victims and the communities where they live. We seek to also provide support for victims, former offenders and their families." This site may be helpful for those in need of resources, advocacy opportunities, and personal support. <http://sosen2.org/>

**Visit reformsexoffenderlaws.org:** RSOL envisions effective, fact-based sexual offense laws and policies which promote public safety, safeguard civil liberties, honor human dignity, and offer holistic prevention, healing, and restoration. This website offers updates on RSO legislation as well as advocacy opportunities. It also list advocacy contacts by state. <http://reformsexoffenderlaws.org/>

**Visit griefspeaks.com:** This website provides lists of resources and national support groups for people that have experienced any form of grief in their life. You may find information here that speaks to that which you are struggling with the most. <http://www.griefspeaks.com/id76.html>

**Call 2-1-1:** 211 is the national abbreviated dialing code for free access to health and human services information and referral. You can call this number to find counseling services in your area.

**Visit childcareresource.org:** This website provides national resources for child care related needs and national support organizations. <http://www.childcareresource.org/resources-for-providers/national-support>