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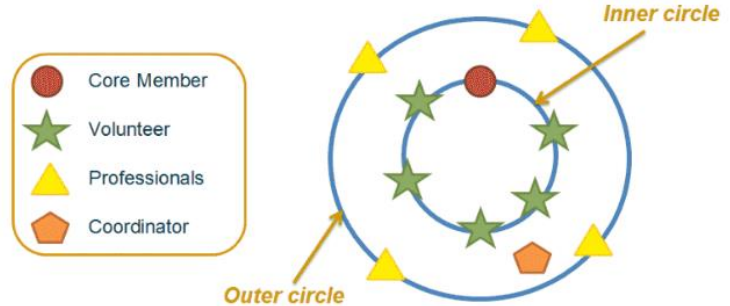www.fsic.org

Evaluation of Project *CerclesCat*

What is *CerclesCat* (Circles of Support and Accountability - CoSA)**?**

It is a program that provides **support** and **supervision** of sex offenders who are deemed moderate or high risk of sexual recidivism and are in the previous stages of their release, in order to enhance their social reintegration and to prevent them from committing a new offense.

No secrets
No more victims

Inner circle

●	Core Member
★	Volunteer
▲	Professionals
⬟	Coordinator

Outer circle

> *CerclesCat's* **aim is to reduce the risk of recidivism in sex offenders**

✓ Who can participate?

1) Inmates with **moderate** or **high** risk of recidivism (according to specific assessments)
2) With **deficits** in their social, work or family environment
3) They have **successfully** participated in specific treatment for sex offenders in prison
4) They show **accountability** for their crime and motivation to change
5) **Volunteering** to participate in CerclesCat (CoSA)

Who can't? ✕

1) High score in **psychopathy**
2) Severe cognitive deficit

What is being done to ensure monitoring, support and control?

Professional support to the Core Member (CM) for 18 months → personal interviews (minimum 1/month)
Group meetings of the CM and **volunteers** → weekly, fortnightly and monthly
Cultural, leisure and work outings of the CM with volunteers → monthly
Personalized attention to the CM via mobile phone → permanent
Assessments, coordinations and information of the results to the Outer Circle (prison referees) → quarterly
Activities in open regime prisons → daily, weekly, fortnightly and monthly

Recidivism and reintegration (international meta-analysis results)

2 samples are compared:

260 CM

260 Non CM

Recidivism rates	CoSA	No CoSA
General recidivism	23.5 %	42.9 %
Violent recidivism	8.6 %	36.4 %
Sexual recidivism	3.4 %	14.4 %

Reintegration	CoSA	No CoSA
Education		
Job		
Housing	**Improves**	**Doesn't improve**
Self-regulation		
Social network		