Reintegrating sex offenders have gained special attention in a myriad of arenas throughout America especially in the last twenty years. Special attention has been granted to this sect of individuals returning to our communities in the media, from corrections officials, legislators, and policymakers. This attention is most notably a result of a series of widely publicized and sensationalized abductions and subsequent slayings of three young Americans at the hands of released sex offenders. These cases include the 1989 abduction of 11-year-old Jacob Wetterling in St. Joseph, Minnesota by a previously convicted sex offender, the 1993 abduction and murder of 12-year-old Polly Klass in San Francisco, and the 1994 molestation and subsequent murder of a 7-year-old girl from Hamilton, New Jersey named Megan Kanka by her neighbor, a twice-convicted sex offender. These three cases galvanized the American public into pressuring legislators, policymakers, and criminal justice practitioners to take action in regards to a seemingly emergent situation: a plague of recidivating sex offenders. The result of this public outcry was the proliferation of federally mandated community notification and sex offender registration statutes. Simultaneously and collaterally, greater attention has been garnered from relevant stakeholders within the Criminal Justice System to the treatment of sex offenders, the assessment of the risks they pose the community upon reintegration, their needs both while incarcerated and upon reentry, and their patterns of recidivism upon release. This Core Area will focus on sex offenders in general with particular attention paid to the relevant and contemporary aspects that either positively or negatively affect their chances of success upon reintegration. Below is a list of scholarly articles delineated into relevant topic areas to be included within the readings of this Core Area.

**Risk and Needs Assessment Instruments**


**Practical Use and Scale Construction for Risk and Needs Assessment Instruments**


**Treatment**


**Recidivism**


