



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

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ICAOS Executive Committee Approves Language Change

[November 29, 2023] – The Executive Committee of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) has unanimously approved replacing the term 'offender' with 'supervised individual' in the Commission's publications, rules, and on its official website. This change aims to foster a more person-centered approach while eliminating barriers and biases associated with traditional terminology. It demonstrates the Commission's commitment to evolving practices that align with the values of dignity and respect.

While this change applies broadly across the Commission's resources and documents, some exceptions remain. The Commission's name, terminology within the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS), and language related to sex offenders continue unaffected at this time. The Commission is committed to ongoing improvement and innovation in its practices, and this change attests to that commitment.

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About the ICAOS: The Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS) is a national organization dedicated to effective community supervision of adults across state boundaries. Comprised of representatives from member states, the Commission works collaboratively to enhance public safety and ensure the successful reintegration of supervised individuals into society.