REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 268 of 2016
Article V, Section 913(3)
Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 3rd Quarter

Section 913(3): The department shall submit a quarterly report to the members of the senate and house appropriations subcommittees on corrections, the senate and house fiscal agencies, the state budget director, and the legislative correction ombudsman detailing enrollment in sex offender programming, assaultive offender programming, violent offender programming, and thinking for a change program. At a minimum, the report shall include the following:

(a) A full accounting from the date of entrance to prison, of the number of individuals who are required to complete the programming, but have not yet done so.

The numbers below are based on prisoners required to complete Violence Prevention Programming (VPP), Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP), Sex Offender Programming (SOP), or Thinking for a Change (T4C). The Violence Prevention Programming is not suitable for youthful offenders, or mentally ill assaultive offenders who require residential treatment (RTP), so a special program was created for these populations to be delivered by Health Care staff, which is called AOP. A new row was added to the tables below to detail the current wait list for these offenders.

Program Name	Zero to Six Months to Earliest Release Date (ERD)	Greater Than Six Months to One Year to Earliest Release Date (ERD)	Greater Than One Year to Two Years to ERD	More Than Two and up to Four Years to ERD	Total
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	72	186	499	1,138	1,895
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	2	0	0	0	2
Sex Offender Programming (MSOP)	112	65	206	757	1,140
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	45	262	1,034	960	2,301

(b) The number of individuals who have reached their earliest release date (ERD), but who have not completed required Violence Prevention Programming (VPP), Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP), Sex Offender Programming (SOP), or Thinking for a Change (T4C).

Program Name	Post ERD - NonPVT	Post ERD – PVT	Post ERD – Total
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	79	24	103
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	3	1	4
Sex Offender Programming (MSOP)	137	18	155
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	26	12	38
Total	245	55	300

(c) A plan of action for addressing any waiting lists or backlogs for sex offender programming or assaultive offender programming that may exist.

In an effort to address prisoners completing SOP/MSOP programming prior to their ERD, the following actions have special focus:

- Continuing a systematic review of prisoner records correcting the waiting list as necessary.
- Ongoing implementation of recommendations for the Lean Process Improvement plan for MSOP/SOP to expedite the assessment process and placement into appropriate programming including:

    o MSOP is still in the process of hiring the dedicated 7 new FTEs to MSOP to conduct groups.
    o Continuing to complete STATIC-99Rs at intake by students who are fully trained to do so.
    o Increased internal training capacity in regards to standardized assessments
    o Increasing the transfers of eligible Level I and II Sexual Offenders to an MSOP hub site.
    o Ongoing transferring of sex offenders to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.

- Further implementation of the following recommendations from some alterations to the Lean Process Improvement plan for MSOP/SOP:

    o Ongoing completion of all SORAs within 2 years of ERD.
    o Having all STABLE-2007 Assessments completed on all offenders from 4 years to 7 years of their ERD to determine programming needs.
    o Hiring 2 FTEs at RGC for the completion of STABLE-2007s to assist with the identifying program needs.
    o Allow trained Qualified Mental Health Professions (QMHPs) to travel to hub sites to increase the total number of groups in progress.
    o Allow QMHPs to travel to alternate facilities to complete Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs) for up to 10 hours per week.
    o Use of overtime as necessary to complete SORAs.
    o Group has expanded from 10 to 12 group members.

Effective November 2014, VPP is being delivered at all facilities, with exception to RGC, SAI, and WHV. With the statewide launch of VPP, the wait list has been affected at an even faster pace and the need to transfer prisoners for VPP programming has been eliminated. The T4C program is running at all facilities, except RGC, SAI, and WHV.

With regards to the VPP and T4C programs, priority placement is given to prisoners who are past or within eight months of the ERD. Quality Assurance monitoring for VPP and T4C is conducted on a frequent basis by trained Reentry Division Central Office and CFA facility staff to ensure that groups are continuously running at capacity as well as to maintain program fidelity and staff accountability.