

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 84 of 2015**  
**Article V, Section 913(2)**  
**Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter**

**Section 913(2):** 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 the current wait list for sex offender programming, assaultive offender programming, and the Thinking for a Change program.

(a) A full accounting 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.

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Zero to Six Months to Earliest Release Date (ERD)</b>	<b>Greater Than Six Months to One Year to Earliest Release Date (ERD)</b>	<b>Greater Than One Year to Two Years to ERD</b>	<b>More Than Two and up to Four Years to ERD</b>	<b>Total</b>
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	60	121	522	1,129	1,832
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	3	0	0	0	3
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	104	186	404	833	1,527
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	31	76	1,053	956	2,116

(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).

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Past Earliest Release Date</b>
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	135
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	2
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	172
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>330</b>

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

The SOP program had 2 SOP groups conclude and 8 new groups began this quarter. There are currently 10 SOP groups in progress and 1 pending. MSOP has 18 ongoing groups with 49 prisoners completing MSOP programming.

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

- Continue a systematic review of prisoner records correcting the waiting list as necessary.
- Implement a Lean Process Improvement plan for MSOP/SOP to expedite the assessment process and placement into appropriate programming including:
  - Dedicate 7 new FTEs to MSOP to assist with groups. Recruitment has begun.
  - STATIC-99R to be completed at intake by students.
  - Transfer eligible Level I and II Sexual Offenders to an MSOP hub site.
  - Transfer sex offenders to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.
  - Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs) will be completed at MSOP hub sites 2 years prior to prisoners' ERD.
  - Allow trained QMHPs to travel to hub sites to increase the total number of groups in progress.
  - Allow QMHPs to travel to alternate facilities to complete SORAs for up to 10 hours per week.
  - Use of overtime as necessary to complete Sex Offender Risk Assessments.
  - Increase recommendation of 10 maximum group members to 12.

Effective November 2014, VPP is being delivered at all facilities, with exception to RGC, WCC, 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.