

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Pursuant to P.A. 64 of 2019

Section 913(3)

Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 3rd Quarter FY 2020

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

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)	51	139	614	1,096	1,900
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	1	0	1	0	2
Sex Offender Programming (MSOP)	23	26	72	252	373
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	28	78	181	231	518

(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 – Non-PVT	Post ERD – PVT	Post ERD – Total
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	94	32	126
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	1	1	2
Sex Offender Programming (MSOP)	82	23	105
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	23	22	45
Total	200	78	278

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

The MDOC continues to work to allow prisoners the opportunity to complete MSOP programming prior to their ERD. The following actions are ongoing to help meet this goal:

- Provide ongoing quality control of risk assessments completed by the MDOC.
- Continuing to complete STATIC-99Rs at intake by our fully trained staff.
- Provide information to parole board members and other stakeholders regarding risk assessment and treatment recommendations.
- Provide regular training to MDOC staff and to community-based treatment providers in use of standardized risk assessment tools.
- Working with MDOC transfer coordination staff to ensure eligible level I and II sexual offenders are transferred to MSOP hub sites expeditiously.
- Ongoing transferring of sex offenders to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.
- Ongoing completion of all SORAs within 2 years of ERD.
- STABLE-2007 Assessments completed on all offenders from 4 years to 7 years of their ERD to determine programming needs.
- Staff continue to administer the STABLE-2007s to assist with the identifying program needs.
- Use of telemedicine devices and allowing Qualified Mental Health Providers (QMHPs) to travel to alternate facilities to complete Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs).

NOTE: The department has been able to maintain limited programming and minimize the impact on the waitlist during the COVID pandemic that started in March 2020. The cause of waitlist increases is a direct result of precautions the department has taken including restrictions on prisoner transfers in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19. Programming continues at facilities that have not been directly impacted by COVID-19 while ensuring social distancing and the wearing of PPE.