

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE

Pursuant to P.A. 119 of 2023

Article 2, Section 708(3)

Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 4th Quarter FY2024

Section 708(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), Michigan Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP), Thinking for a Change (T4C), or TRY (Treatment Readiness for You in MSAPP). 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 by time to Earliest Release Date (ERD).

Program Name	0 to 6 Months to ERD	Greater Than 6 Months to 1 Year to ERD	Greater Than 1 Year to 2 Years to ERD	More Than 2 and up to 4 Years to ERD	Greater Than 4 Years to ERD	TOTAL
Waiting for Program						
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	51	73	124	185	752	1,185
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	0	0	0	1	0	1
Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP)	59	70	108	191	354	782
Thinking for Change (T4C)	17	52	121	132	106	428
SUBTOTAL	127	195	353	509	1,212	2,396
Active in Program						
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	39	37	58	103	278	515
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP Phase I Try)	5	7	50	1	1	64
Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP Phase II-V)	53	14	21	4	4	96
Thinking for Change (T4C)	25	48	57	24	48	202
SUBTOTAL	122	106	186	132	331	877
TOTAL	249	301	539	641	1,543	3,273

(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), Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP), Thinking for a Change (T4C), or TRY (MSAPP).

Program Name	Post ERD – Non-PVT	Post ERD – PVT	Post ERD – TOTAL
Waiting for Program			
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	93	40	133
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	0	2	2
Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP)	74	21	95
Thinking for Change (T4C)	15	33	48
SUBTOTAL	182	96	278
Active in Program			
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	67	30	97
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	0	0	0
Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP Phase I Try)	27	6	33
Sexual Abuse Prevention Programming (MSAPP Phase II-V)	246	29	275
Thinking for Change (T4C)	10	24	34
SUBTOTAL	350	89	439
TOTAL	532	185	717

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

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

- The Department has trained additional staff to facilitate certain core programs and has expanded core programming availability to additional facilities.
- The MDOC has modified the program delivery schedule for multiple groups to increase the total number of prisoners active in programming.
- Program Centralization staff has worked with the Reception Center staff to align initial placement after intake with programming resources.

Specific to MSAPP Programming:

- Ongoing approval of overtime for MSAPP staff to increase number of groups offered to individuals recommended for MSAPP programming.
- Offering MSAPP group therapy within protection unit at IBC correctional facility
- Provide ongoing quality control of risk assessments completed by the MDOC
- Continuing to complete STATIC-99Rs at intake by fully trained staff.
- Provide training 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.
- Ongoing transferring of individuals with a sexually motivated crime to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.
- Ongoing completion of all Sex Offense Risk Assessments (SORAs) within 2 years of ERD.
- Use of telemedicine devices as needed to complete (SORAs).