

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 59 of 2013**  
**Section 913(2)**

**Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 1<sup>st</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 either sex offender programming or assaultive offender programming, but have not yet done so.

The numbers below are based on prisoners required to complete Violence Prevention Program (VPP), Sex Offender Programming (SOP), or Thinking for a Change (T4C).

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Zero 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)	706	950	1,261	2,917
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	537	578	772	1,887
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	456	689	441	1,586

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

<b>Program Name</b>	<b>Past Earliest Release Date</b>
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	299
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	240
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	108
Total	647

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

The Department saw an overall drop in the number of prisoners requiring sex offender programming for those past their earliest release dates. For the standard SOP program, 15 new groups began in the first quarter. A decreased capacity occurred in the Department's ability to provide the standard sex offender program due to one facility's need to expand their services for the mentally ill. The Department nonetheless further decreased the numbers of those prisoners

listed as needing the standard sex offender program by a systematic review and correction of prisoner records. It is expected that another 18 standard sex offender groups in the second fiscal quarter.

CFA program referral rules have been established, ratified across administrations, and have been applied to the existing waiting lists as well as being utilized at RGC during intake processing. The program rules were implemented to ensure that the Department's programming resources are being efficiently utilized and duplicate or redundant programming is not being provided to prisoners. All program referrals, enrollments, terminations, and completions are being documented in the central tracking database (OMNI) and are being monitored by facility staff as well as CFA Central Office staff. Central Office staff is then utilizing this data to formulate official reports of wait list data.

VPP is currently running at 21 facilities. Additionally, as soon as March 2014 every facility, except for NCF, RGC, WCC, SAI, and WHV, will be delivering VPP to the post ERD population. The VPP wait list will be affected at an even faster pace and the need to transfer prisoners for VPP programming will be reduced. The T4C program is running at all facilities, except RGC, SAI, WCC, and WHV. Due to the availability of the program at every facility, it is expected that the past ERD waiting list will continue to decrease.

With regards to both programs, priority placement is given to past ERD prisoners and parole board overrides. Quality Assurance monitoring is conducted on a frequent basis by CFA facility staff as well as CFA Central Office staff to ensure that groups are continuously running at capacity as well as to maintain program fidelity and staff accountability.