

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

**Pursuant to P.A. 252 of 2014**

**Article V, 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 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 or mentally ill assaultive offenders, so a special program was created for this population 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)	47	290	752	1,165	2,254
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	1	1	0	1	3
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	135	166	492	754	1,547
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	7	360	825	581	1,773

(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)	49
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	8
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	235
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	1
Total	293

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

Program referral rules have been established, ratified across MDOC administrations, and have been applied to the existing waiting lists as well as being utilized at RGC during intake processing. The program referral rules were implemented to ensure that the Department's programming resources are being efficiently utilized, and that 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 Reentry Division Central Office staff. Central Office staff utilizes the OMNI data to formulate official reports of wait list data. With the migration of our older Corrections Management Information System (CMIS) to the new Offender Management System (OMS), we are now better able to track all of the waiting list cases.

AOP Health Care staff report that lists of prisoners at the Thumb Correctional Facility who have RGC recommendations for AOP programming have been received, and groups are beginning for these prisoners as soon as possible to reduce the already small AOP waiting list. The transition from CMIS to OMNI tracking will enable better tracking and monitoring of the prisoners who have AOP recommendations, with programming beginning in a more timely way. Staff will be trained to better report the OMNI required information, thereby eliminating over-reporting of prisoners on the waiting list for AOP. One specific person will be designated to be responsible for monitoring the AOP groups and the prisoners beginning and ending these groups.

The Department saw a slight increase in the number of prisoners requiring sex offender programming for those past their earliest release dates. This was due to the continued decreased capacity in the Department's ability to provide the standard sex offender program and expanding services for the mentally ill. For the standard SOP program, 16 SOP groups completed and 7 new SOP groups began. It is expected that another 11 standard sex offender groups will be started in the next fiscal quarter. For MSOP, 16 ongoing groups continue and 41 prisoners completed programming. The Department continues to do a systematic review of prisoner records to determine duplicate cases, inappropriate referrals and/or other errors and make appropriate corrections. An ongoing review of records also continues to be done to determine those needing assessments and getting those completed to assist with placing offenders into appropriate programming in a timely manner.

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 reduced significantly. The T4C program is running at all facilities, except RGC, SAI, WCC, and WHV. Due to the availability of the program at every facility the T4C past ERD waitlist has been reduced to nearly zero (0).

With regards to the VPP and T4C programs, priority placement is given to prisoners who are past or within six 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.