

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

Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 2nd 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).

Program Name	Zero 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)	583	853	1,218	2,654
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	527	563	797	1,887
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	447	800	464	1,711

(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).

Program Name	Past Earliest Release Date
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	185
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	226
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	4
Total	415

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

This quarter the capacity to provide sex offender group decreased as one facility had to expand their need for services for the mentally ill, and the caseload of prisoners needing mental health services increased at other facilities. Additionally, one facility moved from the traditional SOP to the implementation of the Michigan Sex Offender Program (MSOP) where the treatment duration for each offender is between 6 to 18 months. Capacity will increase at this MSOP

hubsite in the next quarter as it becomes fully operational. In this quarter, the Sex Offender Risk Assessment (SORA) referrals also increased, and staff resources were allocated to complete those assessments. Next quarter there are 16 SOP groups that will be completed and 14 groups that are slated to start.

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 Office of Offender Reentry (OOR) Central Office staff. Central Office staff utilizes the OMNI data to formulate official reports of wait list data.

Effective March 2014, VPP is being delivered at all facilities, with exception to NCF, 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 past ERD prisoners. Quality Assurance monitoring for VPP and T4C is conducted on a frequent basis by trained OOR 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.