

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**

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

**Article V, Section 913(2)**

**Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 2<sup>nd</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)	104	257	646	1,179	2,186
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	1	1	0	2	4
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	93	212	500	730	1,535
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	82	349	742	588	1,761

(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)	85
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	8
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	187
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	4
Total	284

(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.

The Department saw an overall drop in the number of prisoners requiring sex offender programming, going from 235 to 187, for those past their earliest release dates. For the standard SOP program, 26 SOP groups completed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, including both regular and overtime SOP groups. 17 new groups began in this quarter. For MSOP, 16 ongoing groups continue and 29 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.