

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 84 of 2015**  
**Article V, Section 913(2)**  
**Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 3<sup>rd</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 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. 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)	58	126	522	1,149	1,943
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	0	2	0	0	2
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	118	172	434	827	1,551
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	16	67	1,079	923	2,679

(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)	122
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	6
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	192
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>326</b>

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

For the standard SOP program, 8 SOP groups concluded and 5 new groups began during this quarter. There are currently 6 SOP groups running and 5 pending. For MSOP, 17 ongoing groups continue and 24 prisoners completed programming.

In an effort to address having prisoners complete their programming prior to their ERD, the following actions have special focus:

- The Department continues to do a systematic review of prisoner records and make appropriate corrections/entries to the waiting list.
- The Department requested a LEIN Process Improvement for MSOP/SOP. Several items were identified and approved as part of expediting the assessment process and placement into appropriate programming including:
  - The initiation of a pilot project involving the completion of STATIC-99R to be completed for all prisoners at intake by students.
  - House all eligible Level I and II Sexual Offenders at the MSOP hub sites.
  - All sex offenders will transfer to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.
  - Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs) will be completed at MSOP hub sites 2 years prior to prisoners' ERDs.
  - Utilize 4 trained QMHPs from facilities which neighbor hub sites in order to increase the total number of groups running.
  - Enable QMHPs to travel to alternate facilities to assist with completing SORAs up to 10 hours per week.
  - Use of overtime as necessary to complete Sex Offender Risk Assessments
  - Increase recommendation of 10 max group members to 12.

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 eliminated. The T4C program is running at all facilities, except RGC, SAI, and WHV.

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