

**REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE**  
**Pursuant to P.A. 200 of 2012**  
**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 corrections ombudsman detailing enrollment in sex offender programming, assaultive offender programming and the Thinking for Change program.

(a) A full accounting of the number of individuals who are required to complete either sex offender or assaultive offender programming or T4C, but have not yet done so.

This quarter the department made the decision to transition from the Assaultive Offender Program (AOP) to the Violence Prevention Program (VPP). The numbers below are based on prisoners required to complete VPP, Sex Offender Programming (SOP) and/or Thinking for 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 Years to ERD</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Violence Prevention Programming (VPP) | 826  | 987  | 5,304                             | 7,117        |
| Sex Offender Programming (SOP)        | 642  | 531  | 3,287                             | 4,460        |
| Thinking for Change (T4C)             | 372  | 94   | 149                               | 615          |

(b) The number of individuals who have reached their earliest release date (ERD), but who have not completed required sex offender, assaultive offender programming and/or Thinking for Change.

|                                       | <b>Past Earliest Release Date</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Violence Prevention Programming (VPP) | 713                               |
| Sex Offender Programming (SOP)        | 532                               |
| Thinking for Change (T4C)             | 550                               |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>1,795</b>                      |

*\*The numbers for (a) and (b) include those prisoners who are lifers and represent all security levels. Currently, SOP is only delivered to prisoners with a Classified True Security Level I or II (including Protective Custody). These numbers exclude those prisoners who were provided an opportunity at AOP, VPP or SOP, but refused, voluntarily terminated, or for some other reason were unable to complete the program.*

\*\* Additional criteria for program placement will be applied to the individuals who comprise the VPP waiting list. Once screened, the criteria will determine prisoner assignment to the appropriate VPP dosage of High or Moderate, or if ineligible for programming. Those who are ineligible for VPP may be placed into alternative programming based on their level of risk and needs.

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

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report from 2012, it was indicated that on September 15, 2012 a new IT application for program recommendation and follow-up status was implemented in Offender Management Network Information (OMNI) and staff members were trained to utilize this new IT application. The 2012 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report stated that programming for all incoming offenders at Reception Guidance Center (RGC) will be entered into this IT application while existing offenders will be entered into this IT application at their semi-annual review or earlier if their situation dictates. The last Report also pointed out that this IT application will eliminate duplicate, contradictory, and outdated program information in the enterprise database system.

Now that this enterprise database system IT application for programming has been developed and implemented, information technology staff can resume work on interfacing the Department's risk assessment instrument with our case management system. Once these two systems are interfaced, the Department will have the ability to incorporate program capacity modeling and utilize an automated program priority manager.

When completed, this interface will substantially improve the efficiency of what have heretofore been manual processes for managing the program delivery queue across facilities, in a manner that better ensures completion of programs by the offenders' earliest release dates.

As of the end of 2012, for all new prisoners arriving at RGC the following now occurs:

- All core risk/need assessments and psychological evaluations are completed prior to the prisoner transferring from reception.
- Individualized, specific core offender Transition Accountability Plans (TAP), based on program eligibility criteria, along with concurrence or override by the Parole Board as appropriate are completed prior to transfer.

Prisoners on the VPP waiting list continue to be placed into programming based on the results of their validated risk assessment. The statewide training process for VPP was conducted in May, 2012, and the Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA) and Operations Support Administration (OSA) have an ongoing monitoring process that reviews staff resources, and the existing waiting lists in an effort to address any backlogs related to prisoner programming.

In late December 2012, over 400 prisoners were enrolled in VPP groups, 87% of whom were either past the ERD or within 1 year of the ERD. So, the Department expects to be able reduce these waiting lists substantially going forward as these 3-5 month program delivery cycles proceed.

The T4C waiting list is new this Quarter and resulted from new screening of existing prisoners for VPP and SOP, where risk/need determinations indicated that alternative programming would be appropriate. The Department has considerable T4C program capacity, so the newly enhanced T4C waiting list will be rapidly reduced to a stable, small number of inmates.

The Department fully expects the SOP waiting list to show a further decrease during the next Quarter as 15 new SOP and redesigned program groups (Michigan Sex Offender Program) begin in mid-February. It is also projected that numbers will continue to diminish as the file review process continues. The new redesigned program pilots, Michigan Sex Offender Program (MSO), have begun at both MTF and NCF. It is expected that an MSOP pilot will be functional for security level IV prisoners at RMI in February.