REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 200 of 2012
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 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)	939	984	1,331	3,254
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	547	572	869	1,988
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	159	220	125	504

(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 a Change (T4C).

Program Name	Past Earliest Release Date
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	583
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	407
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	194
Total	1,184

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

The Department saw a decrease in SOP waiting list numbers for prisoners past their ERD and within one year of their ERD. This decrease is attributable to new groups starting and file reviews. The increase of the waiting list numbers for prisoners within one and two years of their ERD is due to very few groups starting within this ERD timeframe. It is predicted that another 20 sex offender groups will be assigned between May and June. The Department is also piloting

a new process in which lists of potential SOP group members are provided to the Parole Board for review. This process is expected to decrease SOP waiting list numbers, help determine which prisoners are better placed in the redesigned Michigan Sex Offender Program (MSOP), and save on prisoner transfers.

CFA program referral rules have been established, ratified across administrations, and are in the initial stages of being applied to the existing waiting lists as well as being utilized at RGC during intake processing. The program rules will 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 CFA Central Office staff. Central Office staff is then utilizing this data to formulize official reports of wait list data.

VPP is currently running at 21 facilities. Also, as soon as every facility is running VPP the post ERD population will be affected at an even faster pace and the need to transfer prisoners for VPP programming will be reduced. The Thinking For a Change program is running at all facilities, except SAI, WCC and WHV. Due to the availability of the program at every facility, it is expected that the past ERD waiting list will continue to decrease.

With regards to both programs, priority placement is given to past ERD prisoners and parole board overrides. Quality Assurance monitoring is conducted on a frequent basis by CFA facility staff as well as CFA Central Office staff to ensure that groups are continuously running at capacity as well as to maintain program fidelity and staff accountability.