

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 200 of 2012
Section 913(2)

Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 4th 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)	708	1,003	1,288	2,999
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	548	513	816	1,877
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	368	523	370	1,216

(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)	313
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	326
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	118
Total	757

(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 significant drop in the SOP (standard) waiting list numbers for prisoners past their ERD and a modest decrease in numbers for those within one year of their ERD. This improvement resulted from increased staff availability at two prison facilities, and requests for additional groups during the second half of the quarter. For the standard SOP program, 25 new groups began during the fourth quarter compared to the 17 assigned in the third quarter.

Regarding MSOP (redesigned program), there was no increase in group capacity during the fourth quarter. Capacity will increase in the following quarter as two additional treatment hubs become fully operational. Between the standard SOP and redesigned MSOP, it is predicted that an additional 20 new groups will begin in the next fiscal quarter.

CFA 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 CFA Central Office staff. Central Office staff is then utilizing this data to formulate official reports of wait list data.

VPP is currently running at 21 facilities. Also, as soon as every facility, except for RGC, WCC, SAI, and WHV, is delivering 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 T4C program is running at all facilities, except RGC, 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.