

REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 268 of 2016
Article V, Section 913(3)
Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 1st 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.

Program Name	Zero to Six Months to Earliest Release Date (ERD)	Greater Than Six Months 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)	63	126	524	1,105	1,818
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	2	1	0	0	3
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	128	203	453	837	1,621
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	34	209	1,066	941	2,250

(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).

Program Name	Post ERD – Non PVT	Post ERD – PVT	Post ERD – Total
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	102	22	124
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	2	0	2
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	139	45	184
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	35	13	48
Total	278	80	358

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

The SOP program had 4 SOP groups conclude and 4 groups began this quarter. There are currently 10 SOP groups in progress. MSOP has 14 ongoing groups with, with 3 groups absorbed from NCF to the 5 other hub sites. A total of 31 prisoners completed MSOP programming during this quarter.

In an effort to address prisoners completing SOP/MSOP programming prior to their ERD, the following actions have special focus:

- Continue a systematic review of prisoner records correcting the waiting list as necessary.
- Ongoing implementation of recommendations for the Lean Process Improvement plan for MSOP/SOP to expedite the assessment process and placement into appropriate programming including:
 - Hiring the dedicated 7 new FTEs to MSOP to conduct groups.
 - Continuing to complete STATIC-99Rs at intake by students who are fully trained to do so.
 - Increasing the transfers of eligible Level I and II Sexual Offenders to an MSOP hub site.
 - Ongoing transferring of sex offenders to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.
- Further implementation of the following recommendations from the Lean Process Improvement plan for MSOP/SOP:
 - Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs) will be completed at MSOP hub sites 2 years prior to prisoners' ERD.
 - Allow trained Qualified Mental Health Professions (QMHPs) to travel to hub sites to increase the total number of groups in progress.
 - Allow QMHPs to travel to alternate facilities to complete Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs) for up to 10 hours per week.
 - Use of overtime as necessary to complete SORAs.
 - Group has expanded from 10 to 12 group members.

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.