

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

Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 3rd 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)	784	932	1,259	2,975
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	568	569	889	2,026
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	251	359	229	839

(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)	382
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	399
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	123
Total	904

(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 smaller than expected decrease in SOP waiting list numbers for prisoners past their ERD and small increase in numbers for those within one year of their ERD. This is attributable to fewer than expected SOP groups starting and an increase in referrals to the redesigned sex offender program (Michigan Sex Offender Program or “MSOP”) which is in its pilot phase. Regarding SOP groups, a total of 17 groups were assigned and/or started between

April 1st and June 28th which is short of the 20 predicted in the last Quarterly Report. This is due to staffing issues, which resulted in the reassignment of clinicians to provide mental health coverage at that facility. Regarding MSOP, a significant number of post-ERD (73 total) and offenders within one year of their ERD (43 total) have been referred to this program following additional assessment and record review. Many have either completed SOP or had treatment attempts in the past. Another challenge with MSOP, is that staff are dedicated to providing SOP treatment, which results in a small number of staff assigned to MSOP and only two hubs currently functioning. The Department is continuing with its process in which lists of potential SOP group members are provided to the Parole Board for review. This process has helped to better determine which prisoners are better placed in the redesigned Michigan Sex Offender Program (MSOP) and save on prisoner transfers. Leadership will continue to review and dedicate staff resources as they become available to sex offender programming.

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 WCC, SAI, and WHV, 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 T4C 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.