REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 252 of 2014
Article V, 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 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)	81	249	615	1,191	2,136
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	1	1	0	2	3
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	105	224	480	766	1,575
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	101	465	824	626	2,016

(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	Past Earliest Release Date
Violence Prevention Programming (VPP)	98
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	10
Sex Offender Programming (SOP)	188
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	10
Total	306

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

Program referral rules have been established, ratified across MDOC administrations, and have been applied to the existing waiting lists as well as being utilized at RGC during intake processing. The program referral rules were implemented to ensure that the Department's programming resources are being efficiently utilized, and that 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 Reentry Division Central Office staff. Central Office staff utilizes the OMNI data to formulate official reports of wait list data. With the migration of our older Corrections Management Information System (CMIS) to the new Offender Management System (OMS), we are now better able to track all of the waiting list cases.

Over the past year Mental Health Services at the Thumb Correctional Facility have been providing AOP to Youthful Offenders (under the age of 18 HYTA, Dual Status and Parolees) identified through RGC Recommendations and Court Orders. The staff has utilized OMNI tracking in consultation with the Classification Director and the Deputy Warden of Custody and Youth Housing. This has resulted in the elimination of an AOP waiting list for the Youthful population at the Thumb Correctional Facility. Youthful Offenders transferring to the Thumb Correctional Facility will continue to be monitored in the same manner, with AOP being provided to on an as needed basis.

The Department continues to work diligently at decreasing the number of prisoners past their ERD requiring sex offender programming. During the 3rd quarter the numbers went from 187 to 188, for those past their earliest release dates. For the standard SOP program, 12 SOP groups completed and 12 new groups began during this quarter. There are currently 32 SOP groups running. For MSOP, 17 ongoing groups continue and 37 prisoners completed programming. The Department continues to do a systematic review of prisoner records to determine duplicate cases, inappropriate referrals and/or other errors and make appropriate corrections. An ongoing review of records also continues to be done to determine those needing assessments and getting those completed to assist with placing offenders into appropriate programming in a timely manner.

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, WCC, and WHV. Due to the availability of the program at every facility the T4C past ERD waitlist has been reduced to nearly zero (0).

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.