REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
Pursuant to P.A. 107 of 2017
Article V, Section 913(3)
Assaultive Offender and Sex Offender Programming Report – 3rd Quarter

Section 913(3): 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 office, and the legislative correction ombudsman detailing enrollment in sex offender programming, assaultive offender programming, violent offender programming, and thinking for a change program. At a minimum, the report shall include the following:

(a) A full accounting, from the date of entrance to prison, 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.

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	158	489	1,205	1,915
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	0	1	1	2	4
Sex Offender Programming (MSOP)	71	61	155	667	955
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	46	333	972	893	2,244

(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)	81	19	100
Assaultive Offender Programming (AOP)	3	0	3
Sex Offender Programming (MSOP)	68	28	96
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	41	12	53
Total	193	59	252

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

With the closure of the Muskegon Temporary Facility (MTF) MSOP is in the process of moving the active groups to alternative HUB sites. As a result the MSOP program has expanded to Carson City Correctional Facility (DRF) and Brooks Correctional Facility (LRF). MSOP currently has 25 ongoing groups at the 6 MSOP hub sites, MBP and NCF correctional facilities and will be expanding to 28 groups within the coming weeks. A total of 111 prisoners completed MSOP programming during this quarter.

The MDOC continues to work to allow prisoners the opportunity to complete MSOP programming prior to their ERD. The following actions are ongoing to help meet this goal:

- Reviewing prisoner records and correcting the waiting list as necessary.
- Continuing to complete STATIC-99Rs at intake by are fully trained staff.
- Increased internal training capacity in regards to standardized assessments via obtainment of master trainer status by MDOC employees.
- Working with MDOC transfer coordination staff to ensure eligible level I and II sexual offenders are transferred to MSOP hub sites expeditiously.
- Ongoing transferring of sex offenders to hub sites directly from RGC as appropriate.
- Ongoing completion of all SORAs within 2 years of ERD.
- STABLE-2007 Assessments completed on all offenders from 4 years to 7 years of their ERD to determine programming needs.
- Hiring 2 FTEs at RGC for the completion of STABLE-2007s to assist with the identifying program needs.
- Use of telemedicine devices and allowing QMHPs to travel to alternate facilities to complete Sex Offender Risk Assessments (SORAs).

Effective November 2014, VPP is being delivered at all facilities, with exception to RGC, 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.