2.3: Supplemental Report - Decrease rate of return to institutions for offenders from 27.8% to 25.0% by 2020

Reported on August 17, 2015

4.2.3: Decrease rate of return to institutions for offenders from 27.8% to 25.0% by 2020

Year Released from Prison

Overall 3-Year Rate

Goal
Background:

- Our goal is to reduce the number of offenders who return to institutions as a result of new felony convictions.
- Lower return rates contribute to increased public safety and reduced cost to the taxpayer for the state’s criminal justice system.
- For releases in CY2011, 30.4% of offenders were readmitted to a Washington State prison within three years.
**Background: State Comparisons**
Defining and counting recidivism differs between states

- **Washington** (30.4% for CY2011 releases)
  - The rate of return to institutions measures how many offenders return to a Washington State prison within 3 years of release.

- **Oregon** (28.6% average for CY2011 releases)
  - Recidivism is defined as the total percentage of a release cohort that was convicted of any felony at any time within the specified number of months (12, 24 and 36 months) following release from prison.

- **California** (61% for FY2008-09 releases)
  - The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) measures recidivism by tracking arrests, convictions, and returns to State prison for 3 years after release.

*Source: Washington, Oregon and California DOC public websites as of August 2015.*
Current State:

Return to Institutions Rate
Overall 3-Year Rate for All Offenses

- '98: 25.4%
- '99: 27.7%
- '00: 29.3%
- '01: 33.1%
- '02: 34.2%
- '03: 34.8%
- '04: 34.4%
- '05: 32.1%
- '06: 31.1%
- '07: 29.7%
- '08: 27.9%
- '09: 27.8%
- '10: 29.7%
- '11: 30.4%

Overall 3-Year Rate
Trend Line
Current State: Other Trends

- The rate of readmission during the first year after release has been trending up over the past five years.

- The percent of offenders released that are assessed as high risk continues to rise.

2.3.d: Increase percentage of adult offenders who are employed post-release from 30% to 40% by 2017
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**Current State: Demographics for CY2011 Returns**

### Age Group

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### Gender

- **Women:** 31%
- **Men:** 22%

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Current State: CY2011 Returns by County

30.4%
CY2011 Statewide Rate

Counties below 36% Counties above 30%
Rate of Return
# Released | # Returned
Opportunity: Gap between now and our target.

There were roughly 7,850 releases in CY2014.

- At a 30% re-offense rate (7,850 x 30%), 2,355 will return in 3 years
- At a 25% re-offense rate (7,850 x 25%), 1,962 will return in 3 years
- Our goal will be achieved if 400 fewer offenders re-offend
Balancing Safety and Offender Change

- Basic Needs
- Attitudes, Beliefs and Choices
- Pro-social Relationships
- Health and Wellness
- Education and Employment
# Strategies and Actions

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**Partnerships in Action:**

**Veteran offenders have a lower recidivism rate compared to non-veteran offenders**

- For CY2011 releases, the return rate for veteran offenders was **20.6%**, compared to **30.4%** for all offenders.

**Initiative highlights:**

- **Northwest Justice Project Partnership**
  - Serving approximately **80** individuals with civil legal aid

- **Peer to Peer Mentorship**
  - Work Release Pilots in Pierce and Cowlitz counties offering connection with community resources and housing advice upon release
WDVA/DOC Pilot Program Connecting with Veterans Upstream (In Prison) and at Work Release in Pierce and Cowlitz Counties and Beyond

- Active veteran clients - 30
- Clients receiving Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) - 5 ($10,900)
- Enrolled in Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP) - 9 ($5,510)
- Program gift cards WDVA - 10 ($500)
- Enrolled in VA Health Care - 22
- Pending VA claims - 12
- Resolved VA claims with Ratings - 3
- Enrolled in School - 3
- Employed - 15
- Pending Social Security claims - 5

Action Plan
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**Strategy**
Leverage partnerships to improve services and increase supervision compliance.

**Task**
Partner and implement King County Second Chance Grant

**Task Lead**
Devon Schrum, Director of Reentry Services

**Expected Outcome**
Improved case compliance and targeted service delivery based on need.

**Status**
On Track

**Due Date**
September 2016

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**Strategy**
Target limited resources to the greatest need and highest return on investment.

**Task**
Prioritize higher risk offenders for programs

**Task Lead**
Keri Waterland, Assistant Secretary for Offender Change

**Expected Outcome**
Ensuring the right offenders are receiving services based on assessed need.

**Status**
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**Due Date**
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**Strategy**
Increase public safety.

**Task**
Continue efforts around sentencing reform

**Task Lead**
Bernard Warner, Secretary

**Expected Outcome**
Cost-efficient criminal justice, increased public safety, and reduced recidivism.

**Status**
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**Strategy**
Update our assessment tools and systems that support case management across the correctional continuum.

**Task**
Design and deploy a comprehensive fourth-generation risk, need, responsivity tool and case management system

**Task Lead**
Amy Seidlitz, Advance Corrections Project Director

**Expected Outcome**
Enhanced system for case managers and data analytics.

**Status**
On Track

**Due Date**
Phase 1: October 2015

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Data Notes
Data Source: Unless specifically noted, the data source for all slides is DOC OMNI admissions and release; July 2015.