



Sentencing, Recidivism, and the Positive Impact of Successful Reentry



Agenda

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- Tennessee Trends
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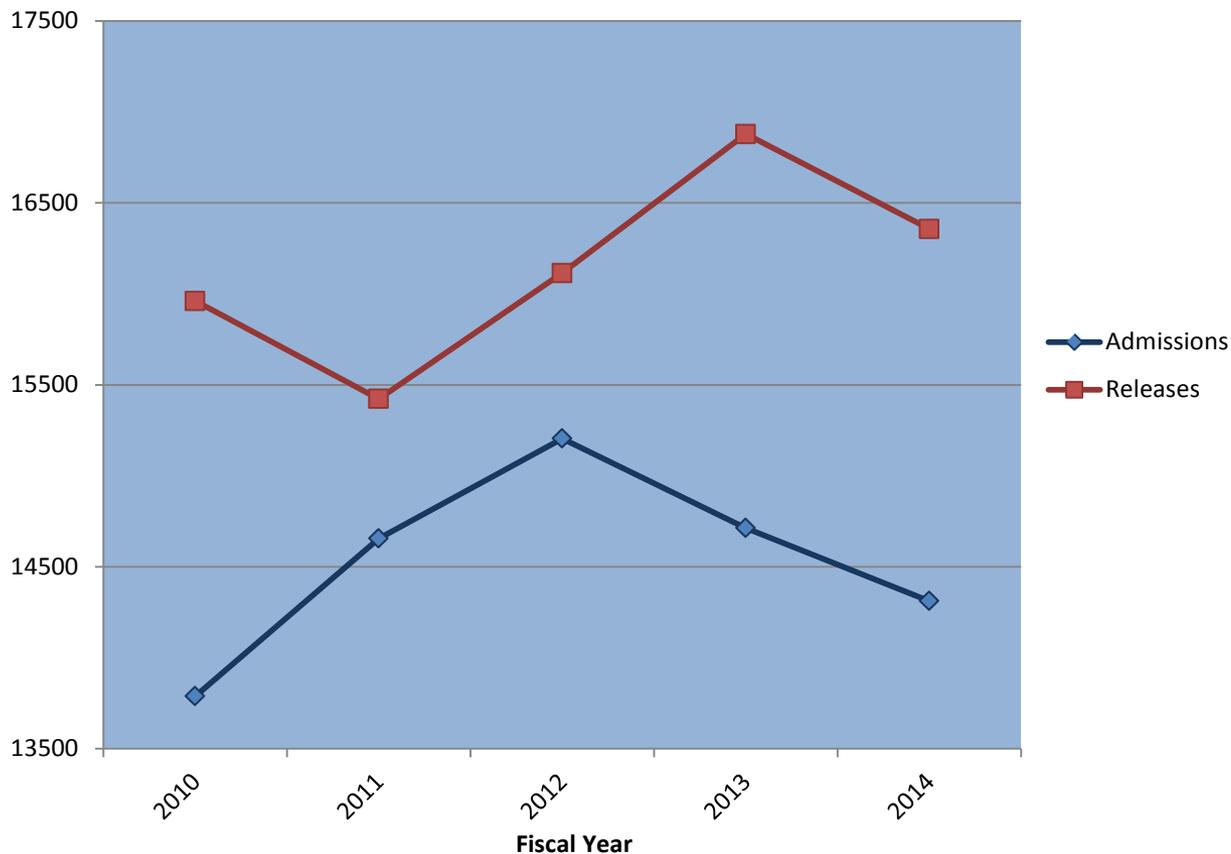


Governor's Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism

- **Composition – All 3 branches of state government, local officials and private entities**
- **Established to work with Public Safety Subcabinet on crime reduction and public safety improvement efforts**
- **Seeking input from hundreds of stakeholders throughout the state**
- **Developing legislative and policy recommendations by focusing on sentencing and recidivism challenges and best practices**
- **Receiving technical assistance from the Vera Institute of Justice's Center on Sentencing and Corrections**
- **Recommendations are due to the Public Safety Subcabinet by June 2015**

Tennessee Trends

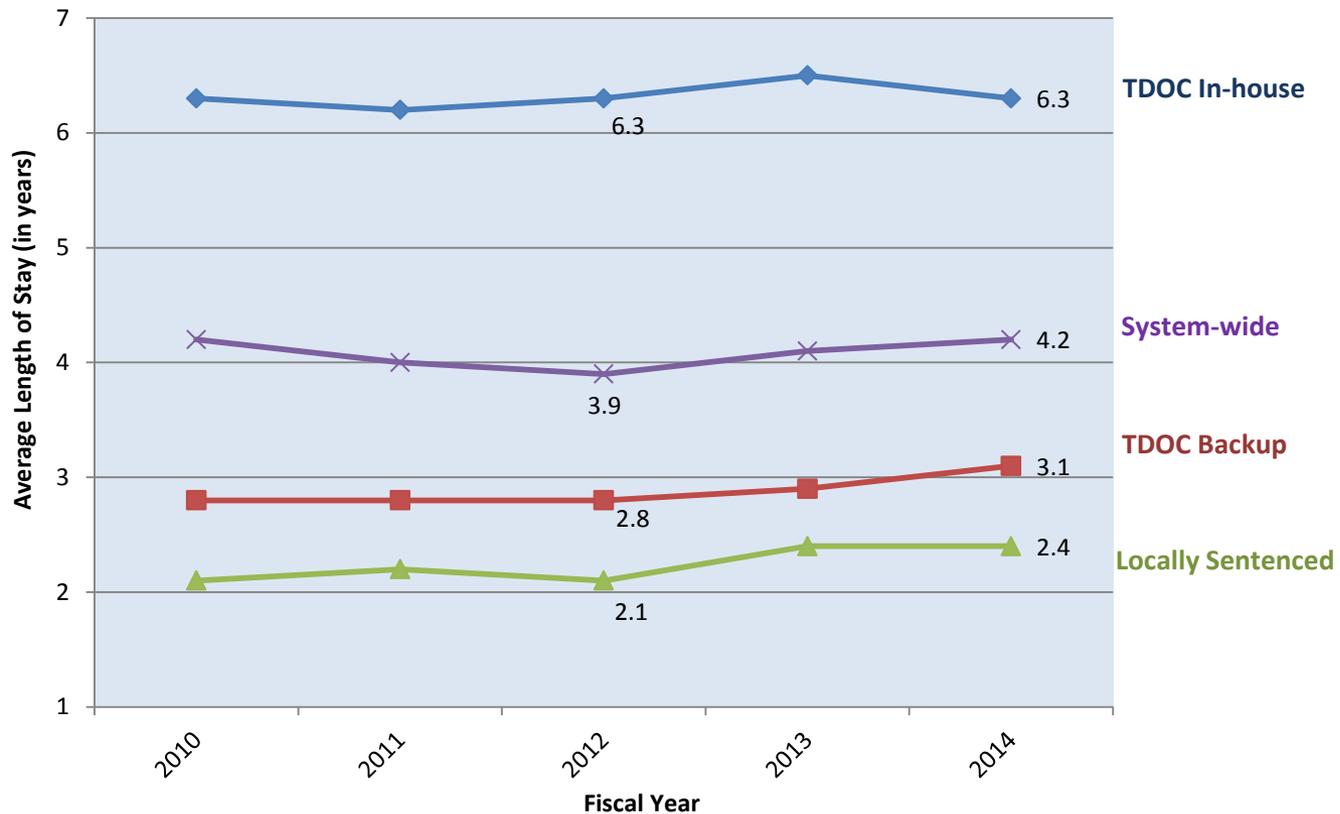
**TDOC Admissions and Releases
FY 2010 - 2014**



| | Admissions | Releases |
|------|------------|----------|
| 2010 | 13788 | 15961 |
| 2011 | 14655 | 15423 |
| 2012 | 15205 | 16115 |
| 2013 | 14713 | 16879 |
| 2014 | 14312 | 16357 |

Tennessee Trends

Average Time Served When Released FY 2010 - 2014

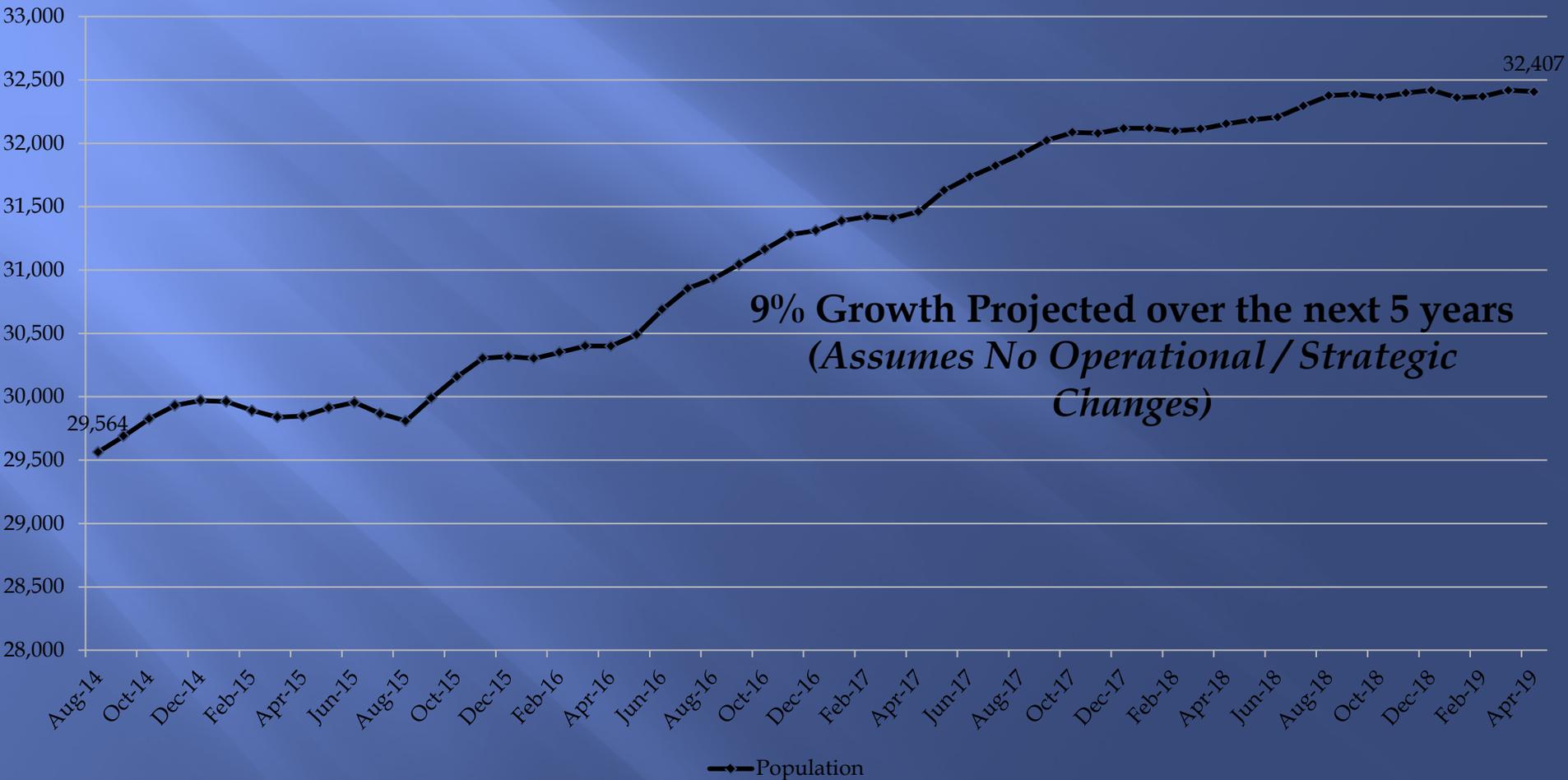




The Governor's
2014 Public
Safety Summit

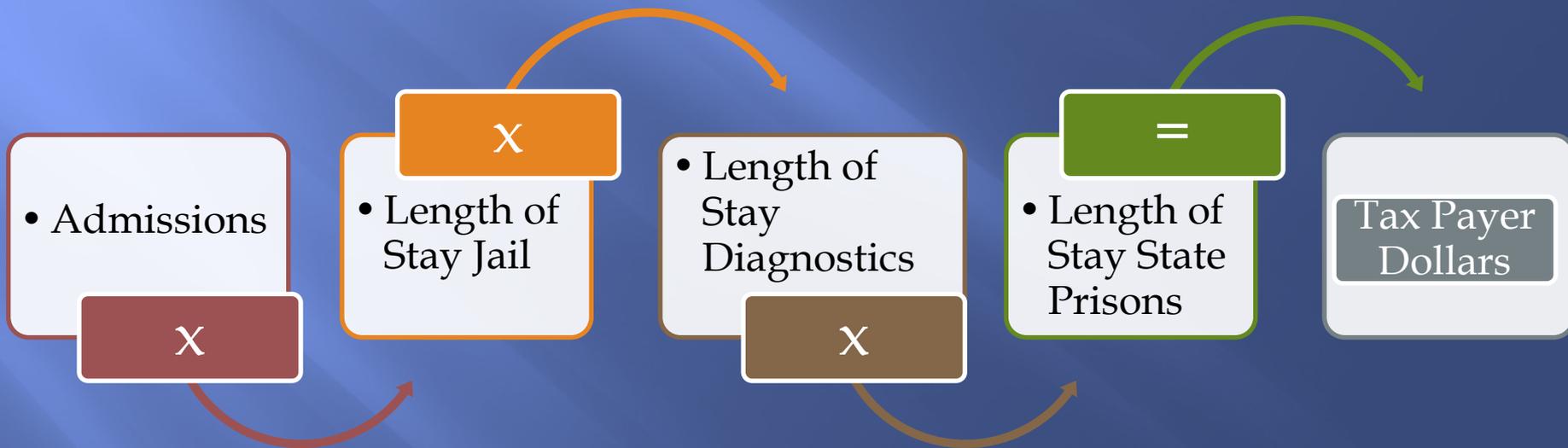
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Population Projection



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TDOC "Areas of Influence"



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TDOC "Targets of Influence"

Reduce Admissions by 10%

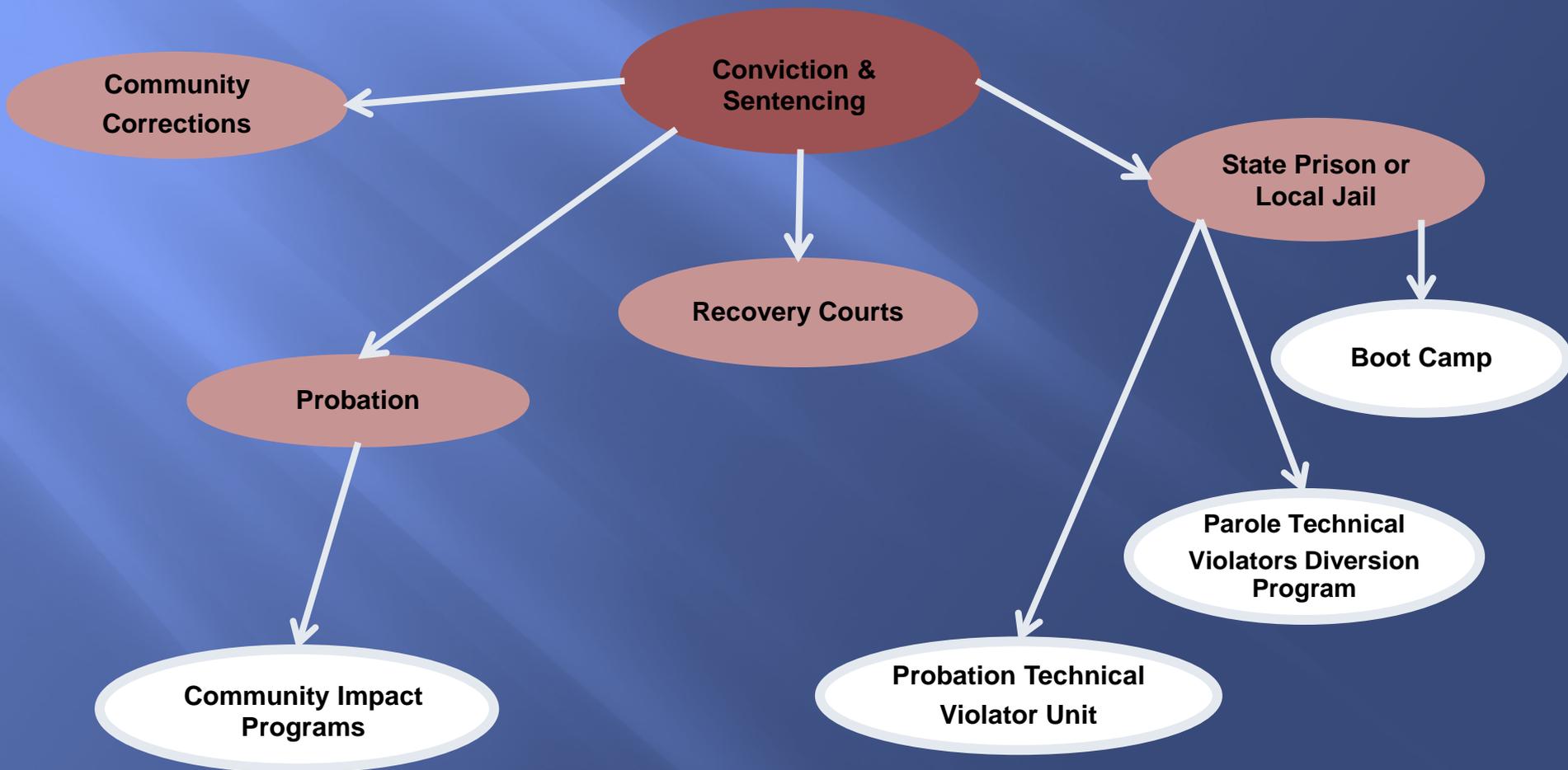
| Admissions | Length of Stay | Population | Budget Impact | Cost Avoidance |
|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1,000 | 1 year | 1,000 | \$ 24,531,650 | |
| 900 | 1 year | 900 | \$ 22,078,485 | \$ 2,453,165 |
| 12,000 | 3 years | 36,000 | \$ 883,139,400 | |
| 10,800 | 3 years | 32,400 | \$ 794,825,460 | \$ 88,313,940 |

Deliver Sentences in Months vs. Years

| Admissions | Length of Stay | Population | Budget Impact | Cost Avoidance |
|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1,000 | 1 year | 1,000 | \$ 24,531,650 | |
| 1,000 | 9 Months | 750 | \$ 18,398,738 | \$ 6,132,913 |
| 12,000 | 3 years | 36,000 | \$ 883,139,400 | |
| 12,000 | 30 Months | 30,000 | \$ 735,949,500 | \$ 147,189,900 |

Sentencing

TDOC Continuum of Supervision Current State



Recidivism

Definition - a person's relapse into criminal behavior, usually after receiving sanctions or undergoing intervention for a previous crime

Measured by criminal acts that result in rearrests, reconvictions or returns to prison with or without a new sentence during a three-year period following release

Tennessee - 46%

- **State 38% v Local 51%**

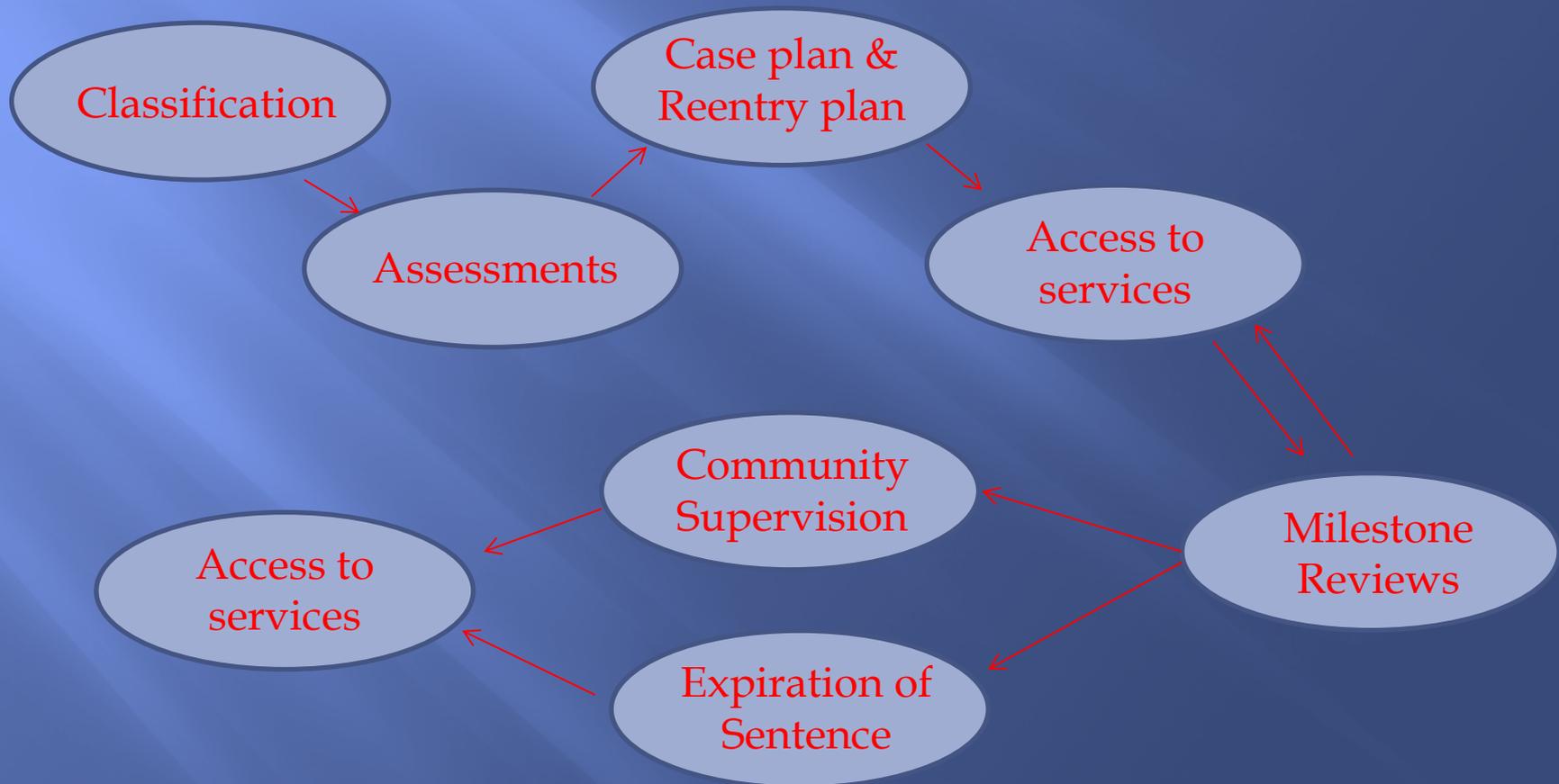
National - 68%*

- **Bureau of Justice Statistics report - April 2014**

Barriers to Success

- Lack of suitable housing
- Lack of meaningful employment
- Educational deficiencies
- Lack of mental health & substance abuse aftercare
- Lack of vital records (birth certificates, DL's, ID's)

Reentry



Reentry

Ongoing Initiatives

**Drug
Courts**

Reentry
Housing
Partnership

Community
Impact
Program

Enhanced
Supervision
Standards

Probation
Technical
Violator Unit

**Identification
Partnership
w/ DOS**

**Take One
Program**

Workforce
Development
Specialists

Day
Reporting
Centers

Reentry

Impacts

**2,117 Adult
Basic Education
Participants**

Residential
Substance Use
Treatment - 1,216

**1,814 Reentry
Plans since
August**

107 Organizations
in Take One

**3,999 Vocational
Education
Program
Assignments**

Morgan County
Recovery Court - 84

**236 Successful
HISET Tests**

9,000 Job
Opportunities

**274
Transitional
Housing
Placements**

Moving Forward

- Continue to build partnerships with state and local governmental agencies, community partners, service providers and other interested parties
- Enhance the continuity of service provision from prison to the communities
 - Programming being provided by practitioners
 - Curriculum for programming is the same throughout TDOC supervision
- Consulting with other DOC's for evidence based, best practices
- Partner with a university to evaluate the programs we provide



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