Sentencing, Recidivism, and the Positive Impact of Successful Reentry
Agenda

- Governor’s Task Force on Sentencing and Recidivism
- Tennessee Trends
- Sentencing
- Recidivism
- Reentry
- Going Forward
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**

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![Graph showing TDOC Admissions and Releases from FY 2010 to FY 2014](image-url)
Average Time Served When Released
FY 2010 - 2014

Fiscal Year

Average Length of Stay (in years)

TDOC In-house
System-wide
TDOC Backup
Locally Sentenced
Tennessee Trends

9% Growth Projected over the next 5 years
(Assumes No Operational/Strategic Changes)
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TDOC “Areas of Influence”

- Admissions
- Length of Stay Jail
- Length of Stay Diagnostics
- Length of Stay State Prisons

= Tax Payer Dollars
### Tennessee Trends

#### TDOC “Targets of Influence”

**Reduce Admissions by 10%**

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**Deliver Sentences in Months vs. Years**

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Sentencing

TDOC Continuum of Supervision
Current State

Community Corrections

Conviction & Sentencing

State Prison or Local Jail

Probation

Recovery Courts

Boot Camp

Community Impact Programs

Probation Technical Violator Unit

Parole Technical Violators Diversion Program
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

Classification

Assessments

Case plan & Reentry plan

Access to services

Community Supervision

Expiration of Sentence

Milestone Reviews

Access to services
Reentry

Ongoing Initiatives

Drug Courts

Enhanced Supervision Standards

Reentry Housing Partnership

Probation Technical Violator Unit

Identification Partnership w/ DOS

Take One Program

Workforce Development Specialists

Day Reporting Centers
Reentry

2,117 Adult Basic Education Participants

1,814 Reentry Plans since August

107 Organizations in Take One

236 Successful HISET Tests

3,999 Vocational Education Program Assignments

274 Transitional Housing Placements

9,000 Job Opportunities

1,216 Residential Substance Use Treatment

84 Morgan County Recovery Court
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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