

DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS TRAINING

2024
ANNUAL REPORT



DIVISION MISSION

The Division of Corrections Training (DCT) is tasked with designing, developing, and delivering training programs that meet the needs of the adult institutions, jailers, and the Department of Corrections Central Office.

The DCT develops training curriculum for uniformed and non-uniformed staff across the department of corrections. DCT also conducts annual training for elected/appointed jailers and their staff within the 120 counties of Kentucky.

“Our Mission... Your Future”

Having initially achieved ACA accreditation in 2011, maintaining accreditation is a source of pride for the DCT and the Department of Corrections. The DCT successfully completed the ACA re-accreditation process in February 2015, January 2018, January 2021, and January 2024.



Quality Programs:

Providing consistent and current information to participants in a safe and effective learning environment.

Professionalism:

Setting a positive example, promoting teamwork, and sharing information through effective communication.

Responsiveness:

Providing diverse programs which meets the needs of participants.

Respect:

Treating participants with fairness, equality, integrity, and value.

Standards of Practice:

Practicing professional established requirements of excellence.



2024 HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS



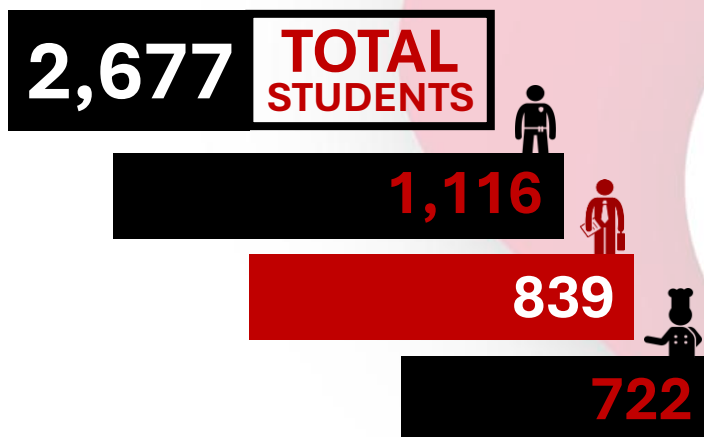
In September, the Eastern Region Training Center hosted visiting committee members from the American Correctional Association. Committee members reviewed documentation, monitored procedures, and interviewed staff and students against 106 national standards.

The committee found the division in 100% compliance with all mandatory and non-mandatory expected practices. The division received re-accreditation in January 2024.

2024 has also seen a number personnel changes and promotions. In September, Kenny Talbott was appointed to Director of the Division of Corrections Training. Jason Joseph was welcomed back to the division as the Assistant Director. Derek Inman and Landon Driver were both promoted to Branch Manager positions of the Southern Region Training Center and the Western Region Training Center, respectively. Sarah St. Clair was promoted Instructor II in the Curriculum Branch, Adam Balentine was promoted to Instructor II and hired Mikel Paynter to Instructor I at Western Region Training Center, and Joey Sergent was promoted to the position of Instructor I in the Southern Region Training Center.

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

In 2024, the Division of Corrections Training saw over 2,500 students across our 4 regional training centers. This includes 1,116 security staff, 839 program staff, and 722 contract and jail staff. Our staff taught 186 courses and presented



 **8,274**
TRAINING HOURS

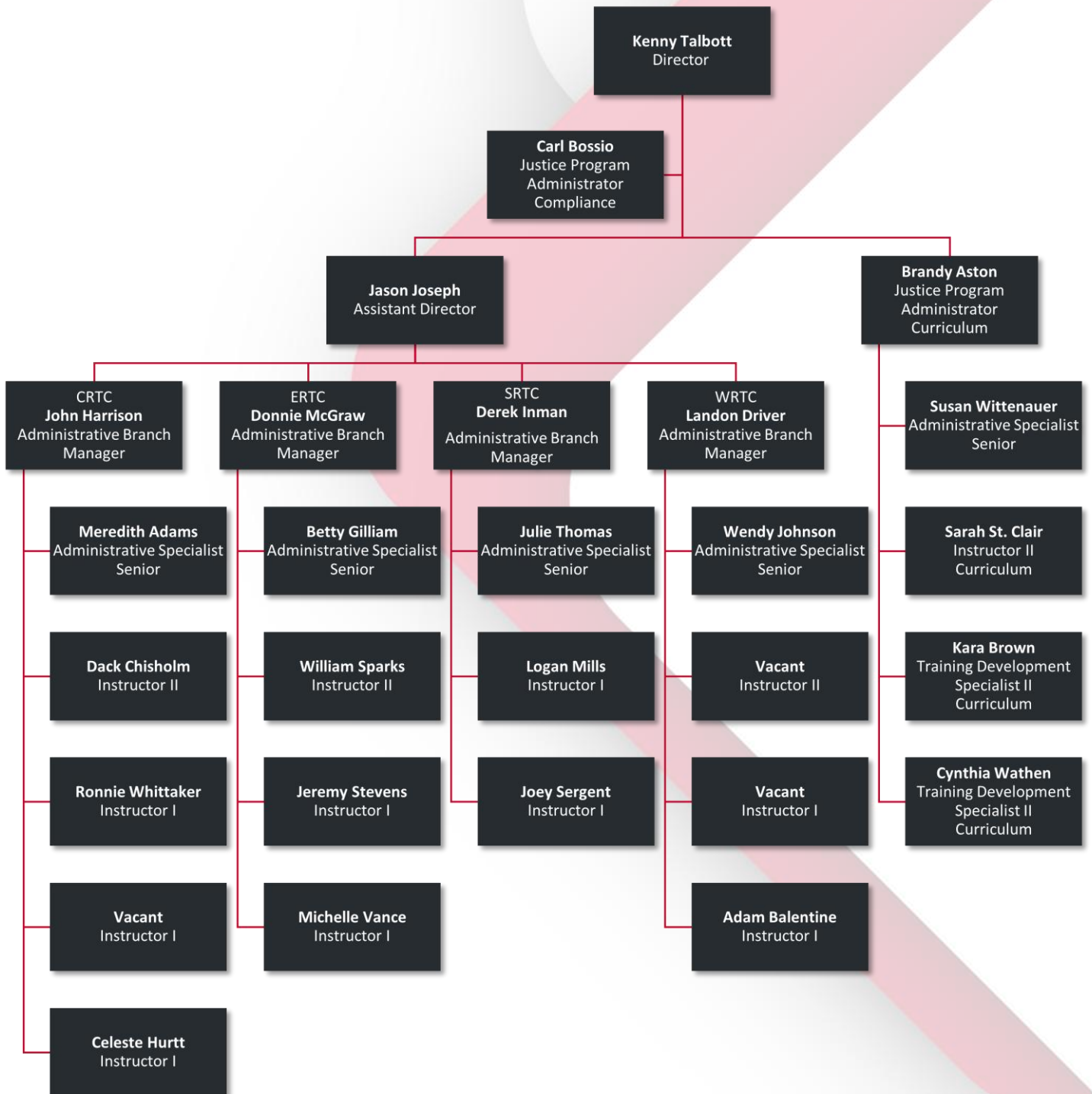
over 8,274 hours of training including institutional pre-service academies, firearms, firearm instructor, basic life support and CPR, supervisor workshops, train the trainer courses, taser, less lethal weapons, and deputy jailer in-service.

Our regional training centers completed 31 institutional pre-service academies in 2024. Across the commonwealth, 898 new students walked into our doors and 752 new officers walked out giving us a graduation rate of 83.74%.

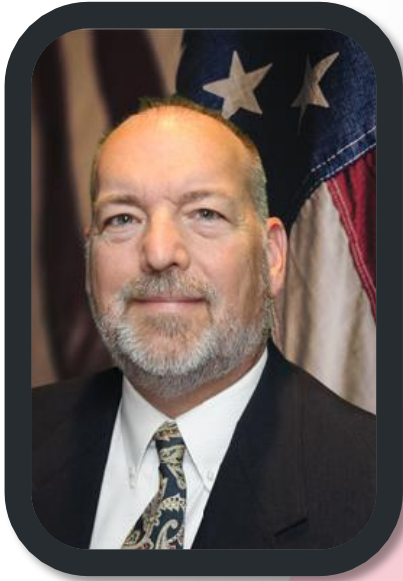
83.74%

GRADUATION RATE

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



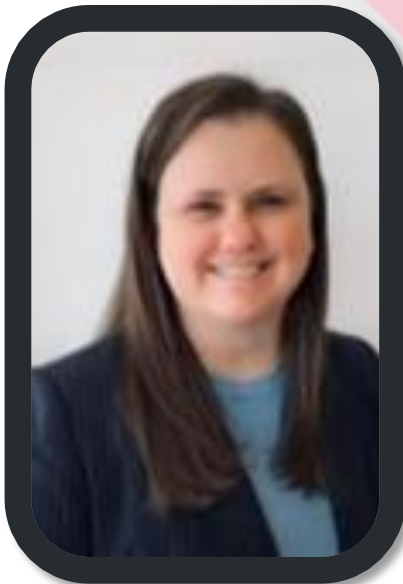
EXECUTIVE STAFF



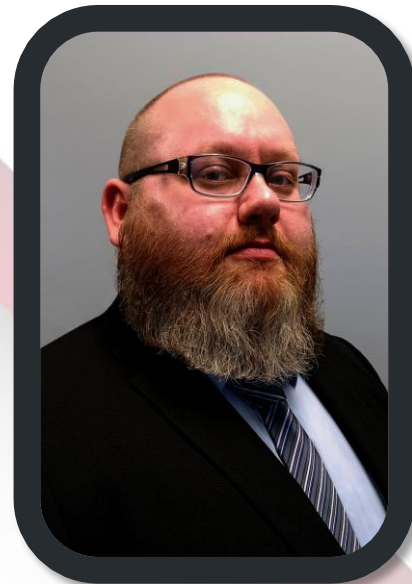
Kenny Talbott
DIRECTOR



Jason Joseph
Assistant DIRECTOR



Brandy Aston
JUSTICE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
CURRICULUM



Carl Bossio
JUSTICE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
COMPLIANCE

ABOUT THE DIVISION

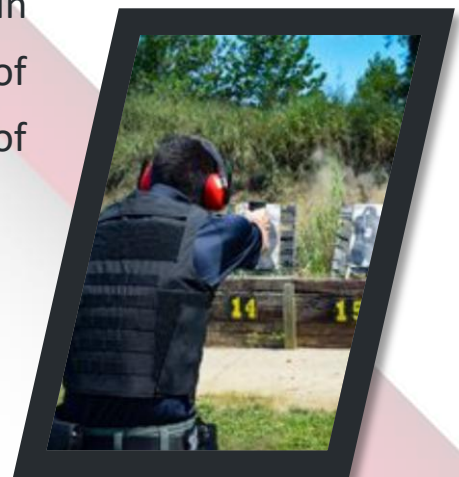
The Division of Corrections Training (DCT) is tasked with planning, coordinating, and conducting training for adult institutions, jailers, and the Department of Corrections Central Office.



The DCT develops training curriculum for correctional officers, uniformed supervisors, and non-security staff of the 14 adult Kentucky Correctional Institutions, Central Office, and Kentucky Correctional Industries. DCT also conducts annual training for elected/appointed jailers and their staff within the 120 counties of Kentucky.

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT BRANCH



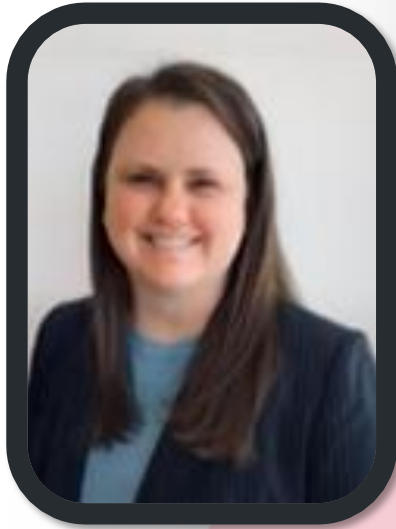
The Curriculum Development Branch is located at our Central Region Training Center (CRTC). CRTC is located between Kentucky State Reformatory (KSR) and Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC) in LaGrange, Kentucky.

In addition to the Director's office, this building also houses a firearms simulator, computer lab, and an employee wellness center.

The Curriculum Development Branch is responsible for management of the curriculum development process, the archiving of all departmental curriculums and the daily administration of the DOC's computer based training (CBT).

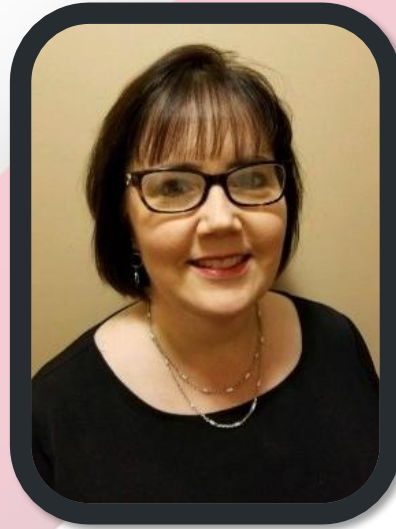
Currently, the Curriculum Development Branch is staffed with five full time employees; Justice Program Administrator Brandy Aston, Administrative Specialist Senior Susan Wittenauer, Instructor II Sarah St. Clair, Training Development Specialist II Cynthia Wathen, and Training Development Specialist II Kara Brown.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT BRANCH



Brandy Aston

JUSTICE PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATOR



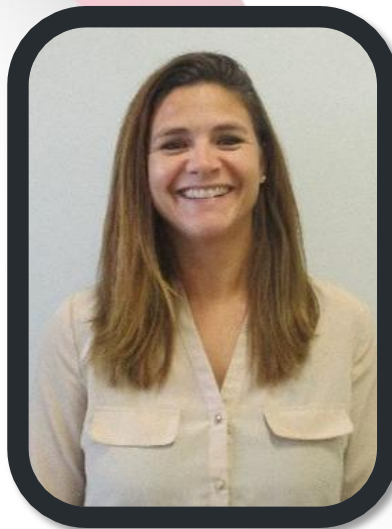
Susan Wittenauer

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
SENIOR



Cynthia Wathen

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALIST II



Sarah St. Claire

CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR/COORDINATOR II



Kara Brown

TRAINING DEVELOPMENT
SPECIALIST II

CENTRAL REGION TRAINING CENTER



IN 2024, THE CENTRAL REGION TRAINING CENTER HAS...

DELIVERED **2,445** PROGRAM HOURS

THROUGH **70** COURSES

TO **281** SECURITY STAFF,

490 PROGRAM STAFF,

AND **266** OTHER STAFF,

CONDUCTED **7** PRE-SERVICE ACADEMIES.

WELCOMED **238** NEW STUDENTS,

AND GRADUATING **170** NEW OFFICERS

FOR A **71.4%** GRADUATION RATE.

CENTRAL REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Central Region Training Center provides staff instruction to four adult regional correctional institutions: Kentucky State Reformatory (KRS), Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC), Luther Lockett Correctional Complex (LLCC), Kentucky Correctional Institutions for Women (KCIW); 10 Probation and Parole districts: 4, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, and the elected jailers and their staff within 24 counties.

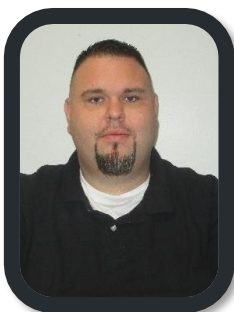
Six full-time employees staff the CRTC; Branch Manager John Harrison, Administrative Specialist Senior Meredith Adams, Instructor II Dack Chisholm, Instructor I Ronnie Whitaker, and Instructor I Celeste Hurtt. There is currently one vacant Training Instructor position within the CRTC.



John Harrison
BRANCH MANAGER



Meredith Adams
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
SENIOR



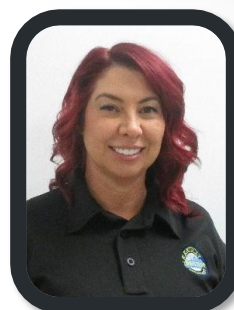
Dack Chisholm
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR II



VACANT
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I



Ronnie Whitaker
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I



Celeste Hurtt
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I

EASTERN REGION TRAINING CENTER



IN 2024, THE EASTERN REGION TRAINING CENTER HAS...

DELIVERED **2,277** PROGRAM HOURS

THROUGH **48** COURSES

TO **355** SECURITY STAFF,

145 PROGRAM STAFF,

AND **113** OTHER STAFF,

CONDUCTED **9** PRE-SERVICE ACADEMIES.

WELCOMED **273** NEW STUDENTS,

AND GRADUATING **226** NEW OFFICERS

FOR A **83.1%** GRADUATION RATE.

EASTERN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

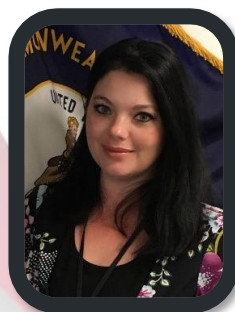
Eastern Region Training Center (ERTC) is located on the grounds of the Little Sandy Correctional Complex (LSCC) in Sandy Hook, Kentucky. ERTC provides staff instruction to three adult correctional institutions; LSCC, Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC), and Southeast State Correctional Complex (SSCC); four probation and parole districts: 8, 10, 11, and 15; and the elected jailers and their staff within 21 counties.

Five full-time employees staff ERTC; Branch Manager Donnie McGraw, Administrative Specialist Senior Betty Gilliam, Instructor II William Sparks, Instructor I Jeremy Stevens, and Instructor I Michell Vance. Assistant Director Jason Joseph and Justice Program Administrator Carl Bossio also maintain an office in the ERTC.



Donnie McGraw

BRANCH MANAGER



Betty Gilliam

ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
SENIOR



William Sparks

CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR II



Jeremy Stevens

CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I



Michelle Vance

CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I

SOUTHERN REGION TRAINING CENTER



IN 2024, THE SOUTHERN REGION TRAINING CENTER HAS...

DELIVERED **1,695** PROGRAM HOURS

THROUGH **24** COURSES

TO **237** SECURITY STAFF,

41 PROGRAM STAFF,

AND **140** OTHER STAFF,

CONDUCTED **8** PRE-SERVICE ACADEMIES.

WELCOMED **165** NEW STUDENTS,

AND GRADUATING **153** NEW OFFICERS

FOR A **92.7%** GRADUATION RATE.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Southern Region Training Center (SRTC) is located on the grounds of Northpoint Training Center (NTC) in Danville, Kentucky. SRTC provides staff instruction to three adult correctional institutions: NTC, Bell County Forestry Camp (BCFC), and Blackburn Correctional Complex (BCC); nine probation and parole districts: 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, and 20; and the elected jailers and their staff within 39 counties.

Four full-time employees currently staff the SRTC; Branch Manager Derek Inman, Administrative Specialist Senior Julie Thomas, Instructor I Logan Mills, and Instructor I Joey Sargent.



Derek Inman
BRANCH MANAGER



Julie Thomas
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
SENIOR



Logan Mills
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I



Joey Sargent
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I

WESTERN REGION TRAINING CENTER



IN 2024, THE WESTERN REGION TRAINING CENTER HAS...

DELIVERED **1,807** PROGRAM HOURS

THROUGH **48** COURSES

TO **244** SECURITY STAFF,

140 PROGRAM STAFF,

AND **181** OTHER STAFF,

CONDUCTED **7** PRE-SERVICE ACADEMIES.

WELCOMED **277** NEW STUDENTS,

AND GRADUATING **209** NEW OFFICERS

FOR A **92.1%** GRADUATION RATE.

WESTERN REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Western Region Training Center (WRTC) is located on the grounds of the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex (WKCC) grounds in Fredonia, Kentucky. WRTC provides staff instruction to three adult correctional institutions: WKCC, Kentucky State Penitentiary (KSP), and Green River Correctional Complex (GRCC); five probation and parole districts: 1, 2, 3, 5, and 13; and the elected jailers and their staff within 36 counties.

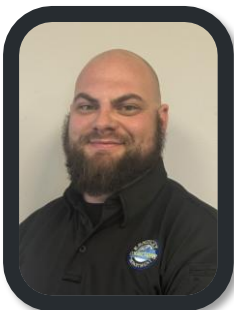
Five full-time employees staff the WRTC: Branch Manager Landon Driver, Administrative Specialist Senior Wendy Johnson, Instructor II Mikel Paynter and Instructor I Adam Balentine. Currently, an additional Instructor I position is vacant.



Landon Driver
BRANCH MANAGER



Wendy Johnson
ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST
SENIOR



Mikel Paynter
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR II



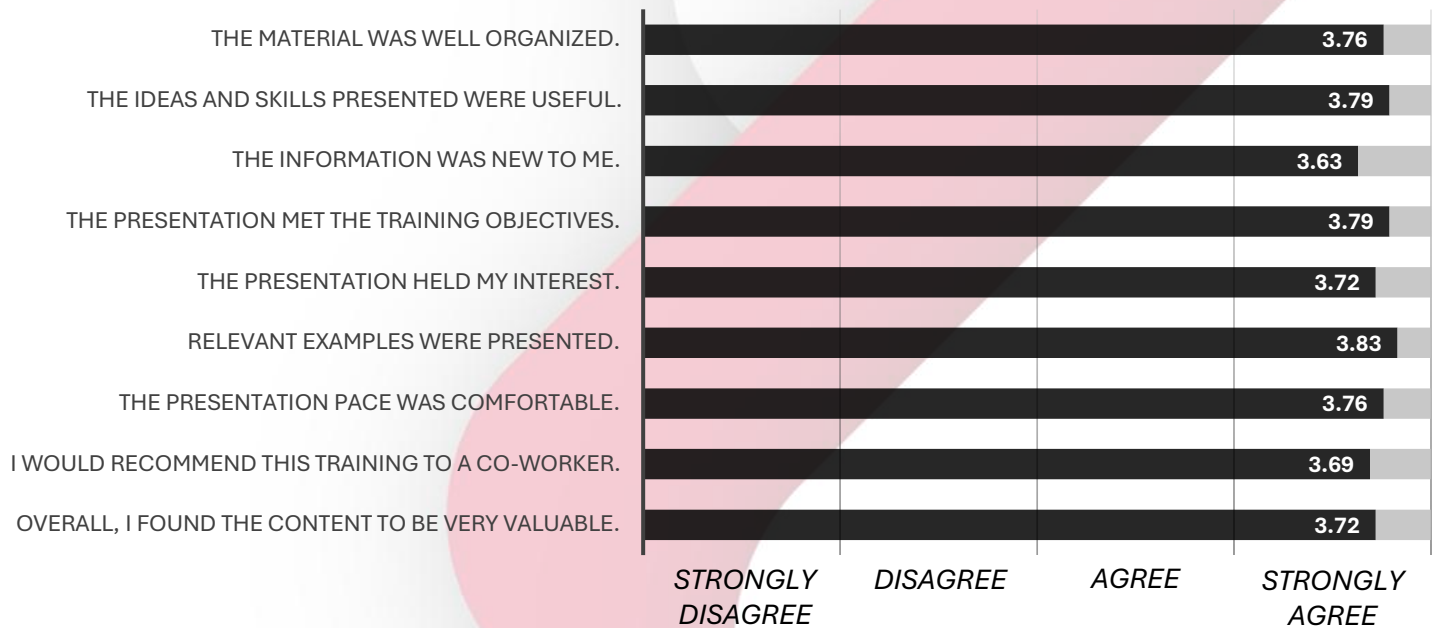
Adam Balentine
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I



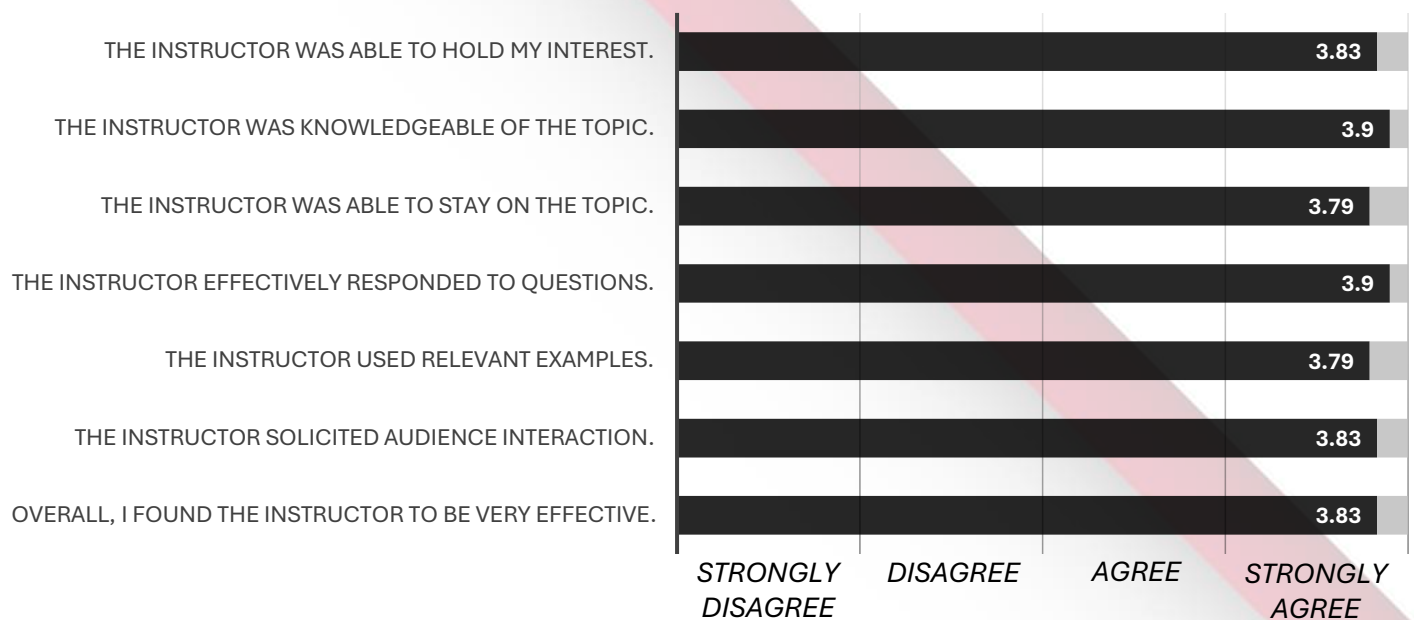
VACANT
CORRECTIONS TRAINING
INSTRUCTOR / COORDINATOR I

PRE-SERVICE COURSE EVALUATIONS

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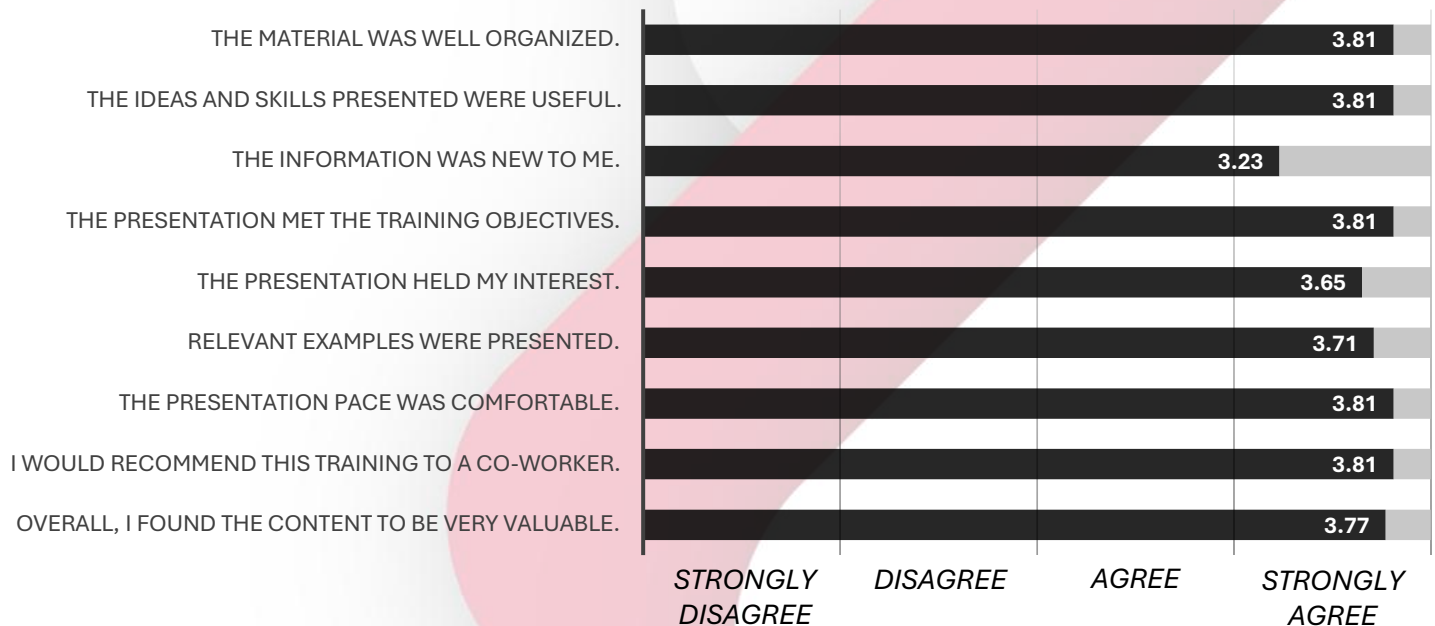


Instructor Feedback - Student Survey

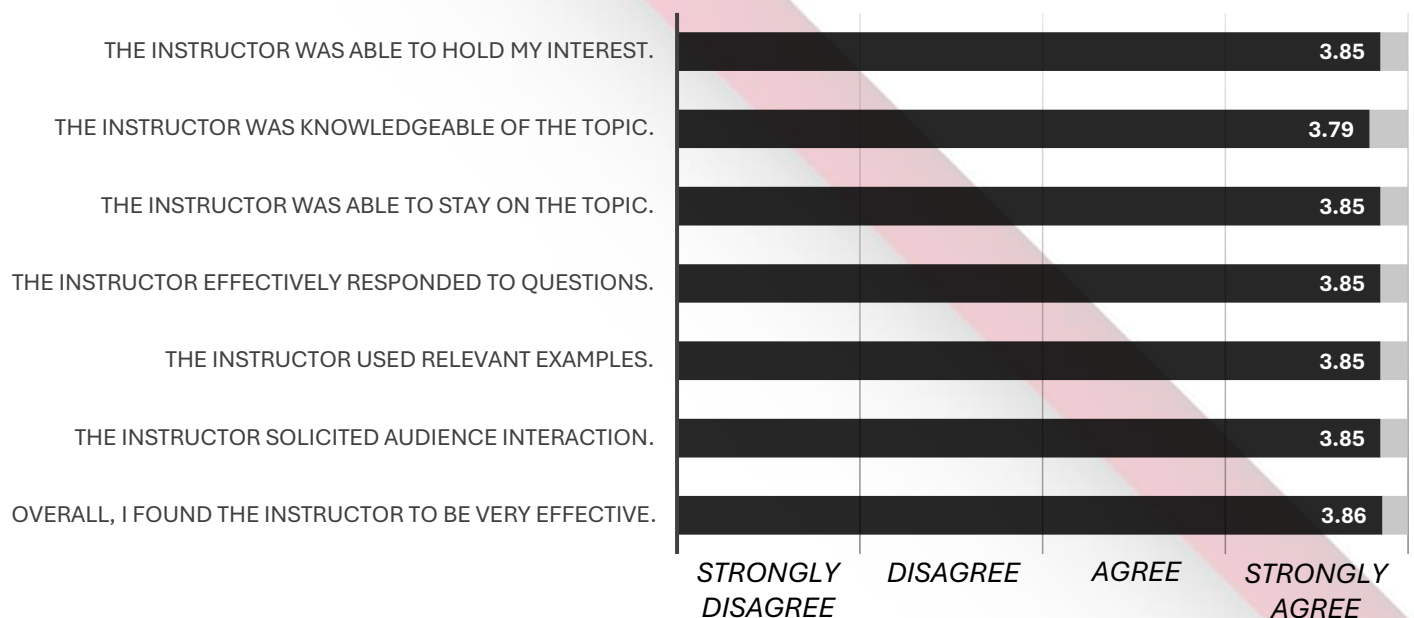


ANNUAL IN-SERVICE COURSE EVALUATIONS

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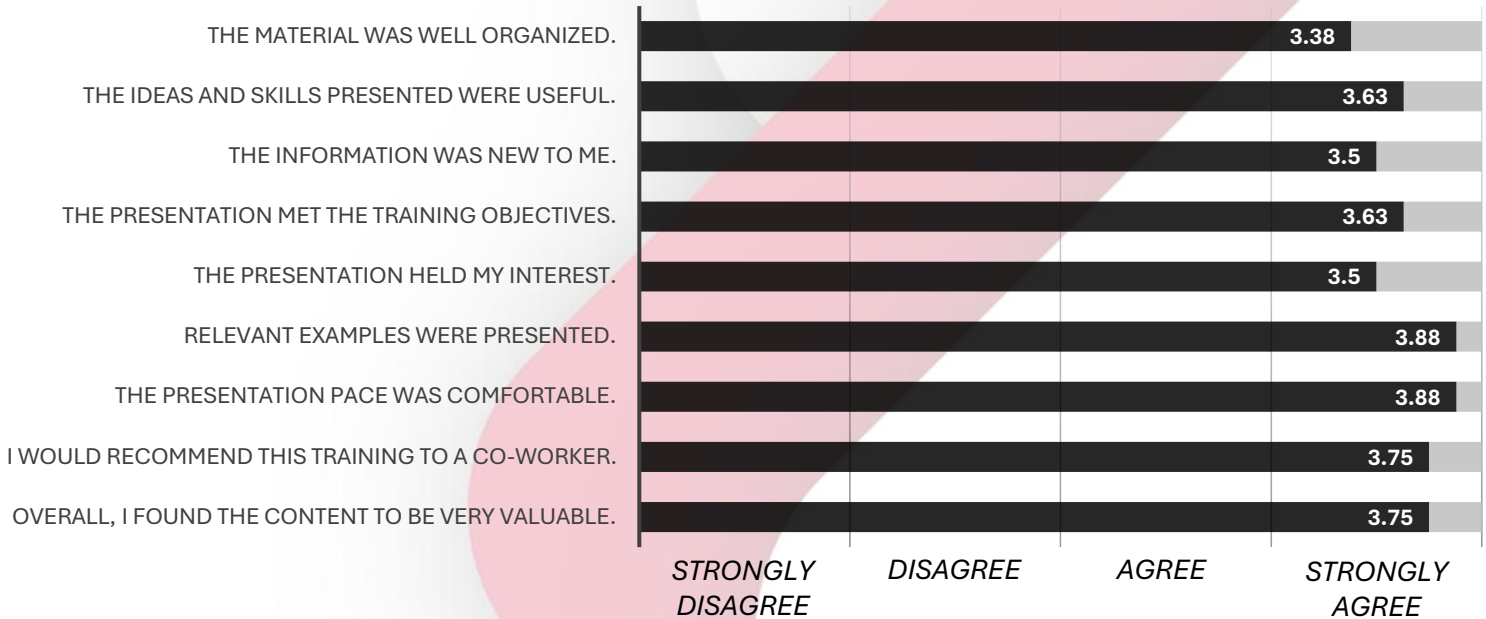


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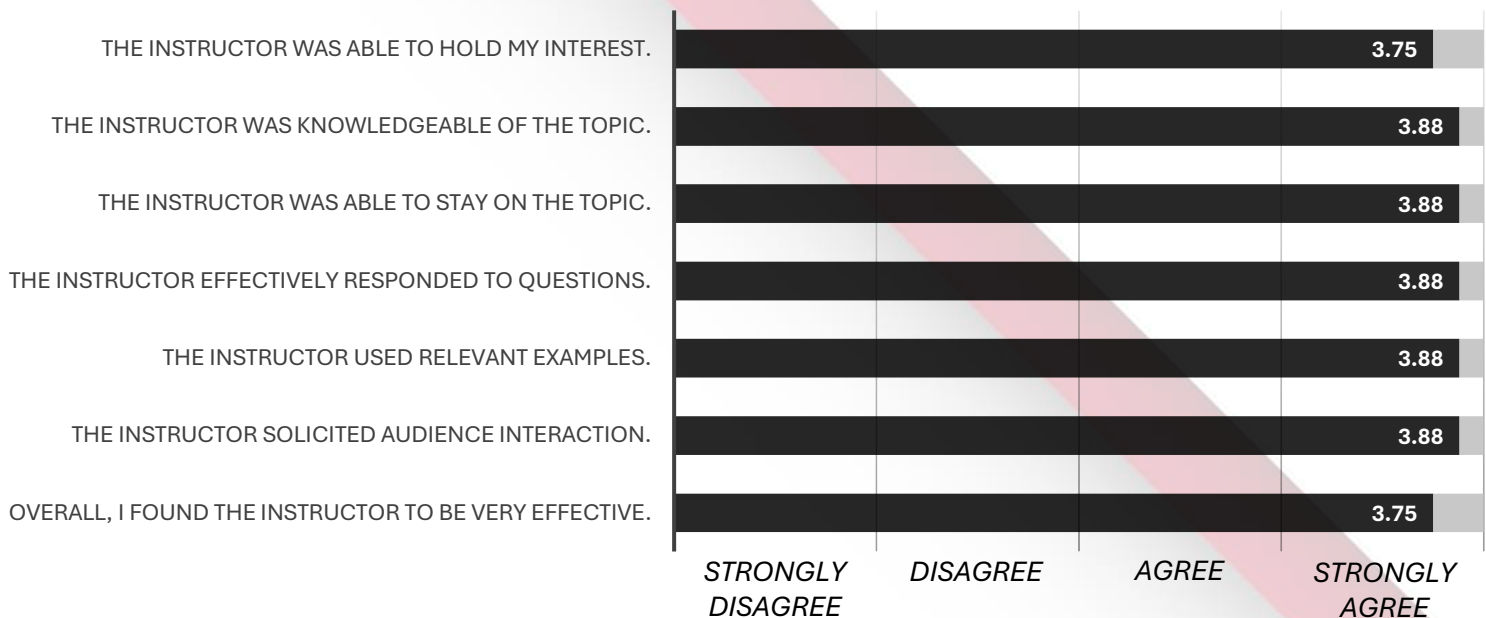


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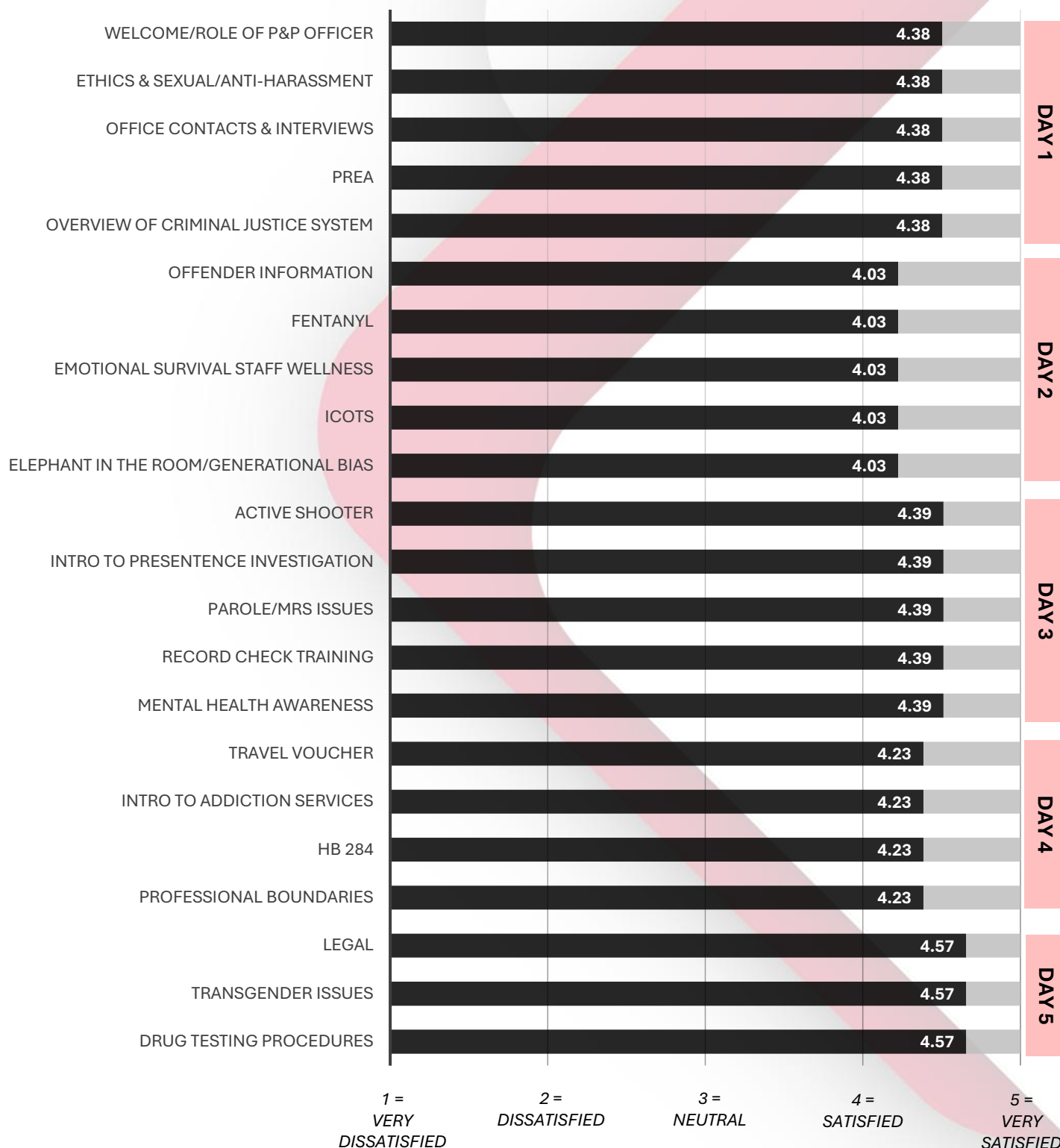


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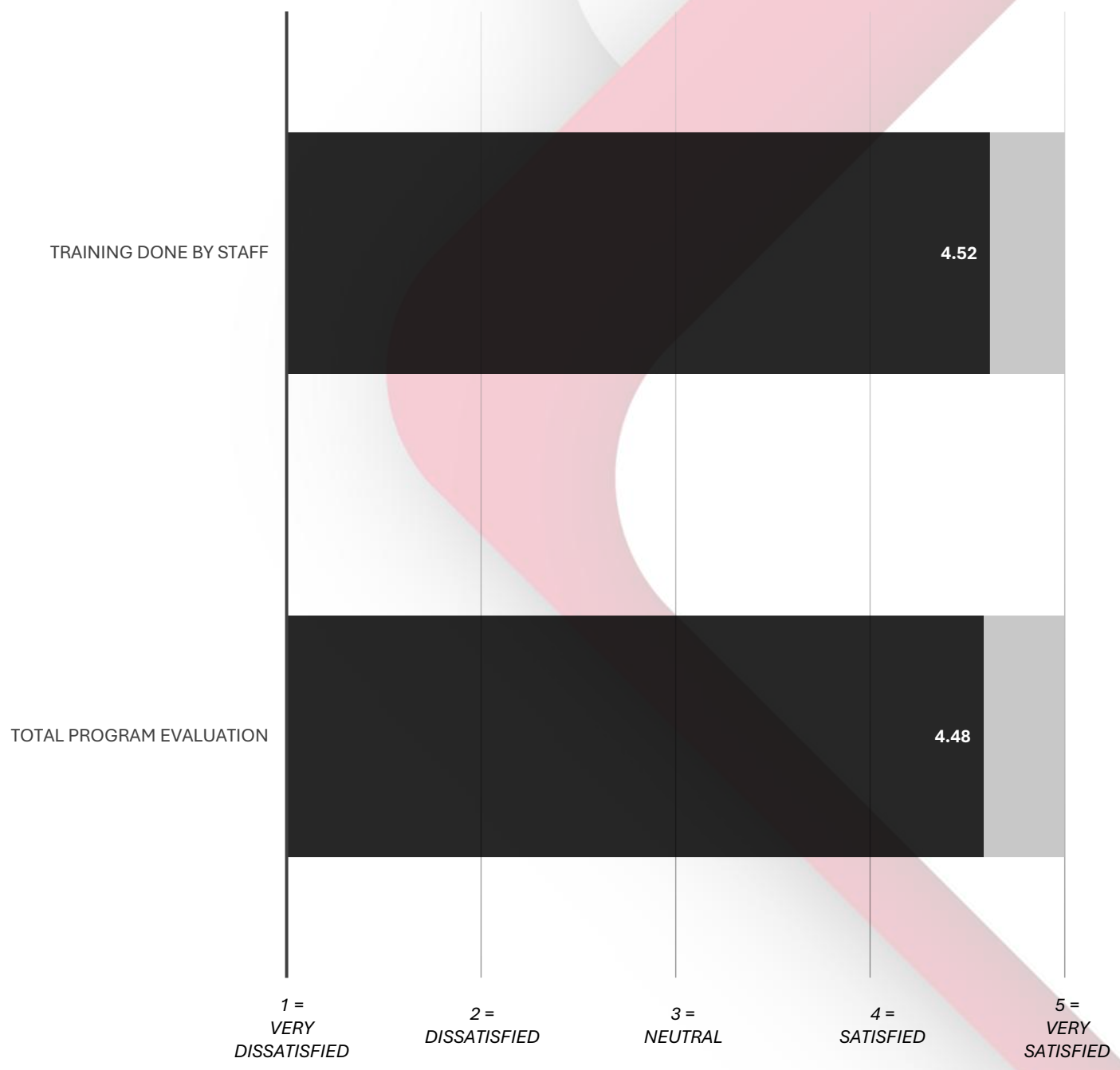
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