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This Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) report provides an overview of efforts by the Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) to implement evidence-based practices to enhance public safety and reduce recidivism. Evidence-based practices (EBP) encompass interventions and supervision programs that scientific research demonstrates reduced instances of criminal activity when implemented.

Part of DOC's mission is to provide opportunities for offenders to acquire pro-social skills, promote successful reentry into the community, and reduce recidivism. DOC has worked diligently to implement evidence-based practices and to provide additional services and support to the justice-involved population since the 2011 Regular Session House Bill 463 was enacted.

DOC's average daily population in FY24 was 19,421. There were 14,666 admissions and 14,407 releases. Offenders sentenced to state custody are housed in state prisons, local jail facilities, reentry service centers, and the community on the home incarceration program. The average daily population of those on active supervision with DOC's Division of Probation and Parole in FY24 was 49,378 individuals.

Reentry programming is provided by members of DOC's Division of Reentry Services staff within communities and state prisons, in conjunction with DOC-approved community partners and vendors. In FY24, the Division of Reentry Services consisted of 85 staff members.

All DOC employees are trained to utilize the following Evidence-Based Staff Practices:

Motivational Interviewing – A cognitive-based interviewing technique taught to all DOC staff that enhances offender engagement in supervision and retention.

Core Correctional Practices – Supervision strategy that teaches DOC staff to apply principles of effective interventions with offenders.

DOC utilizes a program screening tool to review and approve programs for entry in the DOC course catalog. In collaboration with the University of Cincinnati's Corrections Institute (UCCI), DOC developed an evidence-informed screening tool to be used in the program selection process. This tool identifies key areas to consider, such as: research availability to show how the program reduced recidivism and/or improved other key outcomes; adherence to risk, need, and responsivity principles; and outcome measures. The tool also reviews other key factors an agency should consider when implementing a new program, such as cost and training requirements. Additionally, this tool has helped DOC identify the amount of completion credit an approved program should receive.

DOC offers three types of programs in addition to educational courses: Evidence-Based Programs and Practices; Promising Practices Programs; and Life Skills Programs. Promising practices are programs and strategies that have some research or data showing positive outcomes, but do not have enough evidence yet to meet the standard of an evidence-based program. Life skills programs remove barriers to successful reintegration into the community and address skill areas, including time management, money management, use of technology, communication, and social skills.

In FY24, DOC offered 81 different programs and courses, 41 of which were Evidence-Based. The listing can be found in three different course catalogs, depending on the location of the offerings (Community, Local Facilities, and Adult Institutions). There is also a full education course catalog for educational courses and technical classes offered statewide. The course catalogs provide a description of the program; time frame; applicable good time credits for completion; admission criteria; applicable policies; and locations. The catalogs are updated every quarter and are made available to the DOC population at the applicable locations, as well as on the DOC website.

Fiscal Year 2024: Programs and Practices

Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)	MRT Mentor	MRT Anger Management	MRT Parenting	MRT Staying Quit	MRT Thinking for Good	MRT Untangling Relationships	MRT Trauma
Employment Program	Getting Started	Go Further	RHU Short Term Behavioral Modification	RHU Administrative Behavioral Modification	RHU Extended Behavioral Modification	RHU Transitional Behavioral Modification	Healthy Lifestyles Program
Challenges	Challenges-SHARE	Threshold	Substance Abuse Program (SAP)	SAP Mentor	Outpatient SAP	Substance Abuse Program Co-Occurring Disorder (SAP- COD)	SAP-COD Mentor
Supporting Others in Active Recovery (SOAR)	SOAR Mentor	Supportive Assistance with Medication for Treatment (SAMAT)	MEE Journaling Series	Sex Offender Treatment Program	Sex Offender Treatment Program- Private Providers	Reentry Service Center/ Recovery Kentucky Center SAP	Reentry Service Center/ Recovery Kentucky Center SAP Mentor
SAP DOC Approved Community Program	SAP VOA Halfway Back Program	Comprehensive Outpatient Program- Community SAP	Supportive Housing for Adaptive Reentry- Co-Occurring (SHARE-CO)	Supportive Housing for Adaptive Reentry- Serious Mental Illness (SHARE-SMI)	Pretrial Substance Abuse Program- PSAP		
Youthful Offender Program	The Bridges Program	The Bridges Program Mentor					

1 Life Skills Program- PORTAL New Directions / 1 Promising Practice Program- STAR A-wing

Program Completions

The following table represents program completions for FY24 Evidence-Based Programs, Promising Practices Programs, Life Skills Programs, and Vocational/Education Course completions. This number is inclusive of the entire Department of Corrections population (inmates in all housing statuses and on community supervision):

Program / Course Type	Completions
Academic - Vocational	1,581
Evidence-Based	32,165
Life Skills	3,358
Promising Practices	9
Total	37,113

Expenditures

During FY24, DOC spent approximately \$33.5 million for evidence-based programming by utilizing General, Federal, Senate Bill 192, Restricted and Kentucky Centralized Inmate Commissary, Inc. (KCIC) funds. Details of the expenditures for these programs are listed in the below table. It should be noted that KCIC/Canteen funds are from inmate purchases that are used for programming for the population.

FY24 Evidence Based Program Expenditures					
Program	General Fund	Federal Fund	SB192 Fund	Restricted Fund	KCIC/Canteen
Substance Abuse	\$ 18,410,900	\$ 508,307	\$ 2,968,303		\$ 15,147
Sex Offender Treatment Program	\$ 2,863,531				
Education	\$ 5,412,245	\$ 29,852		\$ 29,932	\$ 13,913
MRT	\$ 3,019,030				\$ 188,529
Total	\$ 29,705,706	\$ 538,159	\$ 2,968,303		\$ 217,588
					\$ 33,429,756.21

Efforts to Increase Success

After a review of various interdepartmental policies and procedures, amendments were made in FY24 to increase reentry success for the DOC population. These include:

- Utilization of a new Reentry Needs Checklist for releases from all state prisons to ensure individual needs are identified prior to release and plan for addressing continuum of care/services post-release.
- Addition of 4 new programs for the population:
 - The Bridges Mentor Program: Evidence Based program targeting clients who graduated The Bridges Program and have a desire to assist others by providing peer support through the program while continuing to receive treatment.
 - Youthful Offender Program: Evidence Based program targeting male clients 18-25 who meet criteria for anti-social personality disorder and are high risk.
 - Challenges-Share Program: Evidence Based program assisting clients with mental illness and co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorder.
 - Employment Program: Evidence Based program assisting clients in job readiness.
- Launch of Second Chance State Government Employment connecting justice-involved clients with state government jobs. This project began March 2024 as a pilot partnership between DOC and Kentucky State Parks at one state park. During this pilot project eight clients applied for employment and eight were hired.
- Streaming of 2024 Kentucky Fatherhood Summit for incarcerated population - Three state prisons took advantage of the opportunity to livestream the summit across two days allowing 2,799 inmates having the opportunity to experience the conference.
- Collaboration with community entities enhancing reentry services:
 - Voices of Hope Peer Recovery Coaches – Peer Recovery Coaches located at five prisons to provide insight and recovery linkages in the community for clients preparing for release. The coaches have lived experience and provide hope to clients that recovery is possible. They also facilitate SMART recovery meetings as an alternative to traditional 12 step meetings.
 - Goodwill Aspire Reentry Services – A Federal Department of Labor grant-funded pilot initiative; ASPIRE offers pre- and post- release services in conjunction with community-

based programs. For clients returning to the Louisville area, Goodwill provides wraparound services that address employment needs and referrals to other community services and resources to address barriers.

Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Corrections Goals

DOC remains committed to creating a better, safer Kentucky by reducing recidivism in FY25 through the following strategies:

- Continued focus on programming to ensure consistency across all areas of program delivery.
- Expansion of Reentry Centers at all state prisons. The goal of the Reentry Center is to enhance and expand the release preparation process by providing targeted informational workshops, collaborative family reunification, educational services, expansion of employer engagement, and targeted medical/mental health efforts.
- Implementation of Consolidations Appropriations Act (CAA) in state prisons. This allows a variety of needed services for the incarcerated to be funded by Medicaid while providing enhanced targeted case management (TCM) ensuring those released from incarceration are being released with needs being addressed. Under CAA TCM provisions will be allowed for two groups: Adjudicated juveniles under 21 years of age and former foster care youth who were Medicaid eligible at 18yrs. old and are now between the ages of 18-26.
- Expand community relationships/collaborations to gather additional resources to enhance offender reentry.
 - Education and Labor Cabinet
 - Office of Adult Education Adult Education providers
 - Office of Apprenticeship
 - KY Community and Technical College System
 - Other College and Universities
 - KY Department of Education

- Expand technology use for those in state prisons allowing us to add additional resources on to the tablets to better prepare the population for release and better prepare the clients for the technological advancements in their communities.
- Provide education and resources for families of the incarcerated.
- Expand career and technical education opportunities to help meet workforce needs in the following areas:
 - Aquaponics
 - Commercial Learner's Permit
 - Construction Craft Laborer
 - Cosmetology
 - Ironworkers Pre-Apprenticeship
 - Career Readiness Program with Painters Union
 - Line Worker
 - HVAC Expansion
 - Plumbing
 - Animal Science
 - Culinary Arts
- Enhancing Substance Abuse Programming (SAP) – Expanded outreach to include extended family visitations, additional family engagement sessions and consistent scheduling of educational sessions for families of those in SAP.