

2013 Program Report Card: Alternative in the Community (AIC) – (Judicial Branch)

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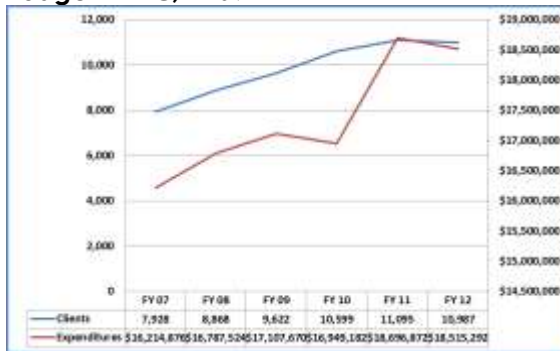
Contribution to the Result: The goals of the Alternative in the Community (AIC) program are: (1) to reduce offender long-term recidivism; (2) change offender behavior resulting in more successful discharges; (3) provide a cost effective criminal justice response to criminal activity; and (4) increased offender accountability. All of these goals contribute to safer communities for Connecticut families.

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Actual FY 12	17,889,547	\$ 625,745	\$0	\$18,515,292
Estimated FY 13	\$18,053,950	\$0	\$0	\$18,053,950

Partners: Criminal Justice System (Judges, prosecutors, Victim Advocates, public defenders / private attorneys), Contracted, non-profit and for-profit treatment providers, Local and State Business officials, Other state agencies (DMHAS, DOC, DCF, DSS), Family members, and Criminal Justice Advocacy agencies.

How Much Did We Do?

Number of Persons Referred and Total Budget – AIC, FY07-FY12

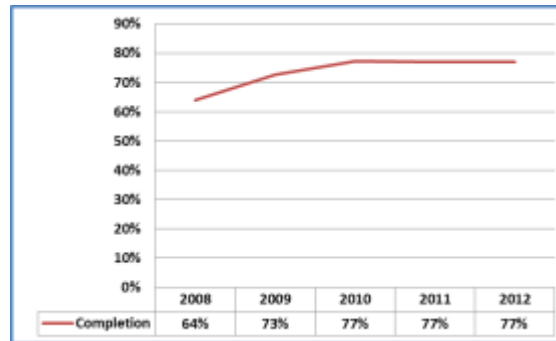


Story behind the baseline: The number of persons referred for services at the AIC has increased by 39 percent from FY07 to FY12, while funding provided to non-profits, as determined by CSSD, was increased by 14 percent (FY07 to FY12). A continued focus on addressing the criminogenic needs of adult probation, bail and family services clients, as well as a diversified array of service offerings have contributed to this increase over time.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Reasoning and Rehabilitation Group Completion, 2008-2012

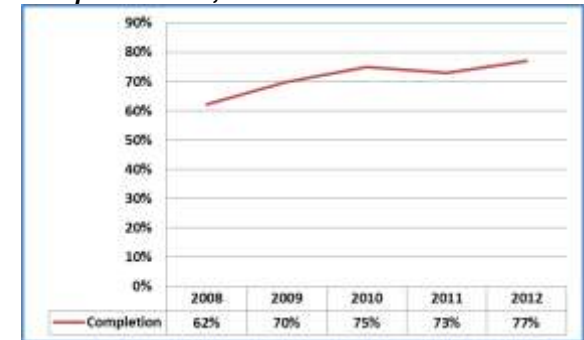


Story behind the baseline: Reasoning and Rehabilitation II (R&R II) is a 14-session group offered at the AIC that utilizes a cognitive-behavioral approach to behavior change. Research suggests lower long-term recidivism rates for those completing services. CSSD's goal is to reach or exceed a 75% R&R completion rate. CSSD partnered with the private, non-profit sector to emphasize the importance of group completion rates. The trend in 2008 and 2009 was positive as completion rates moved closer to the goal and during 2010 – 2012 completion rates exceeded the goal of 75%.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Treating Alcohol & Drug Dependence Group Completion Rate, 2008-2012



Story behind the baseline: Treating Alcohol/Drug Dependence is a 12-session curriculum aimed at reducing the use and abuse of alcohol and illegal substances that have contributed to criminal behavior. CSSD's goal is to reach or exceed a 75% TAD completion rate. During 2012, CSSD worked with underperforming vendors. As a result, the TAD completion rate reached 77%, the highest completion rate in five years and 2% above the goal.

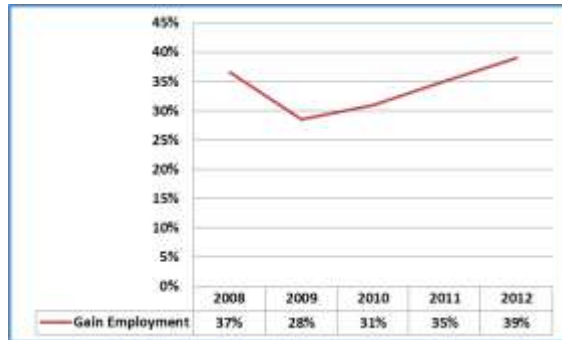
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Is Anyone Better Off?

Percent of Employment Services Completers Gaining Employment, 2008-2012

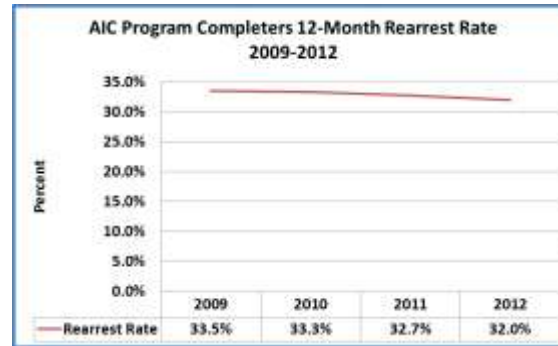


Story behind the baseline: This performance measure examines the rates at which clients that participate in Employment Services obtain employment prior to discharge from the AIC. Despite the economic downturn this measure has continuously improved from 2009 through 2012. While the ambitious goal of 50% has not yet been achieved, 2012 performance reached the highest level (39%) in the past five years as a result of persistent employment initiatives. CSSD has submitted a more detailed RBA Report Card that focuses on the how much, how well, and better off measures for this specific service in the AIC.

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Is Anyone Better Off?

12-month Rearrest Rate for Completers 2009-2012



Story behind the baseline: This performance measure examines the rate at which clients who complete AIC services are re-arrested within 12 months of discharge. Due to an adjustment in calculation methodology adopted in 2012, the numbers in this report card differ from those presented in the 2011 Report Card. In the past four years, there has been a downward trend in re-arrest of AIC completers, with a modest reduction each year. Fewer AIC participants being rearrested directly affect community safety.

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Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

- Develop an AIC Composite Report Card to identify underperforming vendors who will work with CSSD personnel and the Quality Assurance vendor to improve performance;
- Investigate methods for providing financial incentives to vendors whose performance routinely exceeds expectations based on their composite report card score;
- Work closely with Connecticut's Regional Workforce Development Boards to design a collaborative system that identifies and meets the needs of the AIC population;
- Expand the Women Offender Case Management Model statewide and implement the Moving On intervention which targets women offenders needs;
- Implement Cognitive Self Change intervention in the New Haven AIC to specifically address the changing core beliefs of clients involved in gun crimes;
- Expand the Advanced Supervision and Intervention Support Team (ASIST) program designed to provide extra support for clients with substantial mental health needs from 5 AIC locations to 9 AIC locations across the state;
- Provide CSSD based leadership training for AIC program directors

Data Development Agenda:

Collaborate with the Department of Labor to establish a data exchange protocol for tracking longer-term employment retention