

# 2025 PROGRAM OUTCOMES

## NEW JERSEY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTERS (CRC)



### FACILITIES

Elizabeth CRC  
Neptune CRC  
North Brunswick CRC  
Pleasantville CRC  
Vineland CRC

### AGENCY

New Jersey State Parole Board

### POPULATION

Individuals on Parole

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

In New Jersey, GEO Reentry Services provides comprehensive programs tailored to meet individual participant's risk and needs. At the foundation of our approach is cognitive behavioral programming designed to address criminogenic needs (key life areas) as identified through the assessment process. The program model at the New Jersey CRCs includes individual assessments and treatment plans, Moral Reconciliation Therapy® (MRT), an intensive employment program, life skills groups, Thinking for a Change (T4C), Wide Range Achievement Test 5 (WRAT5) educational testing, budgeting and finance, healthy relationships, community resource referrals, meals, and mental health services. Programming is delivered through group and individual sessions.

The following reflects the combined annual (January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025) program data and intermediate outcomes for the five New Jersey CRCs.

### PARTICIPANTS SERVED

**579** Participants served during the reporting period

### REFERRALS

**422** Participant referrals received from the agency during the reporting period

### STARTING POINTS

**422** Participants started the program during the reporting period

### GRADUATED PARTICIPANTS

**261** Participants graduated the program during the reporting period

### DISCHARGE RESULTS

**TOTAL DISCHARGES: 457**

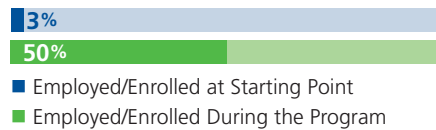


- Positive Completion: includes successful completion, agency-ordered terminations, external transfers, and other discharges.
- Non-completion: includes absconds, jail termination, and unsuccessful discharges

### EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION

A goal of the CRCs is to assist participants with securing employment and/or enrolling in school. During the reporting period, the number of participants employed/enrolled increased by 1,536%, based on the total individuals discharged. (n=457)

**EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION GAINS: 1,536%**



### DRUG & ALCOHOL TEST RESULTS

CRC participants are required to test for alcohol and illicit substances. Below is the breakdown of negative and positive test results during the reporting period.

**TOTAL DRUG TESTS: 3,158**

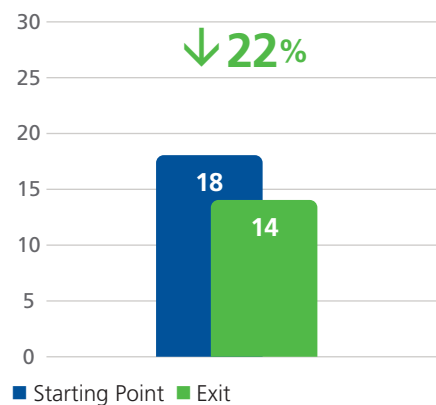


**TOTAL BREATH ALCOHOL CONTENT (BrAC) TESTS: 9,664**



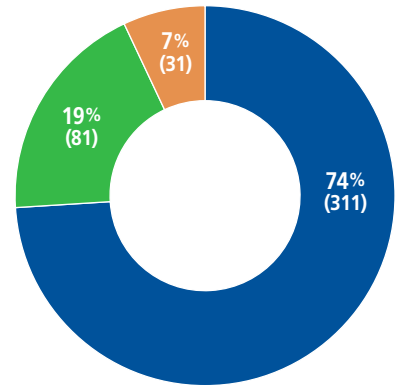
### LSI-R RISK REDUCTION ASSESSMENT RESULTS

During the reporting period, programming at the New Jersey CRCs helped participants reduce their risk scores by an average of 22%, which correlates to a similar reduction in the probability of recidivism.<sup>1</sup> (n=259)



### COMMUNITY RESOURCE REFERRALS

During the reporting period, the CRCs provided 423 valuable resource referrals to assist with participant stabilization in the community. Below is the breakdown by referral type.



■ Social Services ■ Mental Health ■ Identification

### MEALS

**2,089** Breakfasts Served

**1,678** Lunches Served

### IN THEIR WORDS

Below is a sample of the participant testimonials from the January 2026 survey.

"The program helped me gain successful employment opportunities and provided a very necessary food program when I needed it."

"The program kept me focused on my goals—while I looked for employment and went through the process of being homeless to finding a housing placement."

"It feels like they genuinely want to see people change for the better."

"It has taught me patience and made me want to overcome challenges!"

"They really help and want to see you complete successfully."

## PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

Below are the results from the January 2026 participant survey. (n=110)

Note: Percentages do not include n/a responses.

### Overall, how would you rate the quality of the program?

Above Average/Excellent	91	88%
Below Average/Poor	13	12%
Total	104	100%

### The following services were/are helpful to me:

Anger Management Group	81%	19%
Educational Programming (GED/HiSET)	84%	16%
Employment Readiness	87%	13%
GEOReentryConnect.com Website	85%	15%
Individual Case Management Sessions	82%	18%
Life Skills Group	86%	14%
MRT	81%	19%
Rewards & Sanctions	81%	19%
Role-playing Exercises	78%	22%
Substance Use Group	80%	20%

■ Agree/Strongly Agree  
■ Disagree/Strongly Disagree

### Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

GEO Reentry staff provide me with a healthy, compassionate environment	90%	10%
GEO Reentry staff treat me with dignity and respect	88%	12%
GEO Reentry staff provide services that enable me to be successful in the community	85%	15%
GEO Reentry staff provide an easy way to contact staff with any questions or concerns	91%	9%

■ Agree/Strongly Agree  
■ Disagree/Strongly Disagree

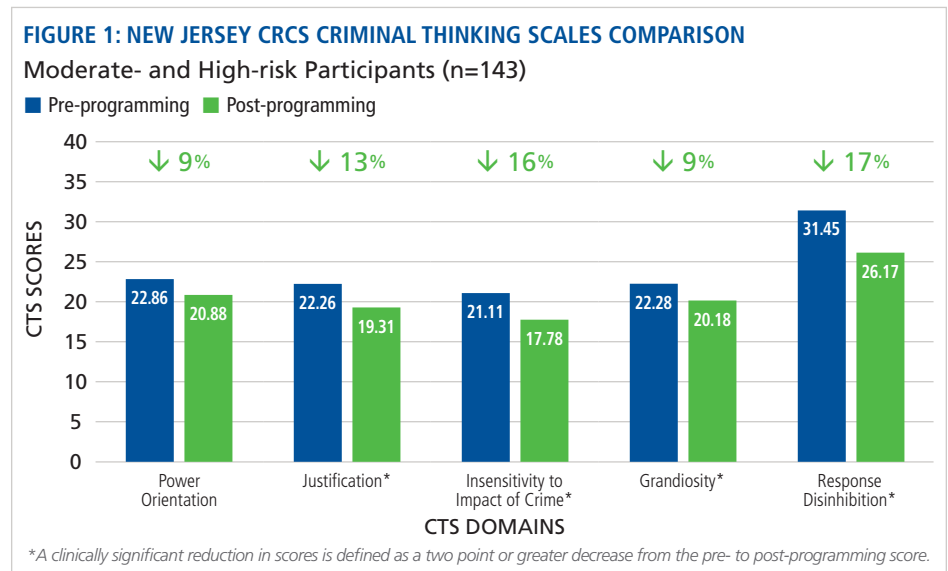
## NEW JERSEY CRC PROGRAMS REDUCE CRIMINAL THINKING

Criminal thinking patterns, such as antisocial cognitions and antisocial attitudes, are often the main focus of correctional treatment programs, and they play a big role in modern theories about why people commit crimes.<sup>2</sup> The research "What Works to Reduce Recidivism" states that antisocial thoughts and attitudes are among the top three factors driving people back into the justice system and it also outlines effective ways to reduce re-offending.<sup>3</sup> The Texas Christian University (TCU) Criminal Thinking Scales (CTS) 3.0, released in 2022, measures the effect of GEO Reentry's programming on antisocial cognition and attitudes. The results in this report indicate that participants in GEO Reentry's programming showed a decrease in criminal thinking patterns as measured by the CTS, suggesting that the program helps reduce the potential for future recidivism.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Research analysts reviewed the pre- and post-programming CTS scores for 143 individuals who participated in programming at one of the five New Jersey CRCs between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. These individuals had moderate- to high-risk scores in at least one domain at starting point. Participant risk level is determined by the recommended score ranges outlined by research (see table below). On average, there were 158 days between the pre- and post-programming assessments.

**FIGURE 1** illustrates that these participants demonstrated a reduction in attitudes, beliefs, or values associated with criminal behavior, averaging a 13% reduction (3.1 points) across all five domains. Four of the five domains showed a clinically significant reduction in participant criminal thinking patterns.



CTS DOMAINS	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED RISK SCORE RANGES		
		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
POWER ORIENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflects the need for power and control</li> <li>High scores may be associated with an outward display of aggression to control their external environment or others</li> </ul>	10-15	16-23	24-50
JUSTIFICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refers to the tendency to justify one's criminal behavior</li> <li>High scores reflect a likelihood to make excuses for their crime(s) or blame others for their wrongdoings</li> </ul>	10-15	16-23	24-50
INSENSITIVITY TO IMPACT OF CRIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focuses on a lack of understanding or awareness around the effect their crime has on others or society</li> <li>High scores may be associated with the individual being prone to shrugging off their crime(s), thinking it is not that big of a deal</li> </ul>	10-17	18-21	22-50
GRANDIOSITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refers to thoughts and feelings of superiority as compared to others</li> <li>High scores are associated with a belief that one is above the law or superior to others</li> </ul>	10-15	16-23	24-50
RESPONSE DISINHIBITION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focuses on the inability to regulate behavior in situations when overwhelmed</li> <li>High scores reflect behavior that the individual may later regret such as lashing out or becoming aggressive</li> </ul>	10-23	24-30	31-50

<sup>1</sup>Andrews, D.A., Ph.D, Bonta, J.L., Ph.D. (2003). "Level of Service Inventory-Revised, U.S. Norms Manual Supplement"

<sup>2</sup>Sease, T. B., & Knight, K. (2023). Development and Testing of the Texas Christian University Criminal Thinking Scales 3.0. *Crime & Delinquency*, 69(13-14), 2699-2718.

<sup>3</sup>Latessa, E.J., Johnson, S., & Koetzle, D. (2006). *What Works (and Doesn't) in Reducing Recidivism*. [https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/ccjr/docs/articles/What\\_Works\\_STLJ.pdf](https://www.uc.edu/content/dam/uc/ccjr/docs/articles/What_Works_STLJ.pdf)

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