

DAY REPORTING CENTERS FOR COUNTIES

Benefits to Counties

- Helps alleviate jail overcrowding almost immediately
- Yields substantial savings for counties
- Enables counties considering jail construction to build fewer beds
- Helps agencies enhance public safety and reduce recidivism
- Reduces burden on existing probation functions by rehabilitating high-risk individuals
- Targets chronic criminal behavior and thinking
- Helps individuals develop skills to become productive citizens
- Connects individuals with medical, housing, mental health, and substance use providers

Alleviate Overpopulated Jails, Generate Savings, & Change Criminal Behavior

A Day Reporting Center (DRC) is just one of the many ways GEO Reentry Services partners with counties to help individuals return to the community. Diverting or releasing participants early to a DRC reduces jail populations and jail bed days, resulting in significant capital and operational cost savings. Through the delivery of highly structured programming and treatment to change criminal thinking, individuals have a real chance at leading a crime-free life.

What Works and What Does Not? Benefit-Cost Analysis

Since the late 1990s, the Washington State Legislature has directed Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) to calculate return on investment to taxpayers for a variety of education, prevention, and intervention programs and policies. In February 2015, WSIPP published a report titled *What Works and What Does Not? Benefit-Cost Findings from WSIPP*.¹ Exhibit 1 below illustrates the benefit-cost results (updated December 2024) and displays the potential impact DRC programming can have on a community.

Exhibit 1—Adult Criminal Justice: Benefit-cost results for all of the programs and policies for which WSIPP has been able to estimate benefits and costs to date.²

Program Name	Total Benefits	Taxpayer Benefits	Non-taxpayer Benefits	Costs	Benefits Minus Costs (Net Present Value)	Benefit to Cost Ratio	Chance Benefits Will Exceed Costs
Employment counseling and job training (transitional reentry from incarceration into the community)	\$42,941	\$13,148	\$29,793	(\$2,980)	\$39,061	\$14.41	87%
Therapeutic communities (in the community) for individuals with co-occurring disorders	\$13,772	\$4,701	\$9,070	(\$6,237)	\$7,535	\$2.21	59%
Outpatient or non-intensive drug treatment in the community	\$6,963	\$2,280	\$4,683	(\$941)	\$6,021	\$7.40	100%
Risk Need & Responsivity supervision for high- and moderate-risk individuals	\$7,262	\$2,491	\$4,771	(\$1,679)	\$5,583	\$4.33	97%
Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) (for individuals classified as high- or moderate-risk)	\$7,127	\$2,449	\$4,678	(\$1,709)	\$5,419	\$4.17	95%
Therapeutic communities (in the community) for individuals with substance use disorders	\$8,214	\$2,573	\$5,641	(\$4,633)	\$3,581	\$1.77	52%

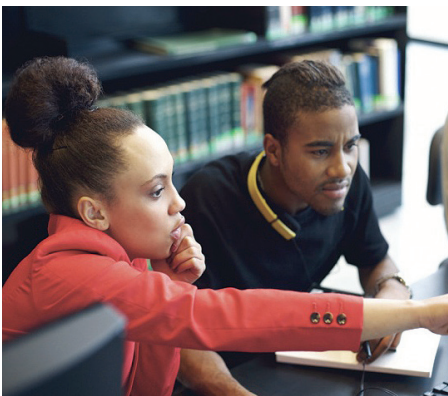
¹ Lee, S., Aos, S., & Pennucci, A. (2015). What works and what does not? Benefit-cost findings from WSIPP. (Doc. No. 15-02-4101). Olympia: Washington State Institute for Public Policy.

² <https://www.wsipp.wa.gov/BenefitCost>

Research Shows Evidence-based Practices Empower Behavioral Change & Reduce Recidivism

Our DRCs incorporate the following practices:

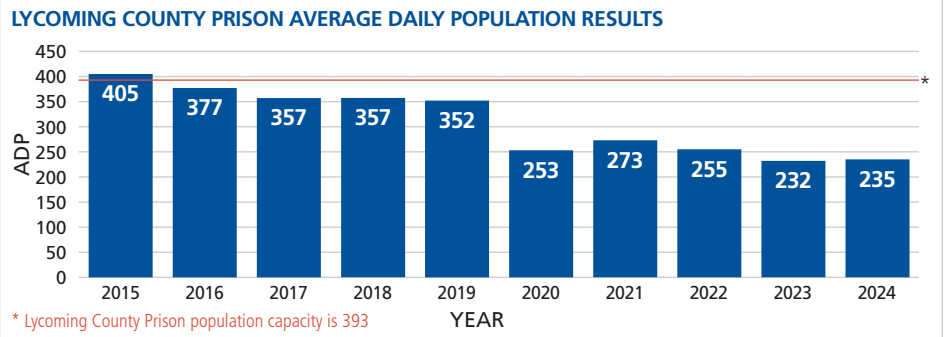
- **Risk/needs assessments** to identify participant risk for re-offending and develop a tailored individual success plan
- **Comprehensive programming** delivered through group and one-on-one sessions, designed to help individuals develop prosocial skills and live a more productive life
- **Cognitive behavioral programming** including Moral Reconation Therapy® (MRT), Thinking for a Change, Individual Cognitive Behavioral Treatment, life skills, anger management, parenting, and substance use treatment
- **Structured services and activities** to foster participation and build accountability
- **Community providers** to help individuals navigate and achieve long-term sustainability
- **Support supervision efforts** through daily check-ins, drug /alcohol testing, digital data collection, and intensive case management



Lycoming County DRC: Positive Effect on Prison Overcrowding

A goal of the DRC is to help Lycoming County reduce costly incarceration rates and prison overcrowding by diverting individuals from prison. This helps to preserve correctional funds and save money for tax-paying citizens.

Since 2015, the DRC has helped to reduce the Average Daily Population (ADP) at Lycoming County Prison by 42% and keep the population below total capacity year over year.



Diversion Efforts Reduce Burden on Louisville Taxpayers

The Louisville Metro DRC saves money for the City of Louisville and its citizens. Helping participants become productive members of the community avoids costly incarceration, while enhancing public safety. In 2024, a cost-avoidance analysis was conducted based on the actual operating costs of the DRC compared to the cost of incarcerating the same number of individuals for the same number of days. The following reflects January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024 program data for the Louisville Metro DRC.



TOTAL JAIL DAYS SAVED*
equivalent to 27 years

9,908



INCARCERATION COST**
per day, per person

\$161



COST AVOIDANCE***

\$1,247,188

* Jail days saved by diverting individuals to the Louisville Metro DRC program

** Cost based on data provided by the City of Louisville

*** Cost avoidance based on actual operating costs of the DRC versus costs of incarcerating the same number of individuals for the same number of days

Online Support Service

GEOREENTRYCONNECT.com is the first comprehensive post-release website for justice-involved individuals nationwide. The site provides access to 25,000+ community-based resources, general reentry support, free resources, relevant articles, and employment, education, vocational, and mentorship tools, all at no cost.