

DAY REPORTING CENTERS FOR STATES

Benefits to State Agencies

- Implementation in as little as 60-90 days allows state agencies to see benefits quickly
- Reduces prison overcrowding by keeping individuals with repeat offenses out of the system
- Targets chronic criminal behavior and thinking
- Outsourcing enables states to avoid staffing liabilities
- Helps states postpone or avoid new prison bed construction
- Helps individuals develop skills to become productive citizens
- Meets agency needs with customized approaches
- Costs to the state are a fraction of incarceration costs
- Staff monitor participants through daily check-ins, advanced drug testing, computerized data collection, and intensive case management

Change Criminal Behavior, Reduce Recidivism, & Generate Savings

Day Reporting Centers (DRCs) are just one of the many ways we help individuals return to the community. In addition to the positive impact the centers have on participants, agencies can develop a program that best meets their needs, reduces costs, and promotes public safety.

Recidivism remains a major contributor to swelling prison populations and skyrocketing costs. More than 650,000 individuals return from prisons to local communities each year. About 70% of these individuals will violate parole/probation or commit new crimes and return to prison at a high cost to taxpayers. This presents state correctional agencies with an opportunity to reform parole/probation and manage reentry in ways that help keep communities safe and save public funds.

A GEO Reentry Services DRC safely manages an individual's risk in the community and reduces criminal thinking and behavior through targeted treatment. For more than 45 years, state agencies have used our DRCs as an alternative to custody for technical revocations. These programs generate savings through the difference in daily incarceration rate and reduced recidivism.

Our Approach: Evidence-based Practices to Facilitate Behavior Change

- Individuals take a criminogenic risk/needs assessment, which is used to develop an Individual Success Plan (ISP). By developing a tailored plan treatment is maximized and resources are conserved.
- Staff are trained in motivational interviewing techniques to increase participant engagement, retention, and compliance and decrease resistance to change.
- Comprehensive programming is delivered through individual and group sessions. Treatment and classes include Moral Reconciliation Therapy® (MRT), Thinking for a Change (T4C), life skills, parenting, employment readiness, substance use treatment, GED preparation, and anger management.
- Staff are committed to building and maintaining partnerships with community providers to meet participants essential needs such as food, clothing, housing, employment, and medical services. These local resources help individuals navigate and achieve long-term sustainability.
- Structured services and activities foster participation and build accountability.



Proven Outcomes: Programming Reduces Recidivism in Illinois

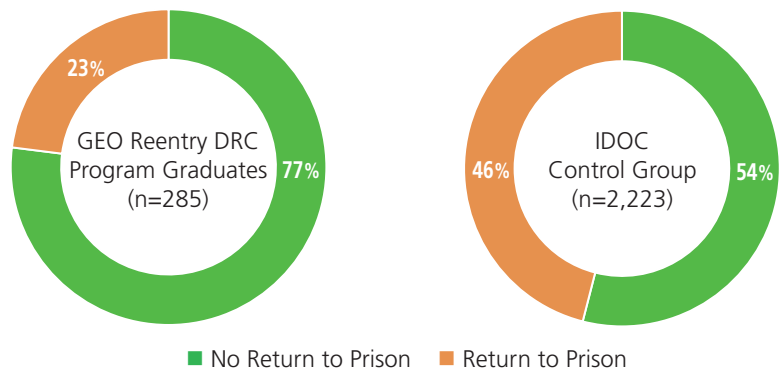
Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Recidivism Study

In 2017, the IDOC Research and Planning Department conducted a study to compare three-year recidivism rates of graduates from the six GEO Reentry-operated RSCs statewide with a matched comparison group.*

The results indicated in Figure 1 show that GEO Reentry program graduates recidivated at a rate of 23%, while those receiving traditional parole supervision recidivated at a rate of 46%. [This equates to a 50% reduction in recidivism for individuals graduating from one of six Illinois GEO Reentry programs.](#)¹

- Graduates: Individuals who met the completion/graduation requirements for a GEO Reentry program
- Control Group: Individuals released from an IDOC prison in 2013 with similar age, educational background, marital status, release location, and who did not participate in a GEO Reentry program

Figure 1: IDOC Three-year Recidivism Rate Comparison



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, at no cost.

¹ Fretz, R., Thurston, J., Burch, D. (2019). Day Reporting Centers as a Recidivism Reduction Alternative to Incarceration or Reincarceration. *Journal of Community Corrections*, 28 (4), 11-15.

* The IDOC defines a recidivism event as "a return to prison during that timeframe for either a new offense or technical violation of parole."