

# LEIDEL RESIDENTIAL REENTRY CENTER REDUCES CRIMINAL THINKING



<b>FACILITY</b> Leidel Residential Reentry Center	<b>POPULATION</b> Male and Female Offenders	<b>CUSTOMER</b> Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP)	<b>PROGRAM LENGTH</b> 3 to 6 months
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## TREATMENT SUMMARY

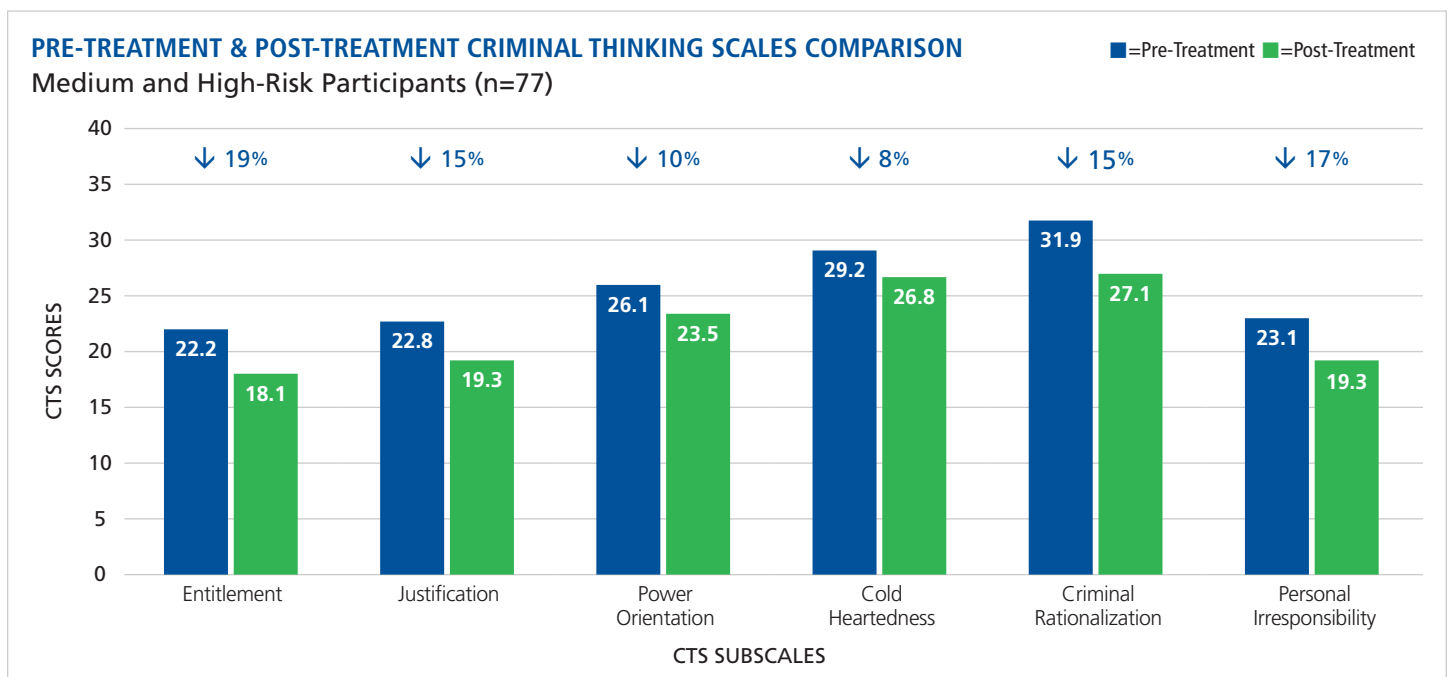
At the Leidel Residential Reentry Center (RRC), GEO Reentry Services delivers transitional services for male and female offenders designed to address underlying reasons for anti-social behaviors, and ultimately to change criminal thinking and behavior. The treatment model includes the GEO Continuum of Care® program which provides enhanced in-custody offender rehabilitation programming, including Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT), integrated with post-release support services. Additionally, the model includes Moral Reconation Therapy®, Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBI-SA), trauma-informed care, gender-responsive programming, technology-based learning labs, and dedicated transitional case managers. Upon release, participants have access to community connections, a 24x7 call center, and dedicated post-release case managers.

## WHY IS A REDUCTION IN CRIMINAL THINKING IMPORTANT?

Criminal thinking domains, such as antisocial cognitions and antisocial attitudes, are frequent targets for change in correctional treatment and are described in current theories of criminal behavior.<sup>1</sup> The research on “What Works” to reduce recidivism indicates that antisocial cognition and antisocial attitudes (criminal thinking) are among the top four risk factors as drivers of recidivism. The Texas Christian University Criminal Thinking Scales (CTS), a reliable and validated instrument, measures the effect of GEO Reentry’s in-prison programming on antisocial cognition and attitudes. The results of this report indicate that GEO Reentry residential programs reduce criminal thinking patterns as measured by the CTS, and therefore lower the potential for future recidivism.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The evaluators analyzed the pre- and post-treatment CTS scores for 77 male and female residents at Leidel RRC from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The average treatment episode was approximately five months (150 days). The figure below illustrates the risk reduction for medium- and high-risk participants. The data shows the participants had a significant decrease, both clinically and statistically, averaging a 14% reduction (3.5 points) across all six scales.



<sup>1</sup>Knight, K., Garner, B.R., Simpson D.W. Morey, J.T., & Flynn, P.M. (2006). “An assessment for criminal thinking” *Crime & Delinquency*, Vol. 52, No. 1, 159-177

## CRIMINAL THINKING SCALES

ELEMENTS	DESCRIPTION
ENTITLEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focuses on a sense of ownership and privilege.</li><li>• High scores are associated with the offender's belief that the world "owes them" and they deserve special consideration.</li></ul>
JUSTIFICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refers to patterns of thought that minimize the seriousness of antisocial acts and by justifying actions based on external circumstances.</li><li>• High scores may be associated with perceived social injustice.</li></ul>
POWER ORIENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measures the need of power and control.</li><li>• High scores are associated with higher levels of aggression and controlling behaviors.</li></ul>
COLD HEARTEDNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High scores reflect a lack of emotional involvement.</li></ul>
CRIMINAL RATIONALIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• High scores on this scale are associated with negative attitude towards the law and authority figures.</li></ul>
PERSONAL IRRESPONSIBILITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assesses the degree to which an offender is willing to accept ownership for criminal actions.</li><li>• Therefore, high scores are associated with non-acceptance of criminal actions and often blaming others.</li></ul>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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