

FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

TAYLORVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER



AGENCY

Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC)

CONTRACTED NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

120

PARTICIPANTS IN HOUSING UNIT

71

WAIT LIST

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TREATMENT SUMMARY

In Illinois, GEO Reentry Services delivers in-custody treatment designed to address underlying reasons for antisocial behaviors, and ultimately to change criminal thinking and behavior. The treatment model at Taylorville Correctional Center (TCC) includes a suite of validated assessments, comprehensive case management services, evidence-based programming, and transitional planning. Programming is delivered through group and individual sessions.

A special highlight during Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) is that the John Howard Association visited TCC and had positive reviews of the facility and the GEO Reentry treatment program. In-person treatment services remained altered to comply with COVID-19 protocol and Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Staff applied new methods to deliver quality services, and they engaged in training opportunities to promote staff development.

The program data included in this report is for FY23 from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

GOOD CONDUCT CREDIT

Below is a breakdown of the good conduct credit for the reporting period. The decrease in program days was attributed to more participants leaving the program to complete the IDOC Sex Offender Program.



DISCHARGE RESULTS

TOTAL DISCHARGES: 135



* Increase in neutral discharges, as compared to FY22, due to individuals leaving program to participate in IDOC Sex Offender Program.

SERVICE HOURS

Below are the total completed hours for individual, education/CBI-SA, and group/therapy sessions.



PRIMARY & SECONDARY SUBSTANCES

Below is the breakdown of the participant's primary and secondary drug of choice as provided for the participant.

SUBSTANCE	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
Alcohol	89	31
Cocaine	26	20
Heroin	13	5
Marijuana	22	42
Methamphetamine	39	15
Other	19	13

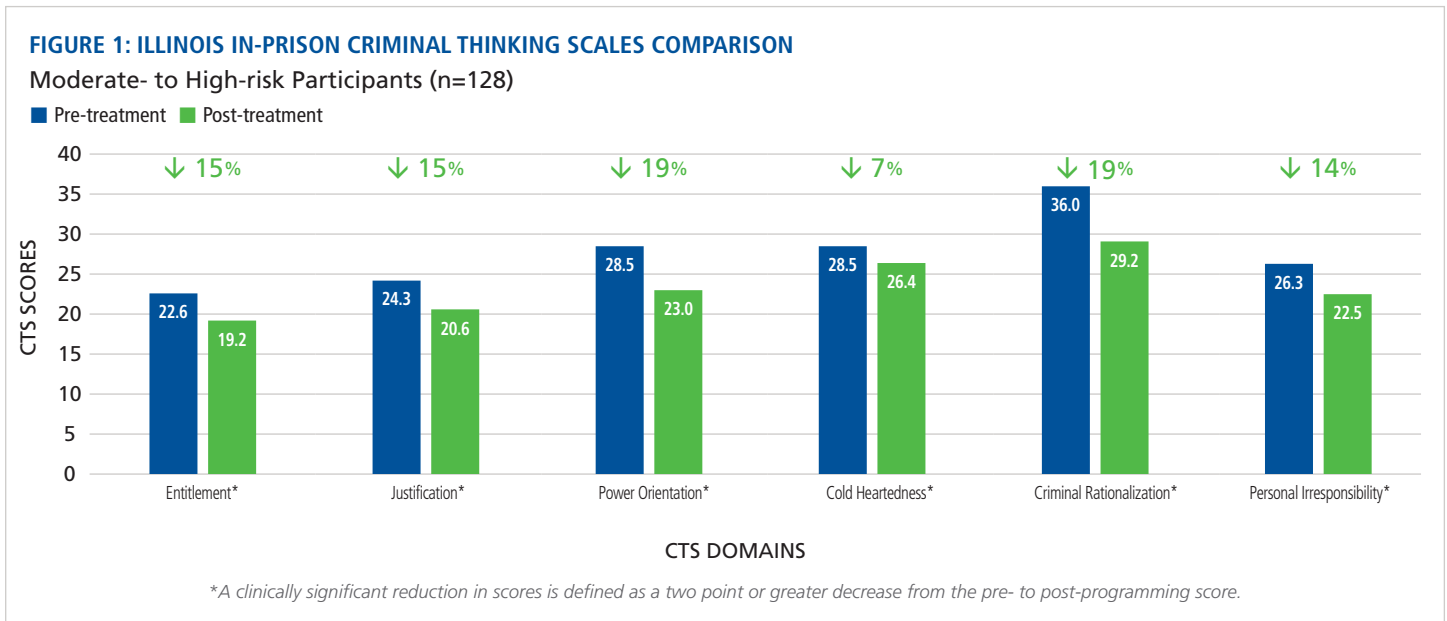
ILLINOIS IN-PRISON PROGRAMS REDUCE CRIMINAL THINKING

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.¹ The research on “What Works” to reduce recidivism indicates that antisocial cognition and antisocial attitudes (criminal thinking) are among the top three 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 treatment on antisocial cognition and attitudes. The results of this report indicate that GEO Reentry’s in-custody treatment services reduced criminal thinking patterns as measured by the CTS, and therefore lowers the potential for future recidivism.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Research evaluators analyzed the pre- and post-treatment scores for 128 individuals who participated in treatment at one of the four Illinois in-prison treatment programs between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023. These individuals had moderate- to high-risk scores in at least one domain at intake. Participant risk level is determined by the recommended score ranges outlined by research (see table below). The average number of days between the pre- and post-treatment assessment was 213 days.

The results indicated in Figure 1 illustrate these participants had a clinically significant reduction, averaging 15% (4.2 points) across all six domains.



CTS DOMAINS	DESCRIPTION	RECOMMENDED RISK SCORE RANGES ²		
		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
ENTITLEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Focuses on a sense of ownership and privilege · High scores are associated with the individual’s belief that the world “owes them” and they deserve special consideration 	10-17	18-20	21-40
JUSTIFICATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Refers to patterns of thought that minimize the seriousness of antisocial acts and by justifying actions based on external circumstances · High scores may be associated with perceived social injustice 	10-18	19-22	23-40
POWER ORIENTATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Measures the need of power and control · High scores are associated with higher levels of aggression and controlling behaviors 	10-22	23-37	28-40
COLD HEARTEDNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · High scores reflect a lack of emotional involvement 	10-20	21-23	24-40
CRIMINAL RATIONALIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · High scores are associated with negative attitude towards the law and authority figures 	10-28	29-35	36-40
PERSONAL RATIONALIZATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Assesses the degree to which an individual is willing to accept ownership for criminal actions · High scores are associated with non-acceptance of criminal actions and often blaming others 	10-18	19-24	25-40

¹ 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, 159-17

² Knight, K., Ekelund, B., Barbour, P. (2015) “Simplifying Assessment in Criminal Justice and Treatment Settings: Using TCU Tools to Ensure Effective Services”. <https://docplayer.net/45907693-Simplifying-assessment-in-criminal-justice-and-treatment-settings-using-tcu-tools-to-ensure-effective-services.html>

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The TCC program met all performance measures with 100% expectancy rate, except for those areas impacted by the extenuating circumstances due to COVID-19.

1) ASSESSMENT

System Goal: Program participants are appropriately matched to the program and will benefit from receiving services; and create an integrated and individualized service delivery plan for each participant.

Specific Objective: Ensure that participants who do not show evidence of a substance use disorder and/or do not meet eligibility criteria are removed from the program; and improve service delivery by incorporating information from the clinical, behavioral, and educational assessments into a comprehensive treatment plan that directs the regimen of services delivered, and opportunities provided to program participants within the treatment environment.

MEASUREMENT	AUDIT SCORE
100% of participants will have a substance use Addiction Severity Index (ASI) assessment completed within seven days of their admission unless there are extenuating circumstances.	100%
100% of participants will have an integrated treatment and reentry plan reviewed by a formal group of multi-disciplinary staff before transitioning to Phase 2.	100%

2) SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT DELIVERY WITH MODIFIED THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITY (TC)

System Goal: Program participants will receive state-of-the-art substance use treatment using a modified TC model, which integrates education, job preparation, counseling, clinical reentry management services, and community reintegration.

Specific Objective: Ensure that TC program interventions are implemented within the framework of the overall philosophical goals of the model, with the ultimate objective to teach the principle of "right living" in a manner that allows individuals to assimilate the characteristics of healthy prosocial behavior and provide the experiential framework within which they can evidence internalization of such principles through their interactions with others in the community.

MEASUREMENT	AUDIT SCORE
The program will maintain a participant retention rate of 85% after the orientation phase, excluding non-disciplinary transfers.	Not Applicable*
90% of participants promoted to the next treatment phase will have been in their previous treatment for the designed time frame.	100%
100% of participants' counselor aftercare recommendations will be reviewed and approved by the Director, Assistant Director, or Clinical Manager.	100%
Supervising Counselor and/or Program Director will audit 100% of the participant files per quarter, which will include a review of individualized treatment plans and case notes.	100%
100% of substance use treatment staff employed two or more years will be certified.	100%

* Due to COVID-19, individuals were unable to complete the entire program.

3) OVERSIGHT OF SERVICE DELIVERY

MEASUREMENT	AUDIT SCORE
A Quality Improvement (QI) meeting will be held on-site each fiscal quarter to review performance benchmarks and program quality. A representative from each program component shall be in attendance and participate. Meeting notes are taken at each meeting. IDOC staff in attendance include the warden, assistant warden of programs, security, education, parole, and the Parole Resources Unit (PRU).	Not Applicable*

* GEO Reentry submitted quarterly Substance Use Evaluation reports to IDOC, as meetings were suspended due to COVID-19.

PARTICIPANT SURVEYS

During the reporting period, 30 surveys were completed, and participants expressed a high satisfaction rate. Despite the challenges brought on by COVID-19 lockdowns, results were primarily positive especially regarding staff and CBI-SA.

TREATMENT STAFF

GEO Reentry Services is contracted for seven full-time employees at TCC. At the end of the reporting period, staff included one Program Director and five counselors. Interviews are ongoing for the vacant counselor position. Two staff members are Certified Alcohol or other Drug Counselor (CADC) certified, and four are working toward certification.

- **Jake Walters, CADC** • Program Director • Effective October 2006
 - **Jean Vandenberg, CADC** • Counselor II • Effective October 2006
 - **Laure Chamberlain** • Counselor I • Hired January 2021
 - **Anson Otto** • Counselor I • Hired October 2022
 - **Hayley Campbell** • Counselor I • Hired March 2023
 - **Shanda Courtaway** • Counselor I • Hired May 2023
 - **Vacant** • Program Counselor
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STAFF GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

All staff completed the mandatory GEO Reentry Services ABSORB Learning Management System (LMS) trainings including CPR certification, HIPPA, Workplace Violence, Blood-borne Pathogens, Active Shooter, PREA, and Ethics, along with the annual IDOC cycle training. In addition, two staff members attended Pre-service Orientation Training and two received CBI-SA training.

STAFF MEETINGS

Monthly staff meetings were held to keep everyone updated of the changes within the facility and program.

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