

2024 PROGRAM OUTCOMES

ILLINOIS REENTRY SERVICE CENTERS



REENTRY SERVICE CENTERS (RSC)

Chatham RSC
Chicago Heights RSC
Chicago-West Fulton RSC
Decatur RSC
East St. Louis RSC
Rockford RSC

AGENCY

Illinois Department of Corrections

POPULATION

Individuals on parole

PROGRAM SUMMARY

In Illinois, 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 as identified through the assessment process, or as required through a Prisoner Review Board (PRB) order. The program model at the Illinois RSCs includes the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) assessment, Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT), Moral Reconation Therapy® (MRT), Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment, domestic violence counseling through a partner abuse intervention program, alcohol and drug testing, employment readiness, anger management, individual success plans, transportation assistance, community connections, and case management. Curricula-based programming is delivered through group and individual sessions.

The following reflects the annual (January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024) program data and intermediate outcomes for the six RSCs in Illinois.

PARTICIPANTS SERVED

2,541 Participants served during the reporting period

AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

552 Average number of participants in the program per day

STARTING POINTS

2,336 Participants started the program during the reporting period, not including re-admits

GRADUATED PARTICIPANTS

827 Participants graduated the program during the reporting period

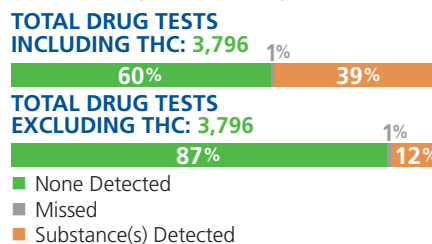
SERVICE ATTENDANCE RATES

Below is the breakdown of service attendance rates for the RSC population based on those scheduled for the service.



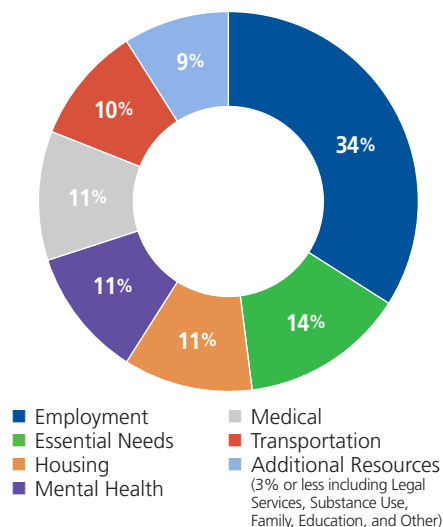
DRUG TEST RESULTS

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



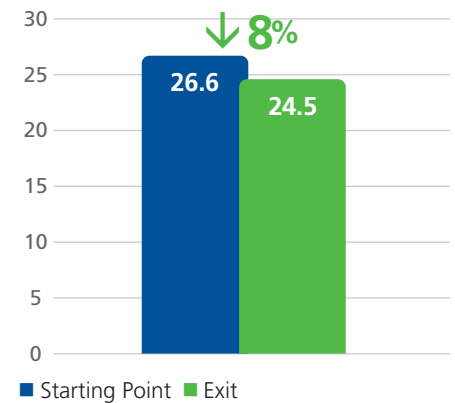
COMMUNITY RESOURCE REFERRALS

During the reporting period, the RSCs provided 1,409 participants with 3,689 valuable resource referrals to assist them with stabilization in the community. Below is the breakdown by referral type.



LSI-R RISK REDUCTION ASSESSMENT RESULTS

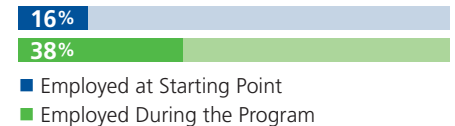
During the reporting period, programming at the Illinois RSCs helped participants reduce their risk scores by an average of 8%, which correlates to a similar reduction in the probability of recidivism.¹ (n=675)



EMPLOYMENT

A goal of the RSCs is to assist participants in securing employment and/or enrolling in school. During the reporting period, the number of participants employed increased by 138% based on total individuals discharged. (n=2,124)

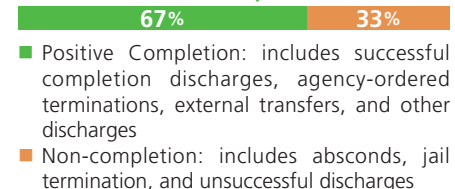
EMPLOYMENT GAINS: 138%



DISCHARGE & LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION RESULTS

Below are the discharge results for the reporting period. The average number of participation days was 111 for individuals with a positive completion and 72 days for non-completion discharges.

TOTAL DISCHARGES: 2,124



■ Positive Completion: includes successful completion discharges, agency-ordered terminations, external transfers, and other discharges

■ Non-completion: includes absconds, jail termination, and unsuccessful discharges

PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

Below is a sample of the statewide results from the January 2025 participant survey. (n=348)

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

Above Average/Excellent	313	95%
Below Average/Poor	15	5%

The following groups were/are helpful to me:

Note: Percentages do not include n/a responses.

Anger Management Group	86%	14%
Domestic Violence Group	82%	18%
Educational Programming (GED/HiSET)	88%	12%
Employment Readiness	88%	12%
GEOReentryConnect.com Website	87%	13%
Individual Case Management Sessions	91%	9%
MRT	87%	13%
Rewards & Sanctions	91%	9%
Substance Use Group	85%	15%
Agree/Strongly Agree		
Disagree/Strongly Disagree		

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statements:

Note: Percentages do not include n/a responses.

GEO Reentry staff provide me with a healthy, compassionate environment	97%	3%
GEO Reentry staff treat me with dignity and respect	96%	4%
GEO Reentry staff provide services that enable me to be successful in the community	94%	6%
GEO Reentry staff provide an easy way to contact staff with any questions or concerns	96%	4%
Agree/Strongly Agree		
Disagree/Strongly Disagree		

IN THEIR WORDS

Below is a sample of participant testimonials from the January 2025 participant survey. (n=348)

- "If you take it seriously, it will give you the tools to take on life and make better decisions than the ones that got us here."

"All the staff have been amazing! I feel like this truly is a safe place for me."

"They have made me eager to move forward and do the right thing no matter what challenges life throws at me."
- "Anger Management has given me the skills I need to realize the part I play in situations that can cause me to resort back to my old behavior. This program has helped me with transparency and realizing the root of my overall issues."

"The program helps you stay focused and make a change in your life. You just got to want it for yourself."

"We are given the skills to help us be productive citizens."

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

²Sease, 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.

ILLINOIS RSC 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.² 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 (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 GEO Reentry's programming 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-programming CTS scores for 247 individuals who participated in programming at one of the six Illinois RSCs between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024. 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). The average number of days between the pre- and post-programming assessments was 144 days.

The results indicated in Figure 1 illustrate that these participants averaged a 9% reduction (2 points) across all five domains. Two of the five domains showed a clinically significant reduction (two points or greater) in participant criminal thinking patterns.

