

# 2021 PROGRAM OUTCOMES

## LUZERNE COUNTY REENTRY SERVICE CENTER



### PROGRAM SUMMARY

In Luzerne County, GEO Reentry Services provides comprehensive treatment programs tailored to meet individual participant's risk and needs. At the foundation of our treatment is Cognitive Behavioral Treatment (CBT) designed to address criminogenic needs as identified through the assessment process. The program model includes Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) Risk/Needs Assessment, Substance Abuse Disorder Treatment, GED On-site Testing, Anger Management, Parenting, Computer Lab, In-Jail Substance Abuse Treatment, Life Skills, Moral Reconciliation Therapy® (MRT), Thinking for a Change, Employment Readiness, and Financial Budgeting. Programming is delivered through group and individual sessions.

The Luzerne County Reentry Service Center (RSC) is designed to be part of the solution in changing behavior and reducing recidivism.

The following reflects 2021 (Jan 1 - Dec 31) program data and intermediate outcomes for the Luzerne County RSC in Pennsylvania.

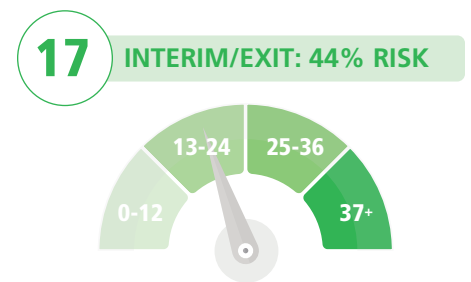
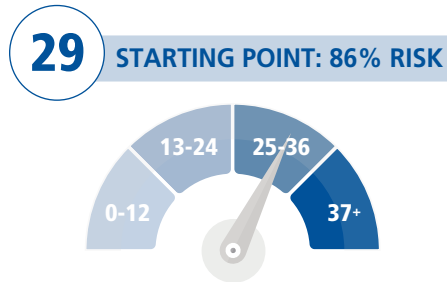
### AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION

**53**

The RSC served 53 participants on average per month.

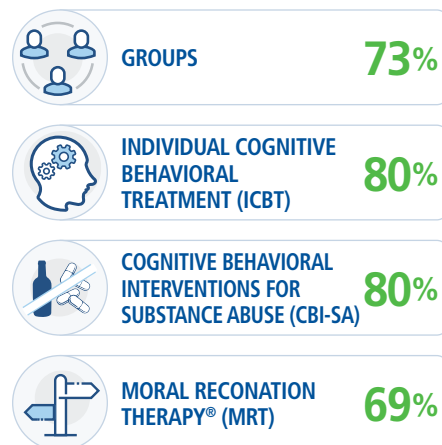
### LSI-R RISK REDUCTION ASSESSMENT SCORES

In 2021, the Luzerne County RSC helped participants cut their risk of recidivism nearly in half from 86% to 44% on average.<sup>1</sup> (n=70)



### SERVICES ATTENDANCE

Below is a breakdown of Service Attendance for the RSC population.



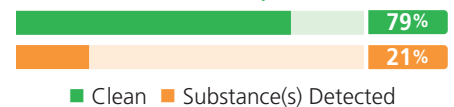
### EMPLOYMENT GAINS

A goal of the RSC is to assist participants with securing employment and/or enrollment in school. During the reporting period, the number of participants employed increased by 110%.



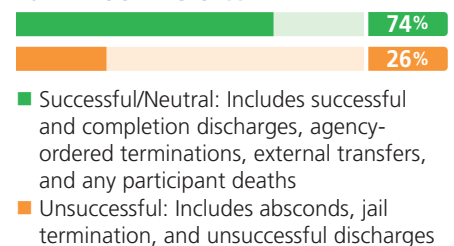
### DRUG TESTING RESULTS

TOTAL DRUG SCREENS: 1,653

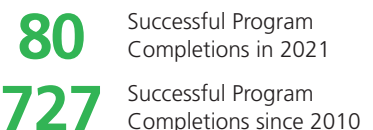


### DISCHARGE RESULTS

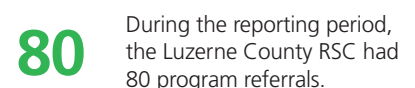
TOTAL DISCHARGES: 89



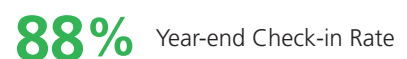
### GRADUATING PARTICIPANTS



### REFERRALS



### OTHER INFORMATION



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

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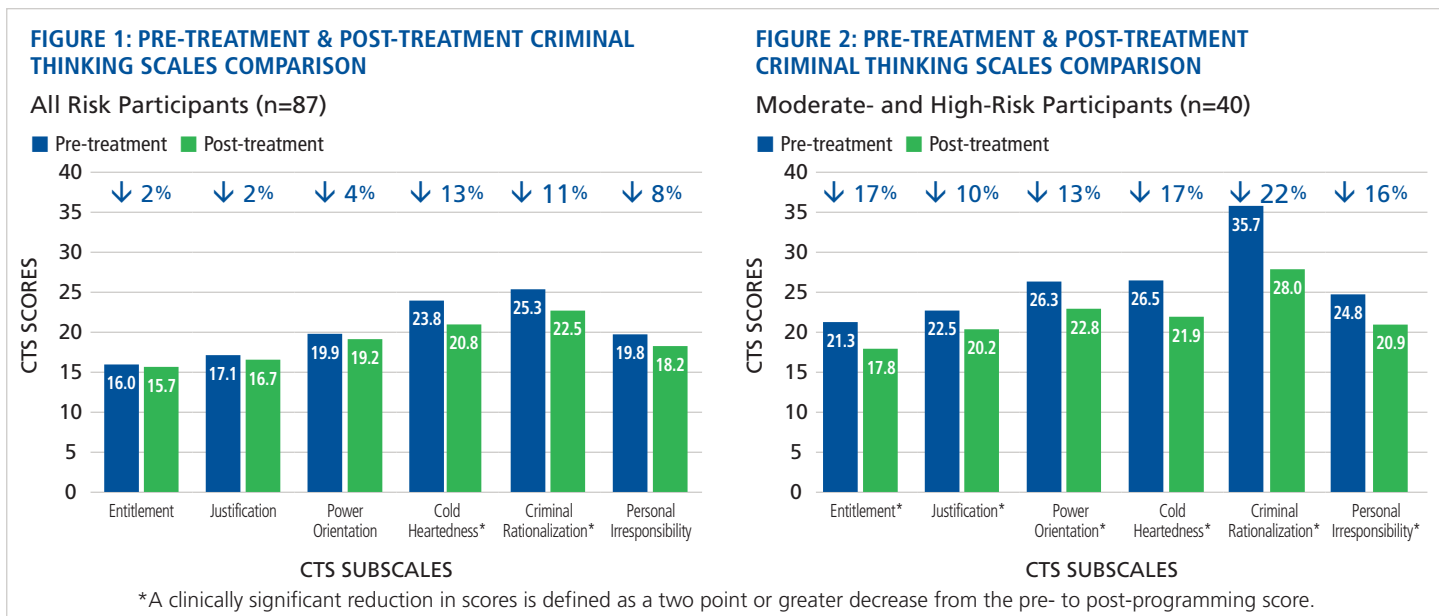
## CRIMINAL THINKING ASSESSMENT SCORES

Criminal thinking domains, such as antisocial cognitions and antisocial attitudes, are frequent targets for change in correctional programming, 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 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’s programming on antisocial cognition and attitudes.

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Research evaluators analyzed the pre- and post-program CTS scores for 87 individuals who participated in programming between January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The results indicate that the programming at the Luzerne County RSC significantly reduced criminal thinking as evidenced by the reduction in their CTS scores. Significant findings include:

- **FIGURE 1** illustrates the results of 87 individuals, regardless of risk level. These participants had a 7% reduction (1.5 points) across all six domains.
- **FIGURE 2** displays the results of 40 individuals, with medium- 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.<sup>2</sup> These participants had a clinically significant decrease, averaging a 16% reduction (4.3 points) across all six domains.



### CRIMINAL THINKING SCALES

### RECOMMENDED RISK SCORE RANGES<sup>3</sup>

ELEMENTS	DESCRIPTION	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
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>	10-17	18-20	21-40
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>	10-18	19-22	23-40
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>	10-22	23-27	28-40
COLD HEARTEDNESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High scores reflect a lack of emotional involvement.</li> </ul>	10-20	21-23	24-40
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>	10-28	29-35	36-40
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>	10-18	19-24	25-40

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<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, 159-17

<sup>2</sup> Knight, K., Ekelund, B., Barbour, P. (2015). “Simplifying Assessment in Criminal Justice and Treatment Settings: Using TCU Tools to Ensure Effective Services”. *Social Solutions*. <https://www.socialsolutions.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/TCU-Slides-US-WT.pdf>