Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting Goals and Objectives

- Departmental Reports
- Restoring Promise Presentation
- Emerging Adults Presentation
- Open Discussion
- Next Steps

GOCPP Updates

JRA Local Government Commission Update

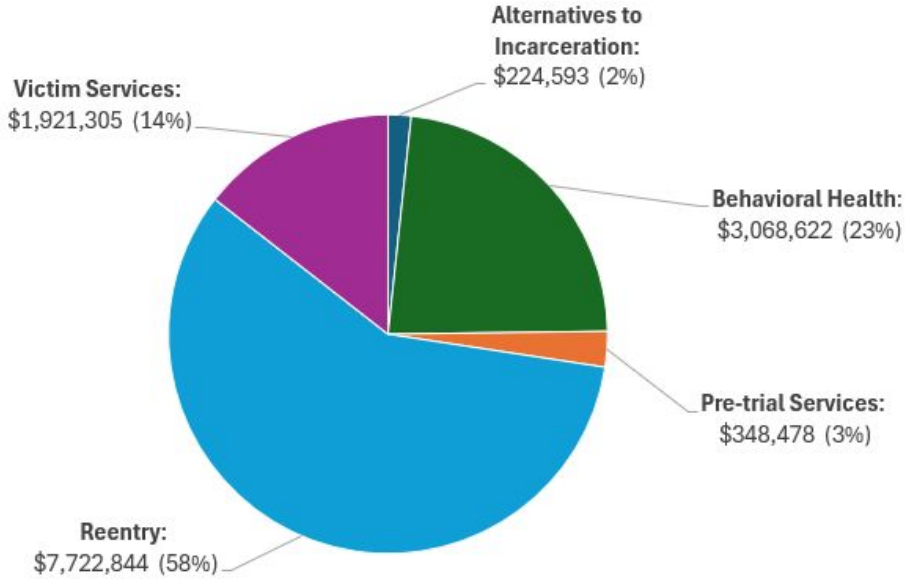
- Warden MaryAnn Thompson, Chair
- Overview of Ongoing Work:
  - Review of the Commission Responsibilities.
  - Definition of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative Act.
  - Statute Requirements of Maryland Law Correctional Services Law 9-2311.
- Study of the GOCCP JRI Budgetary Requirements on Local Detention Centers Report – December 31, 2016 & Next Steps:
    - Survey #1 – JRI Report Update - Gather and analyze data between 2016 and 2024.
    - Survey #2 – Alternatives to Incarceration, In-Patient Treatment, PGIF Grant Funding, Victim Restitution, Incarcerated Population (Local and State), and DPSCS Local Re-Entry Program.
    - Review the data analysis & set future actions based on the results.
- 2024 Report of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board:
  - CY2024 Accomplishments; FY2026 PGIF Priorities; and CY2025 Goals.

JRA Advisory Board Update

- Director Bethany Young, Chair
- Ongoing Research
  - Vital documentation for incarcerated individuals in State and local facilities
- Future Focus Areas
  - Behavioral health warm hand-offs post-release
  - Standards for licensure
  - Transparency of pre-release programming (Task Force on the Creation of a Division of Returning Citizens and Expanded Reentry Services)

FY25 PIGF

- Total Grant Funds - $13,285,842.00
- Q1 JRA Report - 12% requested
- Q1 PIGF Report - 13% requested



Departmental Updates

Department Reports

- Department of of Public Safety and Correctional Services
- Maryland Department of Health
- Maryland Correctional Administrators Association
- Administrative Office of the Courts

Justice Reinvestment

November 2024

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

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- JRA Performance
- Population Trends
- Recidivism
- Community Supervision
- Victim Restitution

JRA Performance

From October 2023 - September 2024:

- **538** incarcerated individuals were assigned JRA approved assignments. Those **538** incarcerated individuals received 55,745 JRA diminution credits, or **103.62** days on average.
- **46,131** supervision clients received a total of **5,289,969** ECC's, earning **115** days on average.
- **931** individuals under supervision received **4,732** graduated sanctions, and **97** individuals under supervision received **295** JRA override sanctions.

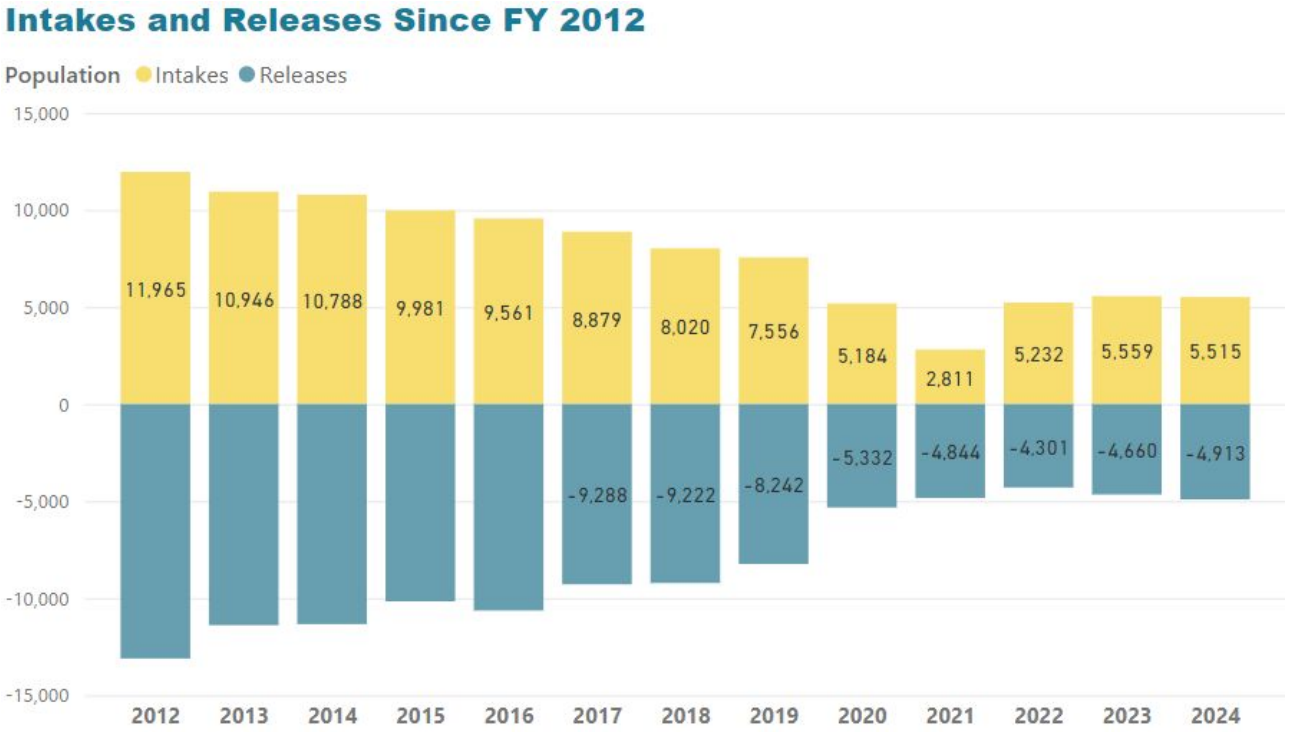
JRA Performance

Annual Cost Avoidance

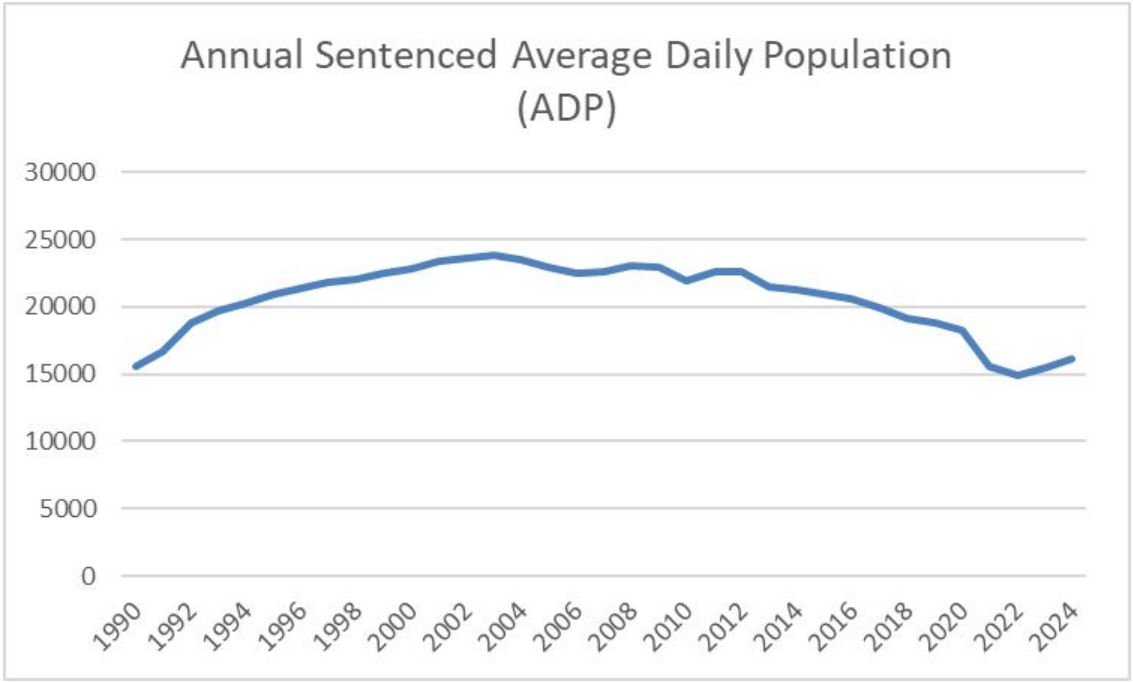
The FY 2024 incarcerated individual variable rate was $3,901.85 per individual on an annual basis, or $10.69 per person per day.

	Fewer days served	Cost avoided
Administrative Release:	20,246	$ 216,430
Medical Parole:	21,442	$ 229,215
JRA Assignment Credits:	55,745	$ 595,914
Total:	**97,422**	**$ 1,041,559**

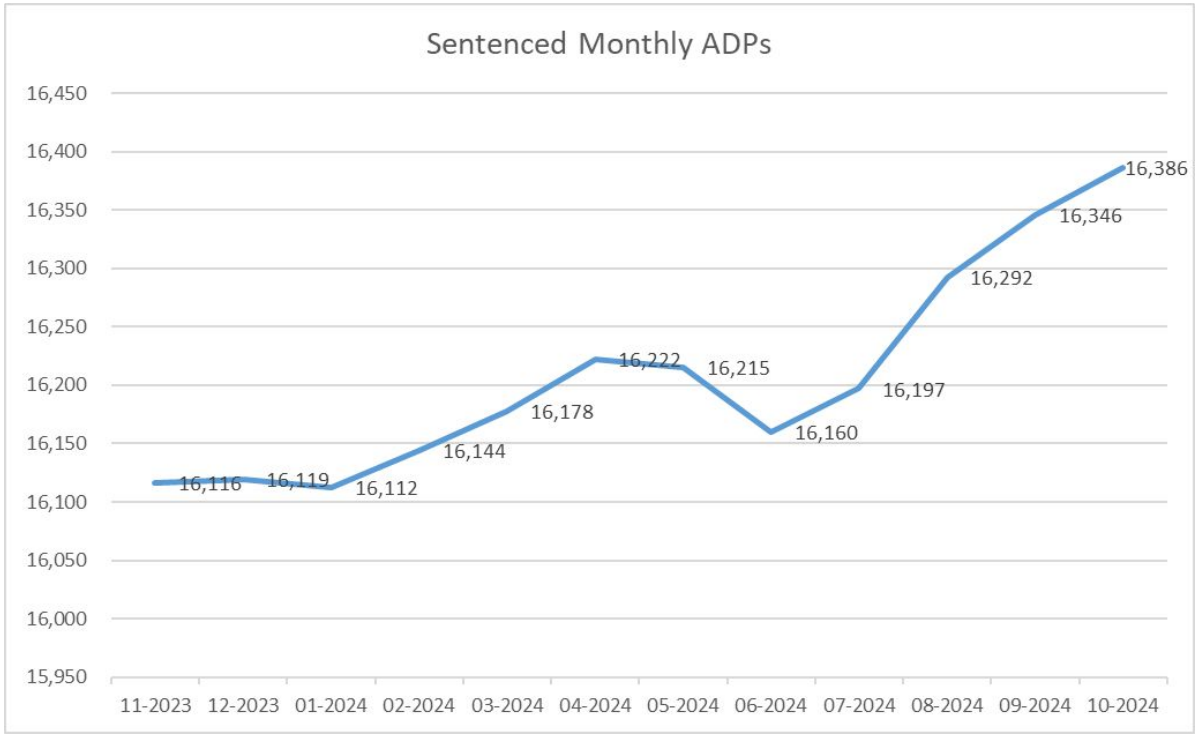
Annual Admissions



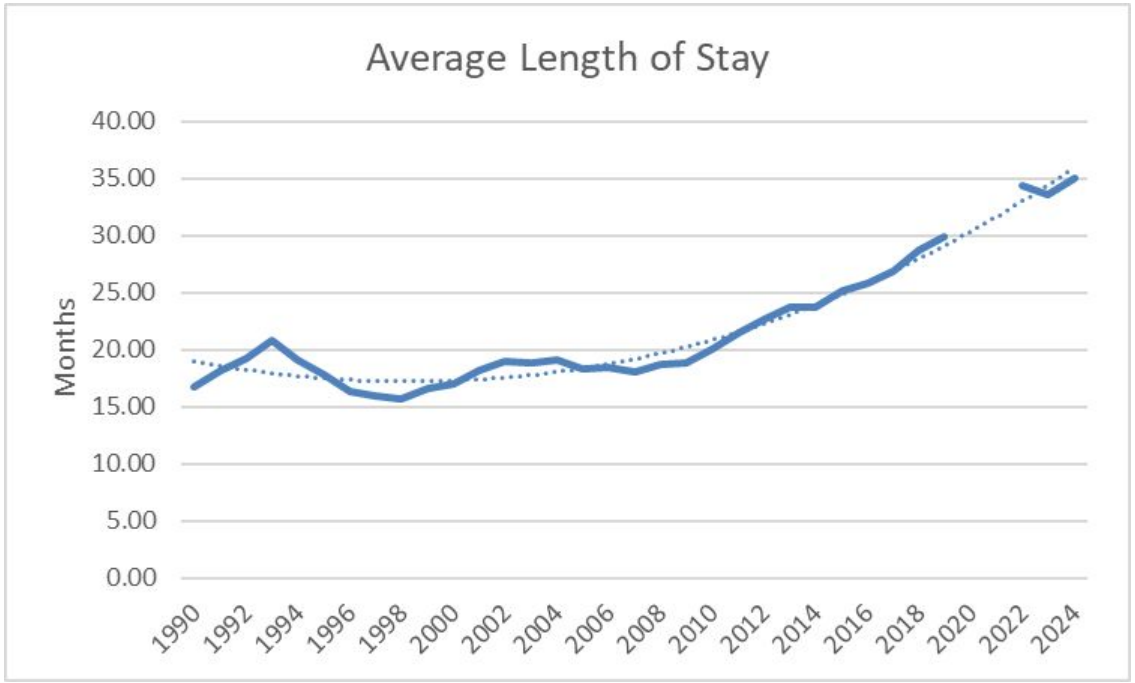
Prison Population



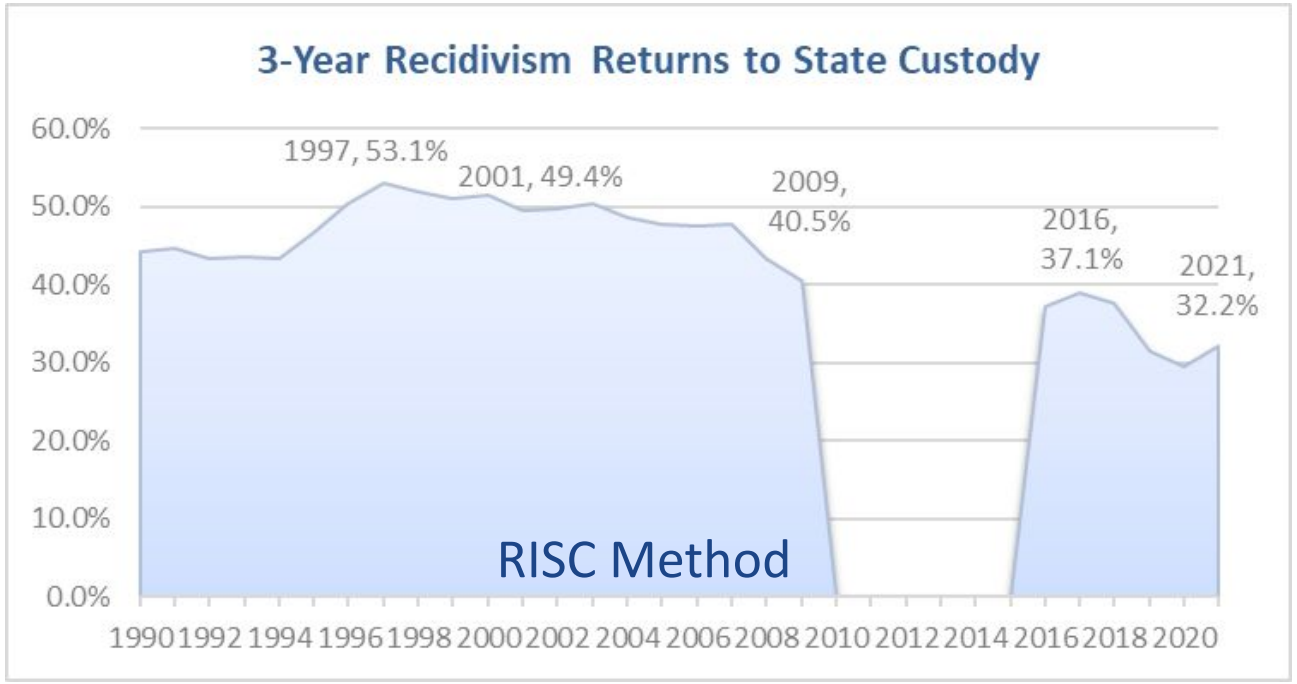
Prison Population



Sentence Lengths



Recidivism Trends



2010-2015 No Data

New Method

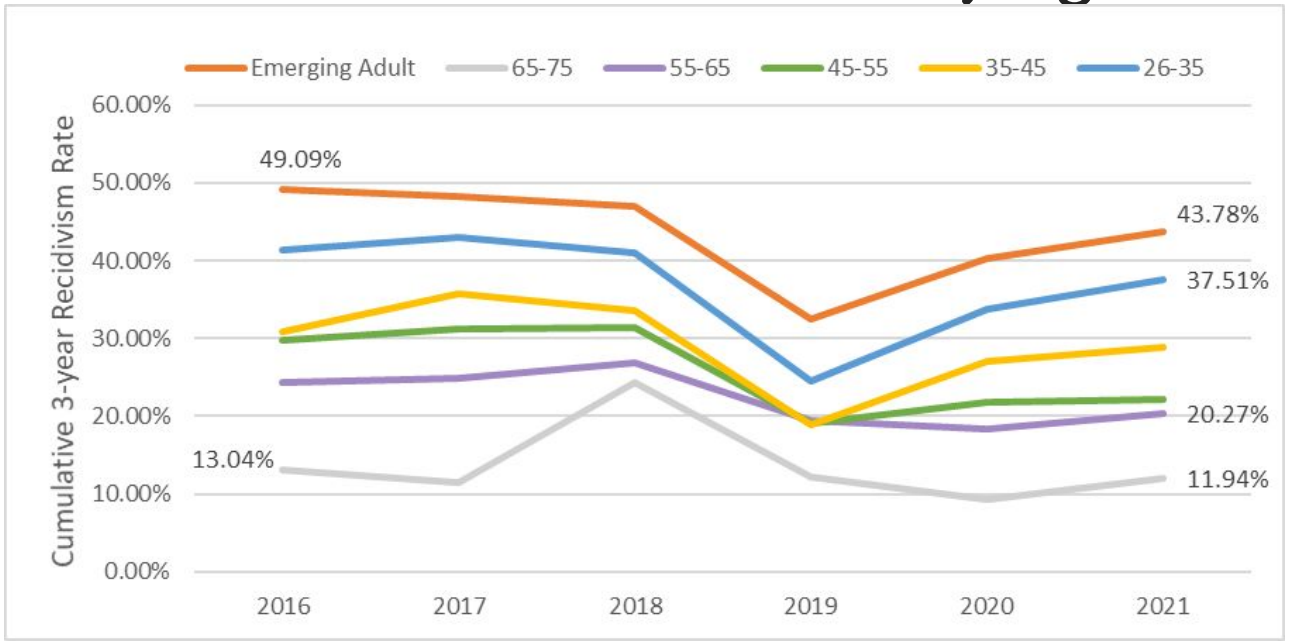
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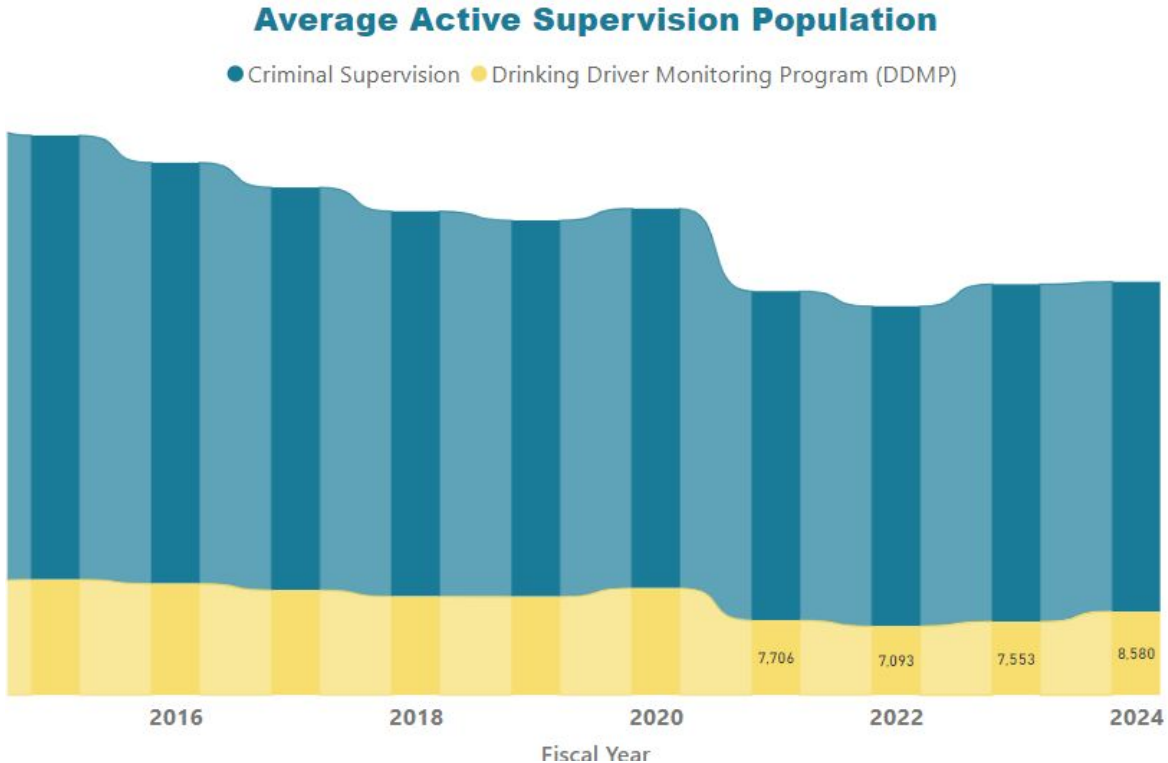
Release Year	1 year	2 year	3 year	Cumulative 3 Year
FY 2016	20.74%	10.54%	5.85%	37.13%
FY 2017	19.84%	13.33%	5.53%	38.69%
FY 2018	22.31%	*12.06%*	*3.30%*	37.67%
FY 2019	*19.44%*	*7.16%*	*4.95%*	31.55%
FY 2020	*12.58%*	*11.01%*	*6.00%*	29.59%
FY 2021	*13.70%*	*12.47%*	*5.98%*	32.15%

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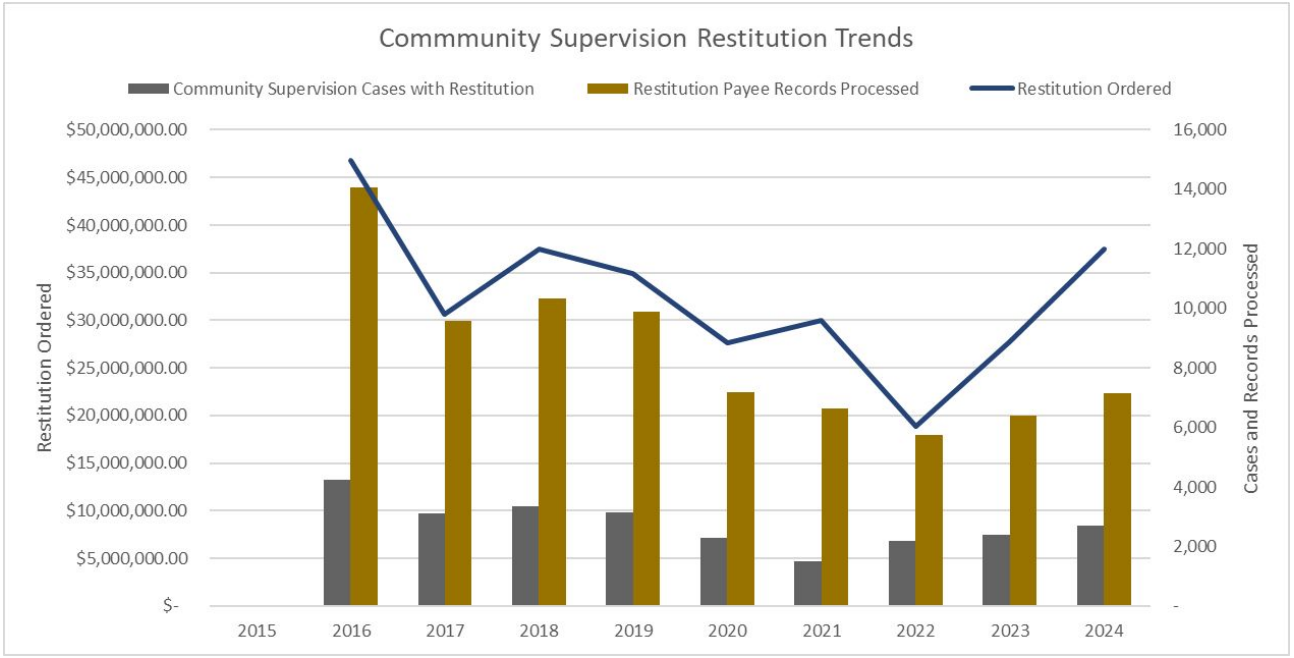
3-Year Recidivism Rates by Age at Release



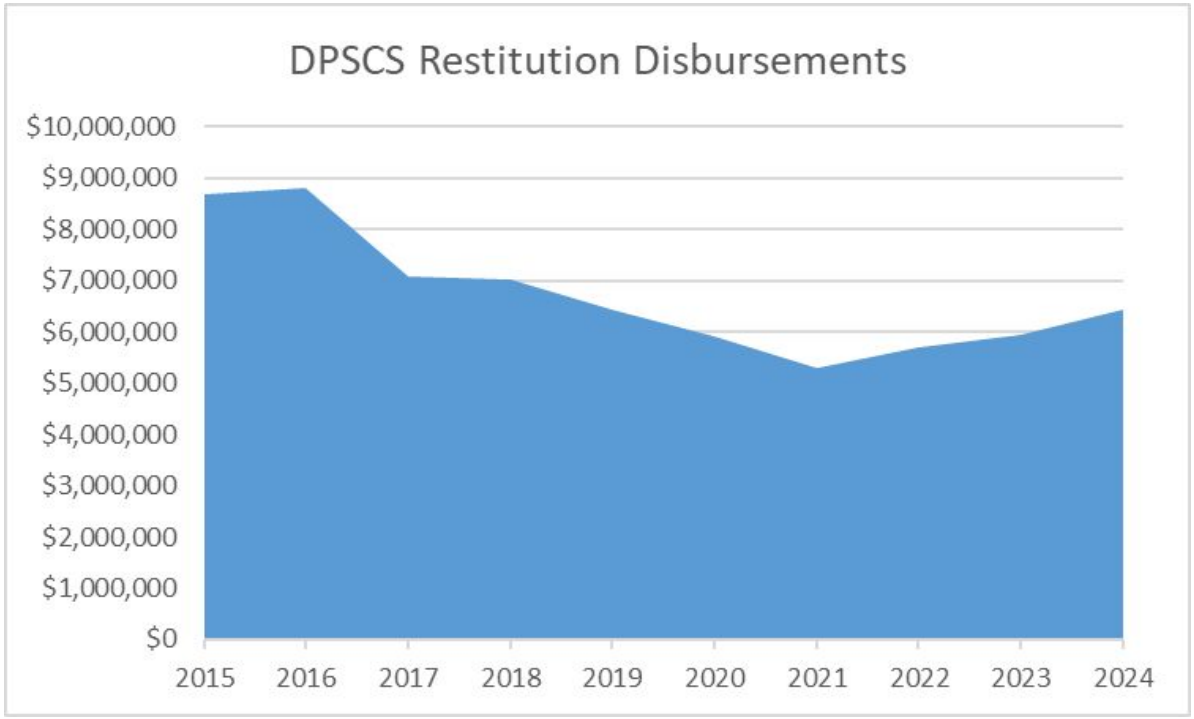
Community Supervision



Restitution



Restitution



Restitution Challenges

- Restitution obligations not indicated on commitment orders
  - Only 729 cases identified among incarcerated individuals in FY 2024 and 2025
- Limited earning opportunities for incarcerated obligators
- Incorrect payment information affecting disbursement of collected restitution
  - In CY 2023, over $200,000 in unclaimed restitution funds cleared by the RRU within DPP.
- Lower earning potential of justice involved individuals due to social stigma over criminal history
  - Limited applicability and engagement with Certificates of Rehabilitation

Technical Violations

All cases that had a technical violation sentence since October 1, 2017, regardless of the original sentencing date for the period of July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024.

Total sentences for technical violations	189
Number of 15 day or less revocation sentences imposed for technical violations (Number of technical VOP 1 with a sentence of 15 days or less)	128
Number of 30 day or less revocation sentences imposed for technical violations (Number of technical VOP 2 with a sentence of 30 days or less)	15
Number of 45 day or less revocation sentences imposed for technical violations (Number of technical VOP 3 with a sentence of 45 days or less)	3
Number of revocation sentences of more than 45 days imposed for technical violations	23
Number of revocation sentences imposed that were greater than the revocation cap	41
Number of full revocation sentences imposed for technical violations	64

Restoring Promise Program

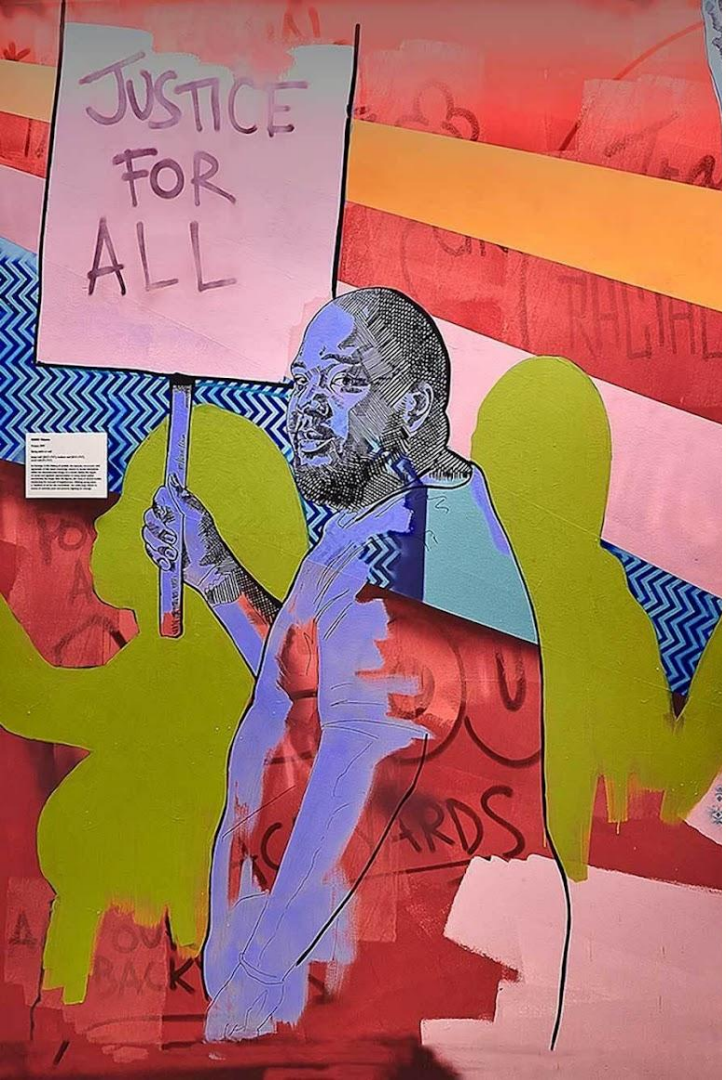
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RESTORING PROMISE

Vera INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE





The Vera Institute of Justice

- **Mission: To end the overcriminalization and mass incarceration of people of color, immigrants, and people experiencing poverty.**
- **Founded in 1961 to advocate for alternatives to money bail in New York City.**
- **Powered by hundreds of advocates, researchers, and activists.**
- **Partners with impacted communities and government leaders for change.**

ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

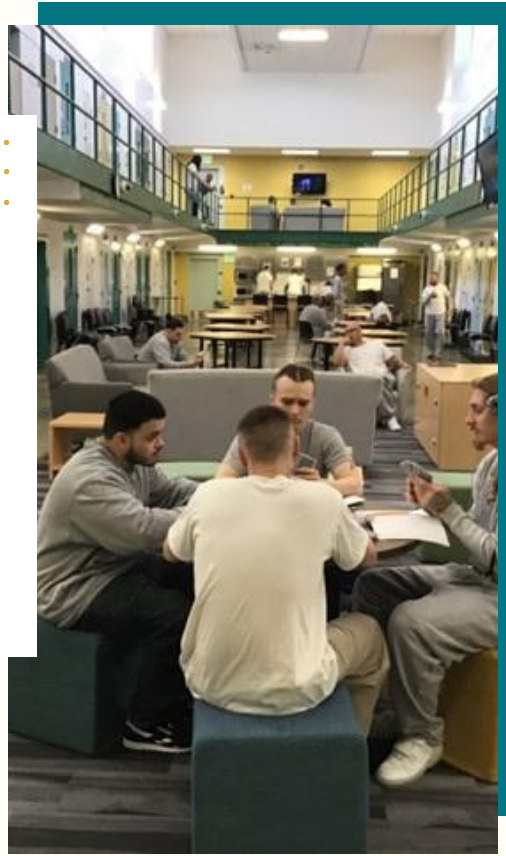
RESTORING PROMISE

Restoring Promise is a national initiative of the Vera Institute of Justice that seeks to transform prison cultures, climates, and spaces by partnering with correctional leaders to reimagine housing units for young adults and realign corrections policies and practices with a commitment to human dignity.

The Restoring Promise team brings decades of experience to their work. We provide technical assistance and culturally relevant training to corrections staff and incarcerated individuals to help them instill restorative practices in their facilities that promote healing and increase safety.



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Inside Restoring Promise Housing Units



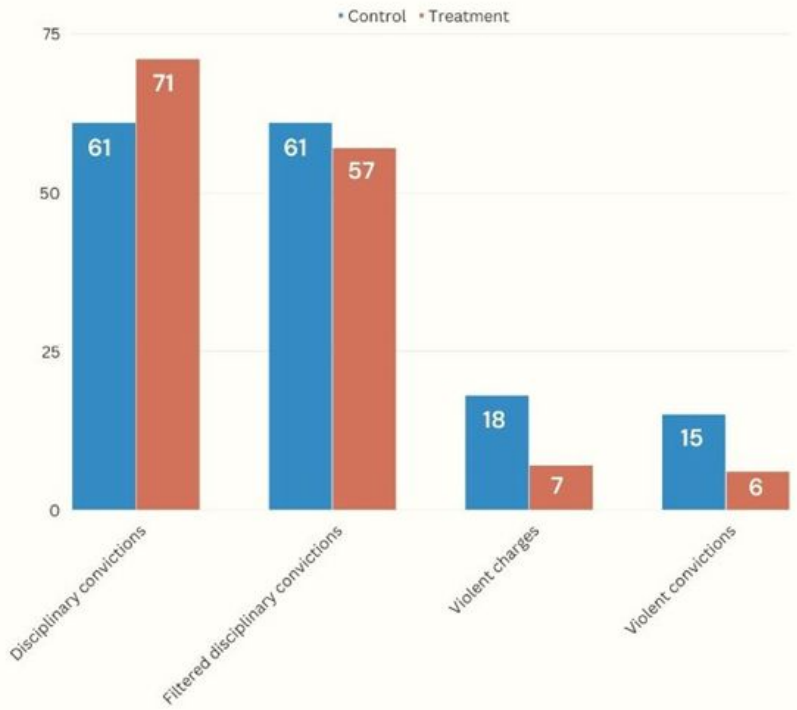






What the Research Tells Us

Culture Change Reduces Violence



MORALE

100% Unit **staff** feel a renewed sense of purpose.[1]





SAFETY

Staff in Restoring Promise sites (seven housing units in five states) report feeling safe[2] working in the units.

Data extracted from the following reports:

[1] Selma Djokovic and Ryan Shanahan, Changing Prison Culture Reduces Violence (New York: Vera Institute of Justice, 2023), 6, https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/RP_PolicyBrief_final.pdf.

[2] Ryan Shanahan, Selma Djokovic, Lidia Vasquez, "Research and Evaluation in Corrections: Restoring Promise" (Report to the National Institute of Justice, award no. 2018-75-CX-0021, Vera Institute of Justice, 2023).

Dignity Principles

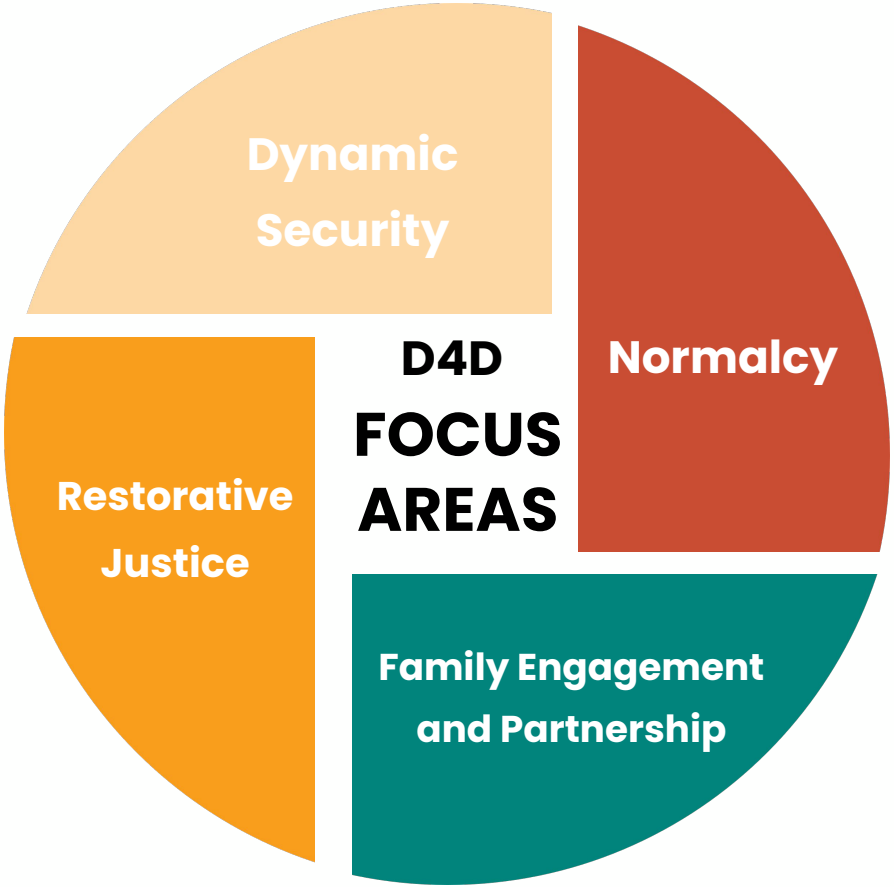
A Guide to Ensure the Humane Treatment of People in U.S. Carceral Settings

1. Safety
2. Human Dignity in Carceral Settings
3. Morale and Wellbeing
4. Fairness
5. Purpose
6. Family and Community Partnership
7. Transparency

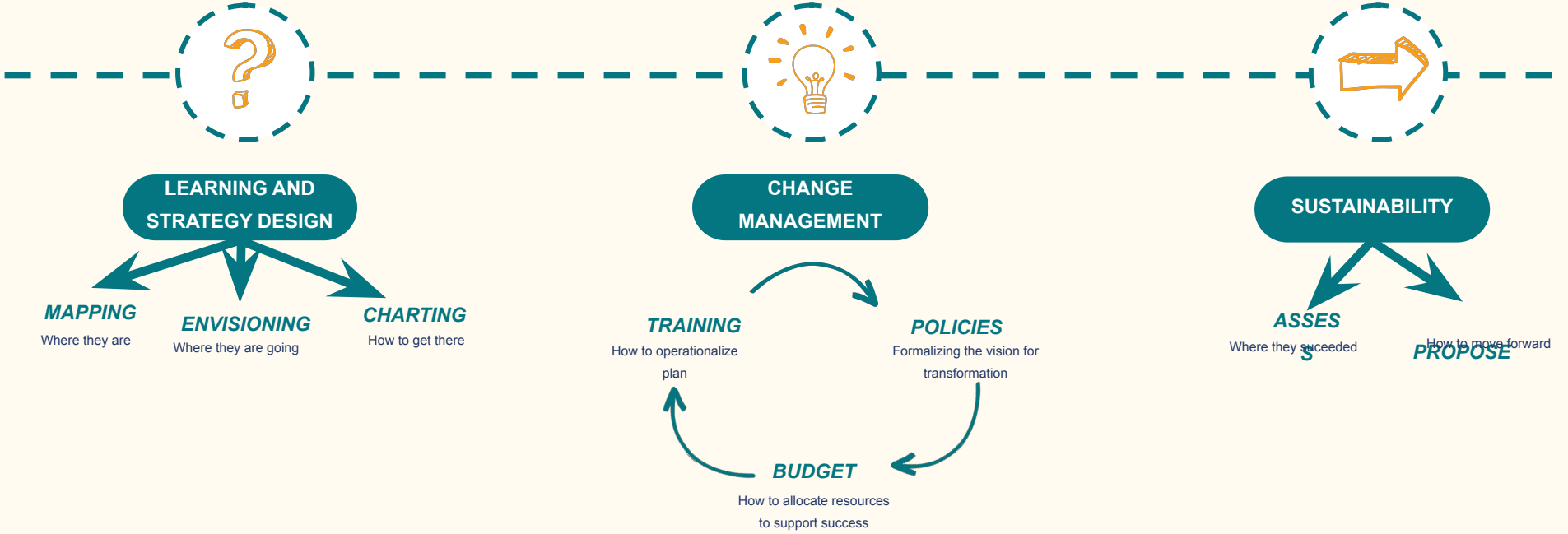
DESIGNED FOR DIGNITY

Designed for Dignity (D4D) scales Restoring Promise's approach, expanding from changing correctional cultures, climates, and spaces for young adults in a specific housing unit to the locus of sustainable change: the interconnectivity of policies, training, and resource allocations for *everyone* across an entire agency. This transformation process is led by corrections professionals and incarcerated people.




Dynamic Security
Normalcy
D4D
FOCUS AREAS
Restorative Justice
Family Engagement and Partnership

Designed for Dignity Stages & Timeline



Questions and Answers

Thank You

If you have further questions, email:

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Emerging Adults Program

Jason Abbott, Deputy State's Attorney



Office of the State's Attorney for Prince George's County

Emerging Adults Program

Define Emerging Adults

- The Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office has created an intervention program for the County's young adult population. We have identified young men and women between the ages of 18 and 26 as Emerging Adults. Exceptions will be made for juveniles charged as adults whose cases the court did not transfer to Juvenile Court.
- We identified individuals in this age group based on their level of involvement in the criminal justice system.
- The State's Attorney's Office is committed to the safety of the residents of Prince George's County. We must hold these individuals accountable for the crimes they have committed. However, we must invest in these young people to help them become productive members of our community, decrease their likelihood of reoffending, and make the county safer for all.

Emerging Adults Eligibility

- Eligibility into the Emerging Adults Program requires that the individual be between the ages of 18 to 26, with no prior history of violent crime other than the offense currently being served. Also, individuals who reside in Prince George's County or who have strong family ties to the County will be eligible for the program.
- Victims of crimes committed by Emerging Adults will be notified if the defendant's participation in the program will have an impact on the defendant's sentence.
- Individuals convicted of murder, felony domestic violence, child abuse, and felony sex offenses are prohibited from being referred to the program

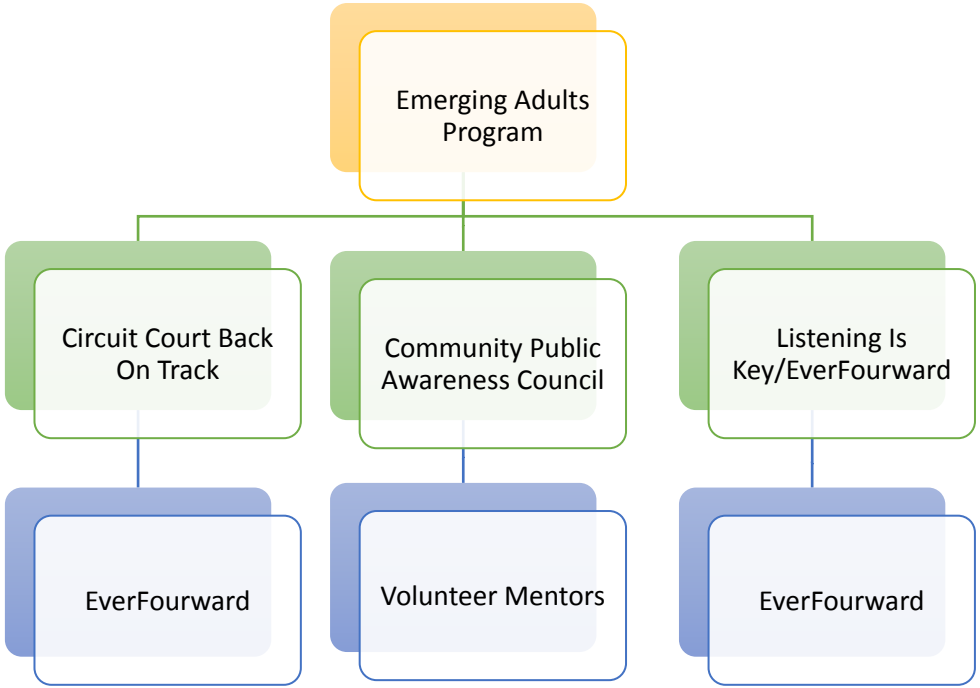
FACTS ABOUT EMERGING ADULTS

Emerging Adults Facts

- Given their age, Emerging Adults are not eligible for services in the juvenile system, but appropriate individuals should be offered an opportunity to receive services to redirect their lives after they become involved in the criminal justice system.
- Since 2019, over 35% of the individuals prosecuted in the Prince George's County Circuit Court fall within this age group.
- Many of these individuals are charged with crimes that have a significant impact on the residents of Prince George's County including property crimes such as automobile theft, thefts from automobiles, handgun possession, and violent crimes. In some instances these individuals are facing lengthy periods of incarceration. However, most of them will be returning to the community without receiving necessary services to assist them with life after incarceration.
- As of October 15, 2020 about 291 of 675, or 41% of the inmates awaiting Circuit Court trial in the Prince George's County Department of Corrections are emerging adults. Of the 120 inmates charged with homicide or attempted murder 112 or 93% are emerging adults. Of the 159 inmates charged with robbery or carjacking 95 or 59% are emerging adults.

- The Emerging Adults Program engages with young offenders charged with various felony offenses. The SAO will hold defendants accountable for their actions, and provide necessary services either in the community under court supervision, or sentenced to a period of incarceration in the County Department of Corrections or the Maryland State Division of Corrections.
- The components within the Emerging Adults Program will be able to offer services to individuals convicted of a variety of offenses.
- Depending on the nature of the offense and the individual, participants will be referred to the component best suited to assist them with their rehabilitation.

The State's Attorney's Office has partnered with several entities to form components within the Emerging Adults Program. Our components include:



COMMUNITY PUBLIC AWARENESS COUNCIL (CPAC)

- CPAC is an organization devoted to working with young people and their families to assist with achieving success after they become involved with the criminal justice system. The Prince George's County Police Department has identified motor vehicle theft and thefts from autos as the most troublesome crimes in the county.
- The State's Attorney's Office in partnership with CPAC will offer a full-service community based program for Emerging Adults charged with these crimes.
- Participation in the program is nine months (35 week program broken into four phases). The program provides counseling focused on decision making, self reliance, and life skills. In addition, weekly therapy sessions are conducted throughout the program. Successful completion of the EAP administered through CPAC can result in the defendant's receiving a probation before judgment.

LISTENING IS KEY/EVERFOURWARD

- The Listening is Key/EverFourward component will address Emerging Adults while they are incarcerated. It is a year-long program created by experienced youth counselor and mentor Jason Tisdale former NFL player Derrick Fenner and.
- Inmates are referred to the EAP after a joint review process between members of DPSCS and the PGSAO. Participation by the inmates is voluntary. Over the course of six months, participants will engage in weekly group workshops conducted by Jason Tisdale. The workshops address positive self-image, self-confidence, independence, and education.
- The objective of the group workshops is to improve decision making and to help individuals learn from the group instructor and others in the group. In this component, individuals obtain skills to assist with transition from incarceration back to the community and their home environment including job skills and placement.
- The program consists of onsite group workshops, accountability sessions, and course materials, along with group exercises that exhibit real-world scenarios.
- Every training workshop starts with an introduction to Tisdale's Ten Techniques to Effective Listening which are relevant to setting the right atmosphere for maximum absorption of lessons. The lessons are grouped by the LIK Life Print pillars. Each lesson in the program builds a different aspect included in each individual's Life Print that is documented throughout the LIK Life Print Guidebook and accompanying journal.
- EverFourward will continue to maintain regular contact with individuals after release from incarceration. Accountability coaching and mentoring will be provided for up to six months to assist with employment referrals, housing, and

Open Discussion

Recommendations

- Board recommendations
- Legislative priorities

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: February

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