

2012 Program Report Card: Alternative in the Community (AIC) – (Judicial Branch)

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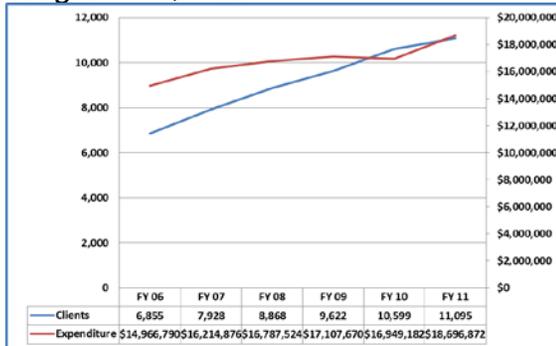
Contribution to the Result: The goals of the Alternative in the Community (AIC) program are: (1) to reduce offender long-term recidivism; (2) change offender behavior resulting in more successful discharges; (3) provide a cost effective criminal justice response to criminal activity; and (4) increased offender accountability. All of these goals contribute to safer communities for Connecticut families.

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Actual FY 11	\$18,313,222	\$383,650	\$0	\$18,696,872
Estimated FY 12	\$18,241,096	\$424,000	\$0	\$18,665,096

Partners: Criminal Justice System (Judges, prosecutors, Victim Advocates, public defenders / private attorneys), Contracted, non-profit and for-profit treatment providers, Local and State Business officials, Other state agencies (DMHAS, DOC, DCF, DSS), Family members, and Criminal Justice Advocacy agencies.

How Much Did We Do?

Number of Persons Referred and Total Budget – AIC, FY06-FY11

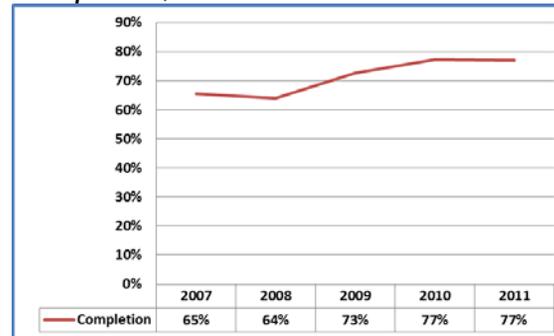


Story behind the baseline: The number of persons referred for services at the AIC has increased by 62 percent from FY06 to FY11, while funding provided to non-profits, as determined by CSSD, was increased by 25 percent (FY06 to FY11). A continued focus on addressing the criminogenic needs of adult probation, bail and family services clients, as well as a diversified array of service offerings have contributed to this increase.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Reasoning and Rehabilitation Group Completion, 2007-2011

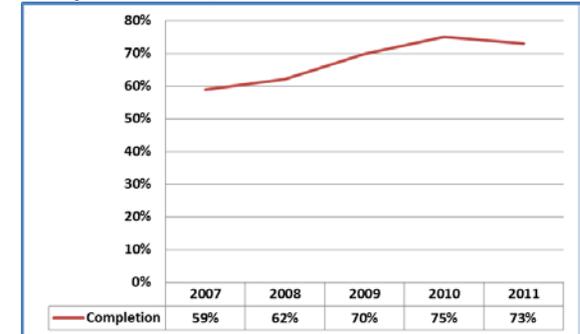


Story behind the baseline: Reasoning and Rehabilitation II (R&R II) is a 14-session group offered at the AIC that utilizes a cognitive-behavioral approach to behavior change. The trend over the past five years is positive, as CSSD has partnered with the private, non-profit sector to emphasize the importance of group completion rates. Research suggests lower long-term recidivism rates for those completing services. CSSD has a goal to reach a minimum of a 75 percent completion rate.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Treating Alcohol & Drug Dependence Group Completion Rate, 2007-2011



Story behind the baseline: Treating Alcohol/Drug Dependence is a 12-session curriculum aimed at reducing the use and abuse of alcohol and illegal substances that have contributed to criminal behavior. While the completion percentage in 2011 is at 73%, it remains the second highest rate in the past five years. CSSD has identified underperforming vendors and is working to raise completion rates for TAD participants.

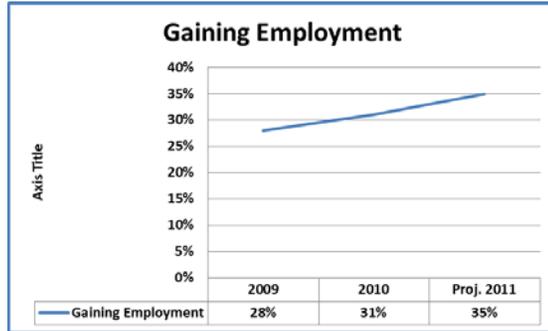
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Percent of Employment Services Group Completers Gaining Employment, 2009-2011

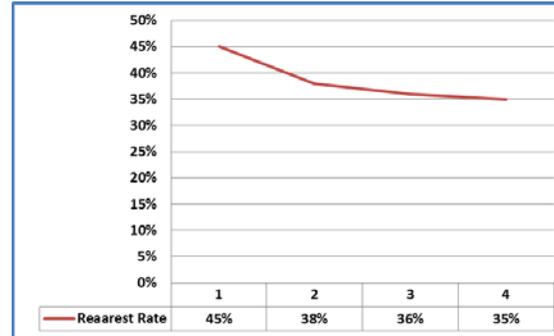


Story behind the baseline: This performance measure examines the rate at which clients who complete the Employment Services Group obtain employment prior to discharge from the AIC. Despite the economic downturn this measure has continuously improved from 2009 through 2011 due to an enhanced employment services group, refocusing of individual client job development efforts, and job development in the community by establishing relationships with local employers. CSSD has submitted a more detailed RBA Report Card that focuses on the how much, how well, and better off measures for this specific service in the AIC.

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Is Anyone Better Off?

12-month Rearrest Rate for Completers 2008-2011



Story behind the baseline: This performance measure examines the rate at which clients who complete AIC services are re-arrested within 12 months of intake. A 2004 study of AIC's by the CT Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee (LPRIC) showed a recidivism rate of 44 percent for AIC participants. Since 2007 the trend remains positive and reflects a 9 percentage point reduction in recidivism reported by the LPRIC and a one percentage point from 2010. Fewer AIC participants being rearrested directly affects community safety.

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Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

- Identification of underperforming vendors who will work with CSSD personnel and the Quality Assurance vendor to increase performance;
- Explore opportunities for collaboration with the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and the Department of Labor, including participation in the CT Jobs legislation recently passed that will provide subsidies to employers for hiring unemployed persons;
- Partner with court personnel to ensure pretrial participants have adequate time to complete services prior to case disposition;
- Investigate methods for providing financial incentives to vendors whose performance exceeds expectations.

Data Development Agenda:

Collaborate with the Department of Labor to establish a data exchange protocol for tracking longer-term employment retention