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National nonprofit, nonpartisan membership association of state government officials that engage members of all three branches of state government.

The Justice Center provides practical, nonpartisan advice informed by the best available evidence.
Over the course of this project, CSG Justice Center staff have spoken with a wide array of stakeholders

Meetings and Calls

- **State Agencies:**
  - Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC) leadership, P&P administrators, and behavioral health treatment practitioners
  - Missouri Department of Mental Health (MDMH) leadership and division administrators

- **Practitioners and stakeholders:**
  - State agency directors and staff
  - Judges
  - Prosecuting attorneys and public defenders
  - County government representatives
  - Legislators
  - Victims representatives
  - Law enforcement representatives

Facility Tours

- Women’s Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center (WERDCC), *Vandalia*
- Center for Women in Transition (CWIT)—Shirmer House residential facility, *St. Louis*
CSG Justice Center staff have gathered regional perspectives in stakeholder engagement that reflect the state’s size and diversity.

Since April 2017:
- 100+ CALLS & MEETINGS
- 15 SITE VISITS
- 4,500+ MILES DRIVEN

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Missouri’s criminal justice system involves many decision points and actors. Criminal activity leads to apprehension by local law enforcement and detention in county jail. Judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, and sheriffs all play roles in determining who remains in jail while cases are pending, as well as ultimate sentences.

Who stays in local jail beyond initial detention? 95% of all who enter prison will exit...are they ready?

Recidivism

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Local jails are an integral part of a larger criminal justice system and can be partners with the state to effect better public safety strategies.

Despite relatively stable admissions, the population of Missouri’s jails has increased 50 percent since 2010. This indicates other factors are slowing the process and driving up jail populations.

Missouri’s investment in county jails is substantial compared to other states’ reimbursement approaches, but it is all about counting widgets.

Opportunity exists to change current investments so that they are more flexible and impactful resources to aid local communities in improving pretrial and jail resource management practices.
Overview

1. Behavioral Health Landscape in Missouri
2. Summary of Key Findings of Justice Reinvestment in Missouri
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Missouri has made a significant investment in prison-based interventions and treatment for people in the criminal justice system.

- Multiple statutes provide for shock incarceration, institutional treatment, sanctions, and post-conviction treatment.

Unfortunately, long-term outcomes for people who receive prison-based treatment are currently no better than for people who do not get treatment.

- The most effective interventions for criminal justice populations are community-based, individualized, comprehensive, and include services at varying levels of intensity.

- It’s critically important to get the “right” people into the “right” treatment. If this does not happen, reoffending rates can increase.

**Takeaway:** *Missouri needs to move from a prison-focused to a community-focused treatment system that can serve more people and deliver improved outcomes.*
Substance use and mental health are key concerns of Missouri law enforcement officials

Q: What are most pressing challenges in your jurisdiction?

Top 4 challenges identified by law enforcement:

- 72% - opioids/drugs
- 44% - mental illness
- 28% - repeat offenders
- 21% - domestic violence

Source: Statewide survey administered by CSG to Missouri law enforcement officials.
Between 2012 and 2016, opioid overdose deaths in Missouri increased 67 percent.

Source: Missouri Division of Behavioral Health, Department of Mental Health, (June 2017). Preventing Overdose Deaths with Naloxone.
A third of all people admitted to prison have been sentenced to prison for the purpose of getting treatment.

Female Admissions to MDOC:
- 45% were for treatment
- 46% were for revocations

Source: MDOC prison admissions data.
Sentences to treatment for women have risen dramatically and are a primary driver of MDOC’s rapidly growing female prison population.

Source: Profile of the Institutional and Supervised Offender Population, June 30, 2016. MDOC.
Women are more likely than men to have multiple mental health, substance use, employment, and family needs

Nearly 4X more likely to have been victim of physical or sexual abuse in childhood

20% more likely to have mental health problems

2X more likely to have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders

66% are the primary caretakers for minor children

More likely to experience unemployment and poverty

Unfortunately, there is little difference in long-term outcomes for people who complete treatment in prison and those who need treatment but do not enroll.

Research has shown that prison treatment can reduce recidivism by 15–17%.

3-Year Reincarceration Rates by SUD Treatment Status

- Overall DOC
- Tx Completed
- Did Not Enroll
- Failure to Complete

Source: MDOC “Recidivism Rages for Court and Board Ordered Institutional Drug Treatment”. October 23, 2015
Only about 20 percent of people on supervision who need behavioral health treatment receive it in the community.

Substance Use Treatment (N=39,230)

- Need Treatment
- 20% Received

Mental Health Treatment (N=16,667)

- Need Treatment
- 18% Received

Existing community substance use disorder treatment generates different outcomes for people on community supervision.

90+ days of treatment is related to modest improvements, but only about 1/2 of people who start treatment continue for 90+ days.

People who engage in less than 90 days of treatment don’t show improvement.

Lack of access to quality community treatment contributes to the high number of people who are revoked to prison who have serious behavioral health conditions.

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- **New Prison**: 15%

- Nearly half of all revocations were for technical violations.
- For females, 58% were revoked for technical violations.
- Two-thirds of those revoked were not connected to any community-based treatment while on supervision.
- However, of those revoked for technical reasons, **64% had “moderate to severe” substance use issues** and 17% had “mild to serious” mental health problems.

Source: MDOC prison admissions and supervision terminations data.
Missouri has 533 beds statewide that are for community-based services for people on supervision

- MDOC has inadequate processes for ensuring these 533 beds are actually generating positive impacts for those accessing the services
- Centers are not fully utilizing capacity
- Centers lack programming and treatment resources
Missouri will obtain the greatest reductions in recidivism by focusing resources on the people with the highest risk and most complex needs.

Snapshot of Missouri’s felony probation and parole supervision population

- **Community supervision**: 58,000
  - **Active supervision**: 35,000
  - **Target population**: 7,000

Moderate to high risk and needs with serious behavioral health conditions
An effective community-based system of services will prioritize people with higher risks and needs and use high-quality approaches that are supported by the research.

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| 1        | Target the right people based on risk (Who) | ✓ Assess risk  
 ✓ Program based on risk  
 ✓ Address multiple needs |
| 2        | Rely on effective programs (What) | ✓ Use research  
 ✓ Integrate services  
 ✓ Intensity and speed  
 ✓ Offer a continuum |
| 3        | Implement with quality and fidelity (How Well) | ✓ Implement inconsistently  
 ✓ Ensure fidelity  
 ✓ Evaluate programs  
 ✓ Train staff |
Use risk and needs assessments to inform key supervision and programming decisions.
More intensive and comprehensive programs have greater impact with people who have more complex risks and needs.

Addressing just one need is insufficient to change behavior.

Reductions in Recidivism

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Criminogenic Needs

- Antisocial Personality
- Criminal Thinking
- Criminal Associates
- Substance Use
- Family/Marital
- Employment/School
- Leisure/Recreation

Failure to “match” people to programs at the right intensity level undermines positive outcomes.

Recidivism Rates by Risk Level and Treatment Dosage for a Supervision Sample

- Low Risk: 15% No Treatment, 32% Treatment (increased risk by 17%)
- High Risk: 51% No Treatment, 32% Treatment (decreased risk by 19%)

Research also shows that people are at the highest risk of recidivism during the period directly following release from incarceration.

An episode of treatment is not a “cure.” Ongoing supports at various levels of intensity are needed to meet people’s changing needs over time.

While people should start at the level of supports they initially need to address their risk and needs, they should “step down” into lower intensity and lower cost interventions.
Program fidelity is critical to success

Relationship Between Program Integrity Score and Treatment Effect for Community Supervision Programs

The most effective programs involve active engagement and cognitive-behavioral approaches.

Most Effective

-26%  

Cognitive-behavioral with graduated skills practice

Cognitive (no behavioral)

Psycho-educational

Journaling

Punishment-oriented

+8%

Impact on reducing recidivism

Least Effective

Effective community-based services for people with heightened risks and complex needs include comprehensive services options with strong linkages to community supervision.

**EFFECTIVE ARRAY OF SERVICES**

- Outpatient Treatment
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment
- Certified Peer Supports
- Case Management
- Self-Help Groups
- Supported Housing
- Specialized Supervision
- Correctional Programming
- Aftercare

**KEY FEATURES**

- Team-based case planning
- Close collaboration
- Coordinated services
- Efficient information sharing
- Proactive engagement
- Continuing care strategies
- Data-driven shared outcomes
- Manage level of care

Agencies select program participants

Providers cannot discharge participants without agency approval
For women, the interventions must also attend to the unique experiences of women in the criminal justice system.

Research has demonstrated that recidivism is further reduced for women when:

- Program models are gender-responsive
- Women with a gendered pathway to prison received g/r interventions
- When institutional models are paired with community aftercare

1-Year Re-arrest Rates for Women on Probation by Supervision Model

Increasingly, health care financing utilizes “pay for performance” models to derive improved outcomes and value from health care expenditures

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<td>Active performance measurement</td>
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<td>Linked to standards and regulation</td>
<td>Standards and regulations but also outcomes</td>
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**Examples of shared public safety and public health outcomes:**

- *Reduced arrests*
- *Stable housing*
- *Stable employment*
- *Reduced substance use*
Community-based programs paired with high-quality supervision achieve the most substantial outcomes.

**Impact on Recidivism Rates**

- Drug Treatment in Prison: -17%
- Intensive Supervision with Treatment: -21%
- Drug Treatment in the Community: -24%
- Supervision with Risk Need Responsivity: -30%

Key findings of behavioral health landscape assessment

- Untreated and ineffectively treated behavioral health conditions are a significant contributor to pressures on the criminal justice system.
- Missouri has focused resources on prison-based interventions but these programs aren’t currently delivering expected long-term results.
- The current lack of adequate community treatment services undermines the effectiveness of prison-based treatment.
- Judges too often sentence people to prison to access services that aren’t available in the community.
- People under community supervision who have behavioral health conditions too often fail and end up incarcerated because they don’t get the services they need to succeed.
Behavioral Health: Section Recap

What Can Missouri Do?

- Improve effectiveness of prison-based substance use disorder treatment
- Improve access to and effectiveness of community-based treatment, supports, and services
- Improve utilization and effectiveness of Community Supervision Centers
- Expand and strengthen behavioral health workforce, especially in rural Missouri
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Missouri’s criminal justice system faces challenges

#8 Missouri’s **incarceration rate is the eighth-highest in the nation**, and the rate has increased 4 percent since 2010, while the national incarceration rate has declined 8 percent.

Missouri has the **fastest-growing female prison population in the United States**. Between 2010 and 2015, Missouri’s female prison population increased 33 percent.

#1 Rates of violent and property crime in Missouri are well above the national average. From 2013 to 2016, the state’s **violent crime rate increased 20 percent**.

20% Outcomes in Missouri’s probation and parole system are **lackluster**. Nearly half of admissions to prison are driven by failures on supervision.

49%
Key challenge – violent crime is high and rising in Missouri

- While the state’s overall crime rates have fallen in the past two decades, Missouri’s crime rate remains well above the national average and violent crime has increased in recent years, rising 20 percent between 2013 and 2016, mostly as a result of sharp increases in 2014 and 2015.

- More than half of Missouri’s counties experienced an increase in violent crime between 2013 and 2016.

- Analysis of arrest data reveals that people under felony supervision in the community—either on probation or parole—account for about 1 out of every 5 felony arrests in the state. So while curbing recidivism is an important task for the state, deterring first-time offenders and people not under supervision is critical to tackling Missouri’s crime challenges.

- Long court case processing times and insufficient resources for supporting pretrial diversion practices further stress limited jail resources, which only adds to already challenging public safety pressures.
With the exception of robbery, fewer violent crimes are resulting in arrests

**Reported Crimes and Adult Arrests: 2006–2016**

**Murder**
- Reported Crimes: 400 (2006) to 557 (2016), increase of 45%

**Rape**
- Reported Crimes: 1,770 (2006) to 2,556 (2016), increase of 44%
- Arrests: 650 (2006) to 454 (2016), decline of 30%

**Robbery**
- Reported Crimes: 7,593 (2006) to 6,564 (2016), decline of 14%
- Arrests: 1,843 (2006) to 1,630 (2016), decline of 12%

**Aggravated Assault**
- Reported Crimes: 22,197 (2006) to 21,906 (2016), decline of 1%
- Arrests: 11,080 (2006) to 7,174 (2016), decline of 35%

*The FBI expanded definition of rape in 2013, causing number of reported rapes to increase.*

Source: Crime in Missouri, 2006-16, Missouri State Highway Patrol.
20 percent of 2016 adult arrests for felony offenses were attributable to people on probation or parole supervision.

Sample extracted by DPS for matching to MDOC data.

85,912 arrest events

- Felony Arrests: 40,385
- Misdemeanor Arrests: 22,233
- Local Ord. Arrests: 23,294

Arrests involving people on MDOC supervision:
- (8,240) 20%
- (2,591) 12%
- (2,157) 9%

Source: CSG analysis of MDOC and MSHP data.
The time it takes for people to be convicted and sentenced for felonies has increased 10 percent since FY2010.

Source: CSG analysis of OSCA sentencing data
Not all potential uses of a jail bed are equal

Assume there is 1 bed available in the local 10-bed jail. Which defendant presents the best case for the bed’s use?

**Scenario A Defendant**
- Felony possession of methamphetamine
  - 1 prior arrest for similar offense

**Scenario B Defendant**
- Misdemeanor assault - domestic
  - 1 prior conviction for misd. assault

A hard and fast rule like “felony to be treated more severely than misdemeanor” wouldn’t always be in the best interest of public safety when presented with the scenario to the left.
Key challenge – insufficient community behavioral health treatment resources exacerbate pressures on the criminal justice system

- 88 percent of people entering prison are assessed as needing substance use treatment and 14 percent as needing treatment for mental illnesses.

- Missouri data shows that people who received prison-based substance use treatment reoffend at nearly the same rate as people assessed as needing this treatment but not receiving it.

- 83 percent of parolees and 70 percent of probationers are assessed as having moderate or severe substance use needs.

- Less than 20 percent of those on probation or parole who need this treatment actually receive it.

- There are varied outcomes from this investment with the strongest results for those who participate in over 90 days of treatment. Unfortunately, for those on supervision who receive treatment, fewer than half of community treatment participants remain in treatment for 90 days or more.
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Source: MDOC prison admissions and supervision terminations data.
The number of admissions to prison for treatment has increased 17 times faster for females than males.

Admissions to Prison for Treatment

Females

- +69% increase

Males

- +4% increase

Source: CSG analysis of MDOC prison admission data
Key challenge – recidivism is largest contributor to pressure on Missouri’s prison population

- Nearly two out of every three people under MDOC control—some 58,000 people—are under supervision on either probation or parole.

- People revoked from probation or parole account for more than half of Missouri’s 18,000+ admissions to prison.

- Of the more than 9,500 people who entered prison due to revocation in FY16, half were admitted for a technical violation of supervision conditions.

- Analysis of case-level MDOC and MDPS data shows that only around one-quarter of people revoked to prison for technical violations had a felony arrest while on supervision.

- Data also shows that technical violators remain in prison for an average of one year in Missouri, costing the state nearly $75 million annually.
Over the last decade, half of all admissions to prison were due to revocations of supervision.

Ironically, new prison sentences account for the least amount of admissions to prison in Missouri.

- Fewer than 15% of admissions in FY2016 were for new prison sentences.

Source: MDOC prison admissions data.
Two-thirds of women admitted to prison for supervision violations are admitted for technical violations, compared to just over half of men.

Prison Admissions for Returns from Supervision by Reason and Gender, FY2016

- **Total Returns from Supervision**: 45% for Law Violations, 55% for Technical Violations
- **Males**: 47% for Law Violations, 53% for Technical Violations
- **Females**: 35% for Law Violations, 65% for Technical Violations

Figures represent admissions for supervision violations only.

Source: Missouri Department of Corrections Offender Profile, FY2016
Current cost to Missouri for imprisoning technical probation and parole violators is almost $75 million annually.

Technical Violators Revoked to Prison in FY2016:

- **3,477**
  - Excludes absconders

**Average length of stay in prison of 12 months**

Requires 3,477 prison beds on a daily basis.

Cost per day of $58.85

**$74.7 Million Annually**
The three most common categories of arrests involving people on supervision were for drugs, obstruction, and theft offenses.

### Offense Types for Arrests Involving Those on Supervision

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<td>2,639</td>
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Source: CSG analysis of MDOC and MSHP data.
Missouri’s current prison population growth will require spending hundreds of millions in construction and operating costs.

If current trends continue, MDOC will be 2,351 prison beds short of needed capacity by the end of FY2021.

- The cost of constructing a new 1,636-bed facility (e.g., Chillicothe women’s facility) is about $175 million.
- Operating costs would approach $27 million annually.

Note: Above projection is best-case scenario of MDOC’s projections. Furthermore, rate of growth in female prison population may necessitate construction on a greater scale, and sooner.

Source: Missouri Department of Corrections Offender Profile, FY2016; Missouri Department of Corrections, August 2017 Population Forecast
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Goals of Justice Reinvestment in Missouri

Reduce violent crime, support victims, and strengthen local public safety systems.

Expand access and improve effectiveness of treatment for substance use and mental illness for people involved in the criminal justice system to reduce treatment-related admissions to prison by 50 percent by FY2023.

Reduce recidivism and hold people accountable with the aim of reducing technical revocations to prison by 20 to 30 percent by FY2023.
Policy options: Group 1 – Address violent crime

Summary: Five policy options

Reinvestment: $6 million annually starting in FY2019
Help law enforcement combat violent crime through the creation of a grant program and provide state-based assistance and support through a data-driven crime-reduction implementation team.

Summary

a. Establish a grant program at the Missouri Department of Public Safety (MDPS) to help jurisdictions analyze local data to determine what is driving violent crime and deploy evidence-based strategies to address identified challenges.

b. Develop and fund a state-based violent crime reduction implementation team to assist jurisdictions in identifying and analyzing local violent crime challenges and solutions.

c. Create statutes to define guidelines for collecting, storing, and processing forensic evidence that is collected through Sexual Assault Forensic Exams.

Reinvestment: $5.5 million annually starting in FY2019
1.2: Improve access to and quality of services available to victims of crime.

Summary

a. To increase access to the Missouri Crime Victims’ Compensation program, MDPS should expand eligibility requirements to include more victims of violent crime; enhance existing benefits to meet the growing needs of victims who have already received all other public benefits to which they are entitled; and replace cumbersome and antiquated application and communications processes with modern technologies, such as electronically submitted applications.

a. Increase the Missouri Department of Social Services’ federal spending authority for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Award to the state and improve the ability of the department to disburse federal monies to support programming for victims of crime in Missouri.

Reinvestment: $500,000 annually starting in FY2019
1.3: Update applicable information technology (IT) systems and interagency agreements to improve the sharing of criminal justice data and interoperability between IT systems used by various criminal justice entities.

Summary

Fund vital updates and improvements to Missouri’s criminal justice-related IT systems to allow data to be efficiently and effectively shared between local law enforcement agencies, courts, prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, and state criminal justice agencies. This data may pertain to releases from prison, home plans, assessed risk and needs, criminal records, arrest activity, court dates, and more. IT systems currently in operation in MDOC and MDPS are in need of significant updating and/or streamlining. Other systems in operation with the courts, prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, and others lack interoperability and information is sometimes lost or duplicated as a result. Automating the state’s system for coordinating with law enforcement can also help with mandatory notification to victims about parole hearings, custodial release, and other changes in supervision or custody status. Applicable interagency agreements pertaining to data sharing will also need to be updated as part of this process.

Reinvestment: (Addressed in Policy Option 3.5)
1.4: Revise Missouri’s county reimbursement protocol to encourage counties to implement pretrial practices that enhance public safety and make better use of limited local jail space and local criminal justice resources.

Summary

a. Streamline process for counties to use in submitting reimbursement claims to MDOC. This effort should aim to simplify and make consistent across all counties the process and forms to be used for submitting claims; pursue all feasible means of making forms electronic such that unnecessary duplication of effort can be avoided; and develop a dashboard to show trends at the statewide and county level regarding reimbursement amounts, days of detention per claim, sentence type triggering reimbursements, past due balances, and other pertinent information for the management of the program.

b. Allow counties, in cooperation with leadership from their judicial circuit, to apply to the state to receive county jail reimbursement funds to facilitate the development of local-level practices aimed at better utilizing jail resources and promoting public safety, such as use of pretrial risk assessment to facilitate release and/or diversion programs. Applications to receive funding for these practices must be submitted with the understanding and acknowledgement that the FY2019 reimbursement level for those counties may not exceed that of FY2018.

c. Establish an implementation work group focused on supporting and promoting evidence-based pretrial practices and strategies for obtaining and analyzing data on jail admissions and releases to improve the management of jail resources in Missouri.

Reinvestment: None
1.5: Amend existing standards related to criminal case processing times in Missouri’s courts so that they address cases at each felony level.

**Summary**

These standards, while aspirational, should represent reasonable time frames within which criminal cases of varying offense levels should be disposed.

**Reinvestment:** None

**Source:** Court Operating Rule 17 covers time standards. https://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=1038
Policy options: Group 2 – Improve behavioral health treatment resources

Summary: Four policy options

Reinvestment: $9.75 million starting in FY2019 and increasing to $41.5 million in FY2023
2.1: Increase the effectiveness of prison-based substance use treatment to reduce the number of people returning to prison.

Summary

a. Conduct a comprehensive review of prison substance use disorder treatment programs to determine how they adhere to best practices.

b. Revise programming and treatment approaches as necessary, reporting results and recommendations to the executive branch and legislature.

Reinvestment: $250,000 in FY2019 (one time)
2.2: Improve access and effectiveness of community-based behavioral health treatment, supports, and services.

Summary

a. Create and fund an array of statewide services designed to ensure timely access to community behavioral health care that improves both public health and public safety outcomes.

b. Provide linkages to community-based services prior to release from incarceration to help ensure timely access to community treatment, supports, and services.

c. Establish funding to help eliminate barriers to success, including access to recovery housing, transportation, medications, etc.

d. Leverage the contracting process to incentivize providers to improve outcomes, not just provide services.

Reinvestment: $8 million in FY2019
   $18.5 million in FY2020
   $28.5 million in FY2021
   $38.5 million in FY2022
   $40 million in FY2023
Summary

a. Restructure Missouri’s six CSCs to serve as a resource for responding to behavior of people who violate the conditions of their supervision (technical violators) and who persistently fail to demonstrate desired behavioral changes.

b. Bolster programming in CSCs to address criminal thinking, substance use disorders, and histories of trauma.

**Reinvestment**: $1 million annually starting in FY2019
2.4: Expand and strengthen behavioral health workforce, especially in rural Missouri.

Summary

a. Fund workforce development initiatives focused on the recruitment and retention of behavioral health practitioners as part of the state’s effort to expand access to behavioral health services, especially in rural areas of Missouri.

b. Require annual training for providers of behavioral health services for people in the criminal justice system focusing on implementation of evidence-based practices.

c. Require training for providers working with females in the criminal justice system on gender-responsive interventions.

**Reinvestment:** $500,000 annually starting in FY2019
Policy options: Group 3 – Curb recidivism

Summary: Six policy options

Reinvestment: $15.5 million in FY2019 and $500K thereafter
3.1: Improve supervision policy and practice to stem the flow of people admitted to prison for revocations and treatment.

Summary

a. Adopt a streamlined set of screening and assessment tools.

b. Adopt evidence-based cognitive behavioral programs to address criminal thinking that are implemented with fidelity.

c. Require admission to programs and treatment to be based on risk and needs assessment results to prioritize limited programming and treatment space.

d. Revise MDOC’s behavior response policy to better incorporate sanctions and incentives.

e. Deploy gender-responsive and trauma-informed strategies in supervision and programming to reduce technical violations for women.

f. Amend the Earned Compliance Credit (ECC) statute.

Reinvestment: None
3.2: Modernize parole decision-making processes and prepare people to return to the community after incarceration.

Summary

a. Streamline and modernize information assembly relating to case planning and parole release readiness.

b. Develop and adopt parole guidelines that account for key factors to determine a person’s release readiness.

c. Provide training to board members and analysts on core correctional practices.

d. Offer grants for community-based organizations to reduce barriers for people with criminal backgrounds to find housing and work. This policy option creates a community-based structured reentry program to provide case management, employment support, and/or housing placement. Case managers can help people being released from prison address challenges such as meeting supervision requirements, obtaining necessary treatment and programming, creating parenting plans, and finding and maintaining stable housing to reduce the likelihood of recidivism.

e. Improve the likelihood that people leaving MDOC facilities have a driver’s license, medication, and other reentry tools.

Reinvestment: $500,000 annually starting in FY2019
3.3: Ensure that staff are sufficiently trained in the implementation of risk assessment and in core correctional practices.

Summary

a. Train staff on proper use of risk and needs assessments. All staff charged with administering risk assessment should receive initial and recurring training on how to properly complete it. This training should also seek to improve staff’s understanding of how risk should factor into operational decision making.

b. Require training in core correctional practices to be integrated into basic training and annual follow-up training for all MDOC and MBPP staff that routinely interact with people in prison or under probation or parole supervision. Training on CCPs should include a gender-responsive component focused on dealing with women in the criminal justice system.

Reinvestment: None
3.4: Continue to support the use of treatment courts in Missouri and allow for the creation of standards to ensure consistency, quality, and adherence to proven models.

Summary

Amend statute to authorize the Missouri Drug Court Coordinating Commission to establish a comprehensive set of best practice standards for treatment courts in the state. Standards should be adopted for the various iterations of treatment court (Drug, Veterans, DWI, Mental Health, etc.) and should be sufficiently flexible to allow for the incorporation of practices proven effective through recent research and for courts of varying sizes and resource levels. Standards should be used to ensure fidelity to the treatment court best practices and a compliance review process should be developed for assessing adherence to these best practices. Training and continuing education requirements for treatment court practitioners should be considered in the creation and auditing of the standards.

Reinvestment: None
3.5: Fund updates to MDOC’s information technology (IT) systems to enhance efficiency and effectiveness of staff

Summary

Fund the completion of updates to MDOC’s IT systems that are currently in progress but significantly delayed. The ability of Missouri’s supervision officers and correctional staff to effectively change behavior is hampered by a lack of consistency, streamlining, and capacity in existing IT systems. Officers spend substantially more time addressing challenges created by poor IT systems than working directly with people under their supervision or care to change behavior or hold them accountable.

Reinvestment: $15 million in FY2019 (one time)
3.6: Monitor system outcomes and make necessary adjustments to policy to enhance the effectiveness of crime- and recidivism-reduction efforts.

Summary

Implement measures within MDOC and other agencies to continuously collect, record, analyze, and publish information on recidivism rates for those leaving prison or being discharged from supervision. Recidivism analyses should include any instances of re-arrest in addition to reconviction and incarceration. Data collection and monitoring should also include, where possible, measures related to a person’s risk of reoffending (e.g., employment status, housing status, healthy systems of support) or efforts to be a successful, law-abiding member of the community. Recidivism and recovery data should also be collected on people involved in Missouri’s criminal justice system who receive behavioral health services through a contracted provider. Recidivism and other behavioral health-related information should be distributed via performance dashboards that are available to all MDOC staff and that reflect system outcomes.

Reinvestment: None
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Missouri Prison Population and Projected Growth, FY2010–2023

Baseline MDOC Forecast

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JR Package – 30% reduction in tech. revs.

Actual population is based on population counts as of June 30 of each year.

Note: Each of the above JR Packages assumes a 56% reduction in admissions to MDOC for treatment-related sentences and sanctions. Where the packages differ is on the assumed reductions in technical revocations of probation and parole (20–30%).

Source: Missouri Department of Corrections Offender Profile, FY2016; Missouri Department of Corrections, August 2017 Population Forecast for historical and baseline projection. CSG modeling for JR scenario forecasts.
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**Total 5-year cost avoidance** $296.25M
Updated timeline for justice reinvestment in Missouri

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