Missouri Board of Probation and Parole
2011 Annual Report

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Our Mission
The Missouri Department of Corrections supervises and provides rehabilitative services to adult offenders in correctional facilities and Missouri communities to enhance public safety.

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The Mentoring Program of the St. Louis County Drug Court is a partnership between St. Vincent DePaul Criminal Justice Ministries and the St. Louis County Drug Court. Mentors from the Criminal Justice Ministries are trained to work with Drug Court offenders with mild mental health problems who might otherwise not be able to participate in the drug court program without the additional support. The offenders are identified during the screening process and offered the services of a mentor. The addition of a mentor acts as a positive role model to the offender and contributes to the offender’s overall success.

Recidivism Rates

The use of Evidence Based Practices (actuarial assessment, motivational interviewing, comprehensive case planning and management, cognitive programming, and targeting interventions and supervision activity), have allowed the agency to improve two year recidivism rates as shown in this table.

Recovery

Powerhouse Community Development Corporation has served Saline County since November 2008. Two programs with multiple services have been established to assist offenders overcome the lack of resources to re-establish themselves in the community.

- **Power of HOPE** is a substance abuse recovery program that offers multiple services to offenders that are also struggling with chemical dependency. These services include: case management, family engagement, peer support, recovery education and coaching, spiritual counseling, life skills, anger management, work preparation, parenting, and transportation.

- **Fresh Start** is a 10 bed transitional housing program that provides residency, food, medical and transportation for offenders who would otherwise not have a home plan to be released from prison. Fresh Start has provided housing for over 38 offenders in the last 3 years.

73, 188 Offenders Under Field Supervision
Accountability

Schirmer House in St. Louis is a partnership between the Missouri Department of Corrections and the Center for Women in Transition. Schirmer House is an apartment building in south St. Louis City with a 24/7 dedicated and responsive staff. Residents receive the following services:

- Resume Building
- Interviewing Strategies
- Creating a Budget
- Meal Planning
- Apartment Upkeep
- Goal Oriented Case Management Plan

The Schirmer House also offers a Restorative Justice Program which planted four garden beds that grew and harvested their own food in an organic process. This program has proven to be an effective and innovative way to assist female offenders in preparing for a successful life.

Family

Family Fun Days were hosted by the District 5 Community Partners for Re-Entry (CPR) Team and was sponsored in Henry County on June 18, 2011 and Johnson County on July 23, 2011. The goal of the CPR team is to promote a more efficient and holistic approach to meeting clients’ needs in the community and to reduce recidivism. These family focused events were developed to give offenders an opportunity to spend quality time with their children and family members in a safe and sober environment with no out-of-pocket expenses.

The Family Fun Days offered offenders, family members, and community partners face painting, water games, bean-bag-toss, volleyball, arts and crafts, and refreshments.

Education

The Hannibal residential Community Supervision Center (CSC) has developed a partnership with the Parents As Teachers program. This program works with offenders to provide the information, support and encouragement they need to help raise their children. This weekly parenting skills group tackles issues all parents encounter. On occasion the offenders’ children are approved to be on site for these sessions. Once an offender leaves the CSC, Parents As Teachers offers the offender a community parent educator to provide continued support.

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| Daily Cost of P&P Supervision $5.03 |
| Daily Cost of Incarceration $57.16 |

Probation Cases 54,110
Parole Cases 17,929
Deferred Prosecution Cases 1,149
Attitude

District 15 in Jefferson County launched their first **Life Skills Program** in August 2011. The program provides offenders with the skills necessary to be successful members of the community. For six weeks, offenders are expected to arrive promptly on Monday morning dressed as though they are ready to begin an employment search.

The program curriculum includes detailed information regarding:

- Employment Applications
- Resume Building
- Career Options
- Interview Etiquette

Community partners also provide offenders with presentations regarding financial management, sex education, stress management, and parenting skills.

Employment

**Grisham Farm Products**, Inc., located in Norwood, MO has been an partner with the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole since its opening in 1994. Mr. Grisham also runs Grisham Farm Transportation, and Thamson Bros., in Mansfield, MO.

According to Probation and Parole Officers in the District 13, West Plains Office, they routinely refer offenders to Grisham’s for employment and no one is turned away. Offenders are able to work as many hours as possible to meet their obligations.

Grisham Farm Products has been recognized by the Director with a Missouri Department of Corrections Community Partnership Award.

Social

A **Safe & Sober Christmas Holiday Party** for all offenders and their families is held each year by the District 28 Missouri Re-entry Group in Belton. The Belton MRP group is committed to giving the offenders an opportunity to experience holiday festivities without being exposed to alcohol and controlled substances.

Each child receives a recordable book from Hallmark, along with other gifts. A craft table is available for the kids to make photo frames for their parents. A picture of the child is taken, printed and placed inside the frame for them to give to their parents at Christmastime. Supportive resource information on remaining clean and sober during the holiday season is available for the offenders.