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 landscape of the agency has evolved to meet the needs of offenders and Missouri communities. Probation and Parole has been at the forefront in correctional services by utilizing volunteers, Citizen Advisory Boards, assessment tools and best practices. In 1972, Volunteer in Corrections began and 230 attorneys were the first trained for these positions. Changes in the criminal codes and implementation of community sentencing laws provided opportunities for the agency to enhance service delivery. In 1957, laws were added to establish community treatment, which remains a key component in supervision today. As the demand for accountability increased, so too did our systems for data collections, needs assessments, and outcome measurements.

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—Ellis McSwain, Jr, Parole Board Chairman

Parole Board Members: Brian Jamison, Kenny Jones, Chuck Pryor, Martin Rucker, Don Ruzicka, and Jim Wells
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Number of DNA Samples Collected: 10,880
Number of CODIS Hits due to DNA: 350

Number of Parole Hearings: 9,797
Parole and Conditional Releases: 10,744

Community Release Center Releases: 2,720
Community Supervision Center Releases: 1,396

FY 2012 Collections
Restitution: $9,441,503
Court Costs: $6,952,472
Crime Victims Compensation Fees: $374,345
Community Service Hours Completed: 309,794

Total Offenders Under Field Supervision: 73,693
Probation: 50,725
Parole: 16,931
Deferred Prosecution: 1,173
Misdemeanor: 1,086
Interstate: 2,694
Conditional Release: 1,084

Recidivism Rates (Two Year) - FY 2005 to FY 2010

Daily Cost of P&P Supervision: $4.96
Vs
Daily cost of Incarceration: $57.18

Specialty Courts Statewide: 126
(These include Drug, DWI, Mental Health, Veteran, Domestic Violence, Alternative Treatment, Parents Choosing Change, and Reentry Courts)