

**ALLEN COUNTY INDIANA
REENTRY COURT PROGRAM**

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Allen County, Indiana Reentry Court Program

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Reentry Court Initiative Mission Statement

The mission of the Allen County Reentry Court is to enhance the reintegration of offenders into the community through the provision of necessary services to those returning offenders while protecting the safety of the community.

Produce a system that could be effective with serious and violent offenders

Produce system change that would operate within local funding parameters

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Background information for Allen County

- **Indiana**
 - 73 Counties receive Community Corrections Grants from DOC;
 - Controlled by local advisory board, employees are county employees;
 - Parole division of DOC, Parole Board appointed by Governor;
 - Probation under control of Circuit Court and supervises sentences from Superior and Circuit Courts
- **Allen County Pop: 350,000**
- **Allen Superior Court**
 - 3 judges, 3 magistrates
 - 1800 felonies; 40,000 misdemeanors & infractions

Returning Prison Population

- 400 offenders return to Allen County, Indiana per year.
 - 200 lower risk offenders, not participating in Reentry.
 - 200 higher risk offenders, composing participant base.
 - 63% return to Quadrant 4 (17% of county population)
 - 37% return to Quadrants 1, 2, & 3

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History of the Reentry Court in Allen County

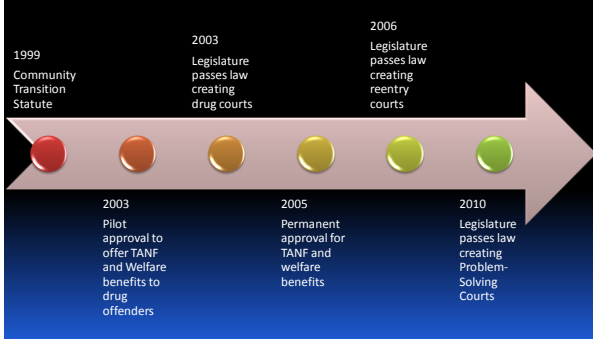
July 1999 – Community Transition Act

- Passed in order to ease overcrowding at IDOC Facilities
- Early release for selected inmates:
 - D Felons 60 Days
 - C Felons 90 Days
 - A and B Felons 120 Days
 - Drug Offenders 180 Days
- Voluntary Participation by counties
- Level of supervision and eligibility determined by sentencing Court
- DOC pays a per diem reimbursement

History of the Reentry Court in Allen County Structure...



History of the Reentry Court in Allen County Legislative...



Statutory Citations

- Drug Court : 2002 IC 12-23-14.5
- Reentry Court : 2006 IC 33-23-14
- Problem Solving Court : 2010 IC 33-23-16

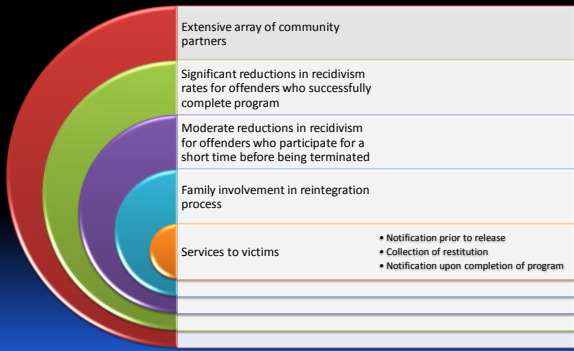
- Drug Court and Reentry Court rules on Indiana Judicial Center website:
www.in.gov/judiciary/center

Reentry Court Certification

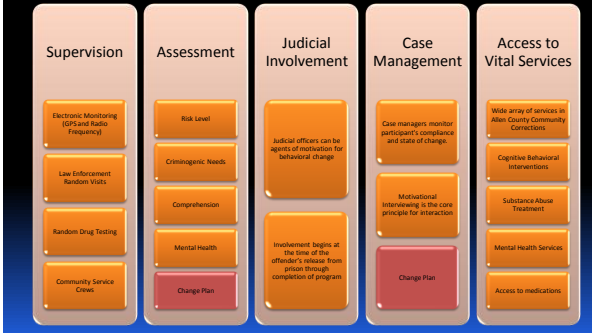
Requirements

- The reentry court's compliance with IC 33-23-14.
- The reentry court's compliance with rules.
- The number, qualifications, and abilities of reentry court staff.
- The participation by and interaction between the reentry court team members.
- The qualifications and abilities of any contractor that provides services to the reentry court or its participants, and the contractor's compliance with the terms of the contract.
- The qualifications and abilities of any treatment provider that provides treatment services to the reentry court's participants and the treatment provider's compliance with the terms of the provider referral agreement.

Strengths of Reentry Program



Five Pillars of the Reentry Court Program



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Supervision

- Electronic Monitoring (GPS and Radio Frequency)
- Law Enforcement Random Visits
- Random Drug Testing
- Community Service Crews

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Assessment

- Risk Level
- Criminogenic Needs
- Comprehension
- Mental Health
- Change Plan

Five Pillars of the Reentry Court Program

Judicial Involvement

Judicial officers can be agents of motivation for behavioral change

Involvement begins at the time of the offender's release from prison through completion of program

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Case Management

Case managers monitor participant's compliance and state of change.

Motivational Interviewing is the core principle for interaction

Change Plan

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Access to Vital Services

Wide array of services in Allen County Community Corrections

Cognitive Behavioral Interventions

Substance Abuse Treatment

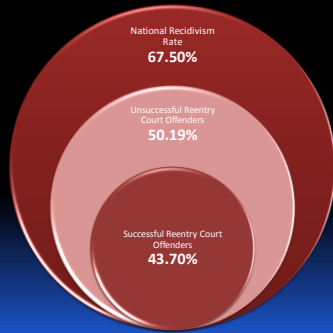
Mental Health Services

Access to medications

Reentry Program Recidivism

Recidivism defined as re-arrest within three (3) years of end of program participation

Time Period Measured: Offenders participating from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2005



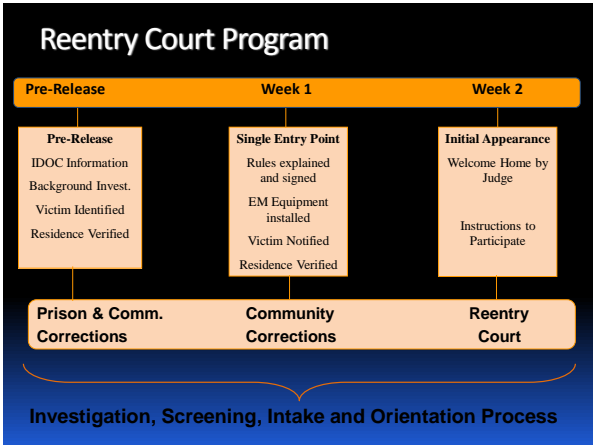
Struggles of Reentry Program

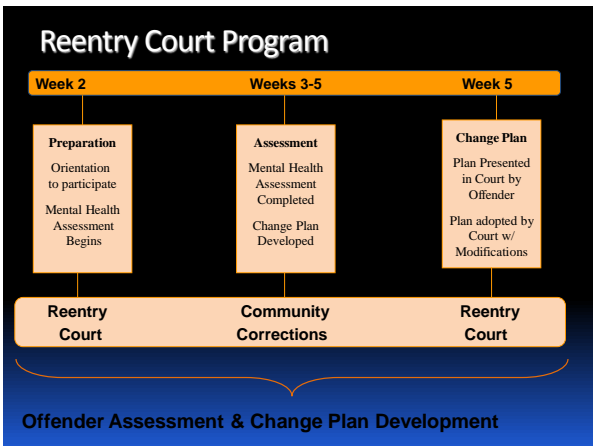
1. Lack of Resources
 - a. Housing
 - b. Employment
 - c. Mental and Physical health
 - d. Transportation, etc.
2. Lack of Coordination with IDOC
 - a. IDOC programming
 - b. Information to offender
3. Lack of Support from Parole

Partners Come to the Table

Local Government	Community Based	State/ Federal Government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allen Superior & Circuit Court • Allen County Sheriff • Allen County Community Corrections • City of Fort Wayne • Allen Co. Prosecuting Attorney 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park Center Community Mental Health Ctr. • FW Community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith Based • Neighborhoods • Universities • Businesses • Blue Jacket, Inc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDOC • Indiana Parole • Indiana Family and Social Services Administration • Indiana Criminal Justice Institute • U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs







RESOURCES

- "But They All Come Back"
by Jeremy Travis NCJ 181413
- "When Prisoners Return To The Community"
by Joan Petersilia, Ph.D NCJ 184253
- When Prisoners Come Home
by Joan Petersilia, Ph.D

- National Institute of Justice www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij
- National Institute of Corrections www.nicic.org
- USDOJ: Office of Justice Programs www.ojp.usdoj.gov
- Legal Action Center www.lac.org
- Center for Law and Social Policy www.clasp.org

RESOURCES

Center for Court Innovation
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<http://www.courtinnovation.org>

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