

Recidivism Study for Pretrial Programs

Successful vs. Unsuccessful



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This study examines offenders in the five Saginaw County Community Corrections Pretrial Programs for recidivism. Recidivism being defined for the purpose of this study varied depending on the program. The criteria used to define recidivism for offenders in the first three programs; MOR, Day Reporting and Cognitive Program at Saginaw Psychological Services are: released in a one-year time period, October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004, convicted of either a felony or misdemeanor for a one-year follow-up period after release and a comparison of those successfully completing vs. offender not successfully completing the following program.

- MOR – Monitor On Release of pretrial offenders

The overall recidivism rate for successful completion of the MOR program is 43%, felony offenses - 26% and misdemeanor offenses - 17%, compared to the overall recidivism rate for unsuccessful completion is 63%, felony offenses - 50% and misdemeanor offenses - 13%. This is an overall difference of 20% less recidivism for successful completions.

- Day Reporting also a release of pretrial offender

The overall recidivism rate for successful completion of the DR program is 29%, felony offenses - 6% and misdemeanor offenses - 23%, compared to the overall recidivism rate for unsuccessful completion is 66%, felony offenses - 34% and misdemeanor offenses - 31%. This is an overall difference of 37% less recidivism for successful completions.

- Cognitive Program at Saginaw Psychological Services

The overall recidivism rate for successful completion of the Cognitive Program is 38%, felony offenses - 28% and misdemeanor offenses - 10%, compared to the overall recidivism rate for unsuccessful completion is 41%, felony offenses – 29% and misdemeanor offenses – 12%. This is an overall difference of 3% less recidivism for successful completions.

The other two cognitive programs are comparatively new and therefore not enough data is available to accomplish a full two-year study. The criteria used to define recidivism in the Pretrial Cognitive Program for women in Jail “Seeking Safety” is based on the releases in a five-month time period, April 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005, convicted of either a felony or misdemeanor for a five-month follow-up period after release and a comparison of those successfully completing vs. offender not successfully completing the following program.

- A Cognitive Program for women in jail, “Seeking Safety” by Saginaw Psychological Services

The overall recidivism rate for successful completion of “Seeking Safety” program is 0%, felony offenses – 0% and misdemeanor offenses - 0%. Compared to the overall recidivism rate for unsuccessful completion is 17%, felony offenses –17% and misdemeanor offenses – 0%.

The criteria used to define recidivism in the Pretrial Cognitive Program for men in Jail “Thinking for Change” is based on the releases in a four-month time period, October 1, 2004 through January 31, 2004, convicted of either a felony or misdemeanor for a one-year follow-up period after release and a comparison of those successfully completing vs. offenders not successfully completing the following program.

- A Cognitive Program for men in jail, “Thinking for a Change” facilitated by Pretrial Services

The overall recidivism rate for successful completion of “Thinking for a Change” program is 8%, felony offenses – 8% and misdemeanor offenses - 0%. Compared to the overall recidivism rate for unsuccessful completion is 0%, felony offenses –0% and misdemeanor offenses – 0%.

DEFINING RECIDIVISM

Recidivism, as defined in this report, is **not** the standard set by the Saginaw County Community Corrections Advisory Board. There are a number of reasons for this; the criteria for this report was set before the CCAB had a definition, the cost associated with changing the report to meet the new definition, and the expectation that the State of Michigan, Office of Community Corrections would provide another new definition, again adding to the expense. In the future it may be possible to reconstruct this report using the updated definition of recidivism and to include more data as the programs have been operational for longer time periods.

Saginaw County CCAB adopted the following definition of recidivism at the Community Corrections Board meeting on June 14, 2005

Felony offenders who are convicted of either a new felony offense(s) or assaultive misdemeanor(s) (as defined by the Saginaw County CCAB Assaultive Misdemeanor List as of June 14, 2005) within five years of the date of the original sentence.

SAGINAW COUNTY CCAB ASSAULTIVE MISDEMEANOR LIST June, 14, 2005

<u>Offense Code</u>	<u>Description</u>
750.136B5	Child Abuse 4 TH Degree
750.145A	Accosting and Soliciting Child – Immoral Purposes
750.145N4	Vulnerable Adult Abuse – 4 th Degree
750.1671L	Disorderly – Jostling
750.233	Intentionally Aim Firearm w/o Malice
750.234	Discharge Firearm Intentionally Aim w/o Malice
750.235	Injury by Discharge Firearm Intentionally Aim w/o Malice
750.236	Setting Trap Operated by Explosives
750.335A	Indecent Exposure
750.350A1	Kidnapping – Custodial Interference

750.352	Molesting Workers or People Doing Job
750.377A1C1	MDOP Personal Property \$200 or More But Less Than \$1000
750.377A1D	Malicious Destruction of Personal Property Less Than \$200
750.377AB	Malicious Destruction of Personal Property Under \$100
750.380B	Malicious Destruction of Building - \$100 or Less
750.3804A	Malicious Destruction of Building \$200 or More But Less Than \$1000
750.3805	Malicious Destruction of Building – Less Than \$200
750.381	Malicious Destruction of Property – Gates/Fences
750.387	Malicious Destruction of Tombs and Memorials
750.3874A	Malicious Destruction of Tombs and Memorials- \geq \$200 But $<$ \$1000
750.394	Throwing Object at Vehicle or Train
750.3942B	Throwing Objects at Trains/Cars Causing Property Damage
750.397A	Placing Harmful Objects/Substance in Food
750.411H	Stalking
750.448	Accosting, Soliciting for Immoral Act
750.547	Willful Trespass w/Intent to Injure/Destroy
750.552	Trespass
750.74A	Arson – Personal Property \$50 or Less
750.741B1	Arson – Personal Property \$200 or More But Less Than \$1000
750.77A	Arson Prep to Burn Personal Property \$50 or Less
750.771B1	Arson – Prep to Burn Property \$200 But Less Than \$1000
750.81	Simple Assault
750.81A	Assault and Inflict Serious Injury
750.81A2	Domestic Violence – Aggravated
750.812	Domestic Violence
750.813	Domestic Violence – 2 nd Offense
750.843	Weapons, Reporting Death or Injury
752.21	Cruelty to Animals
752.845	Firearm Fail to Report Injury/Death
752.862	Firearms, Careless Use to Injure
752.862A	Firearms Careless Discharge Property Damage Under \$50
752.862B	Firearms Careless Discharge Property Damage Over \$50
752.863A	Firearms, Reckless Use Of
752.882	Reckless Use Bow and Arrow
752.891	Weapons – BB Handgun – Possession/Use by Minor
752.901A	Throwing Object at Moving Vehicle
764.15B	Injunction Order – Violation of

Community Corrections Recidivism Study for Pretrial Programs

**Offenders Program Off Date 10/01/03 through 9/30/04
Information based on 1 year data after 1 year completion**

Program Name: Pretrial MOR - Electronic Monitoring Supervision Program

SUCCESSFUL

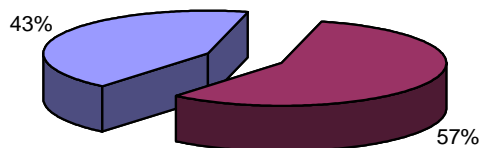
59 Offenders enrolled into the program

35	of	59	successful completions	59%
15	of	35	new conviction	43%
9	of	35	felony conviction	26%
6	of	35	misd. conviction*	17%

UNSUCCESSFUL

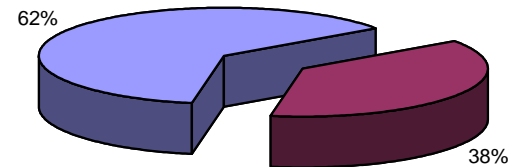
24	of	59	unsuccessful completions	41%
15	of	24	new conviction	63%
12	of	24	felony conviction	50%
3	of	24	misd. conviction*	13%

Successful Completions



■ Have Re-Offended ■ Have Not Re-Offended

Unsuccessful Completions



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*At the time of this report all misdemeanor convictions are included, the report has not yet defined specific misdemeanor charges by the categories adopted by the Community Corrections Advisory Board due to programming expenses.

Community Corrections Recidivism Study for Pretrial Programs

**Offenders Program Off Date 10/01/03 through 9/30/04
Information based on 1 year data after 1 year completion**

Program Name: Pretrial Day Reporting Supervision Program

SUCCESSFUL

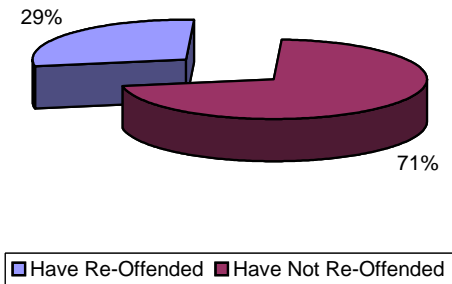
94 Offenders enrolled into the program

65	of	94	successful completions	69%
19	of	65	new conviction	29%
4	of	65	felony conviction	6%
15	of	65	misd. conviction*	23%

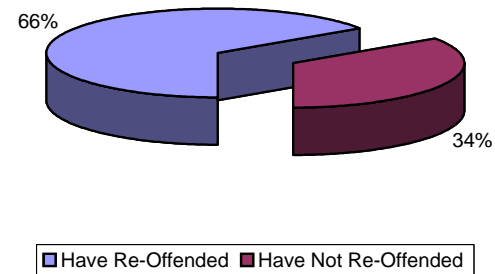
UNSUCCESSFUL

29	of	94	unsuccessful completions	31%
19	of	29	new conviction	66%
10	of	29	felony conviction	34%
9	of	29	misd. conviction*	31%

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**Offenders Program Off Date 10/01/03 through 9/30/04
Information based on 1 year data after 1 year completion**

Program Name: Pretrial Cognitive Program at Saginaw Psychological Services

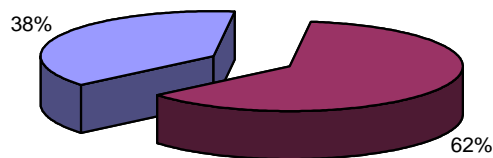
SUCCESSFUL

UNSUCCESSFUL

38 Offenders enrolled into the program

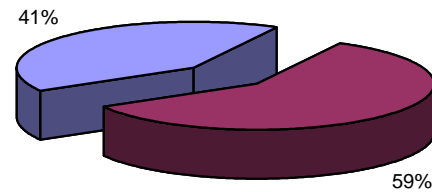
21	of	38	successful completions	55%	17	of	38	unsuccessful completions	45%
8	of	21	new conviction	38%	7	of	17	new conviction	41%
6	of	21	felony conviction	28%	5	of	17	felony conviction	29%
2	of	21	misd. conviction*	10%	2	of	17	misd. conviction*	12%

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Offenders Program Off Date 4/01/05 through 8/31/05
Information based on 5 months data after 5 months completion

Program Name: Pretrial Cognitive Program for women in jail "Seeking Safety" by Saginaw Psychological Services

SUCCESSFUL

UNSUCCESSFUL

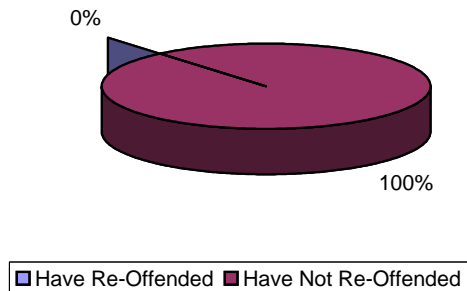
13 Offenders enrolled into the program

7 of 13 successful completions	54%	6 of 13 unsuccessful completions	46%
0 of 7 new conviction	0%	1 of 6 new conviction	17%
0 of 7 felony conviction	0%	1 of 6 felony conviction	17%
0 of 7 misd. conviction*	0%	0 of 6 misd. conviction*	0%

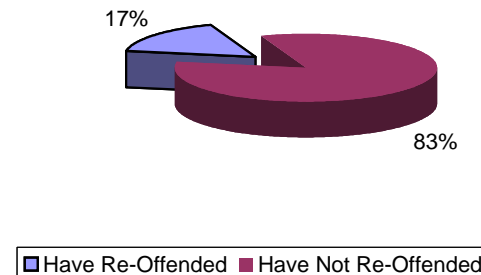
NOTE: The women being targeted didn't have enough time left on their sentences to complete the program because of early release. Impairments in the selection process have been made.

Of the 6 unsuccessful 1 changed her mind and 5 were early released.

Successful Completions



Unsuccessful Completions



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Community Corrections Recidivism Study for Pretrial Programs

Offenders Program Off Date 10/01/04 through 1/31/05
Information based on 4 months data after 1 year completion

Program Name: Pretrial facilitated cognitive program for men in jail, "Thinking for a Change"

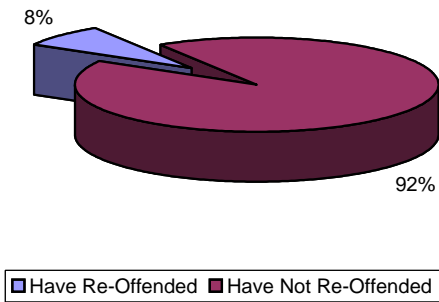
SUCCESSFUL

UNSUCCESSFUL

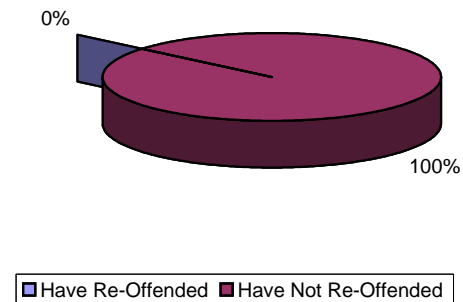
15 Offenders enrolled into the program

<p>13 of 15 successful completions 87%</p> <p>1 of 13 new conviction 8%</p> <p>1 of 13 felony conviction 8%</p> <p>0 of 13 misd. conviction* 0%</p>	<p>2 of 15 unsuccessful completions 13%</p> <p>0 of 15 new conviction 0%</p> <p>0 of 15 felony conviction 0%</p> <p>0 of 15 misd. conviction* 0%</p>
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EXIT SURVEY FOR THE THINKING FOR A CHANGE CLASS

Why did you join the class?

- To get out of jail early 4 of 15
- To get out of my cell 2 of 15
- To improve myself 15 of 15

Have you ever been in a self-improvement class before? YES 6 NO 9

If yes, how did this one compare?

- Different 3
- Same
- Better 6
- Worse

Please rate the following:

	Awful	OK	Good	Really Good	
Material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>8</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>7</u>
Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>1</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>13 (Excellent was added by 1 offender)</u>
Learned	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>12</u>

Did the teachers know what they were teaching? YES 15 NO _____

Did the teachers have the materials ready that they needed? YES 15 NO _____

Were the teachers willing to help answer questions? YES 15 NO _____

Did the teachers motivate you and make you want to learn? YES 15 NO _____

Would you take another class from these teachers? YES 15 NO _____

Was the class difficult? YES 3 NO 12

Would you recommend this class to others? YES 15 NO _____

Why or why not? **Learned a lot about self control, a new look on how to handle things, learned a lot and use it everyday, helps me think before I react, Good teacher, lessons, and material. Making changes to better my life, learn control, insight into behavior, more to life than bad behavior, better understanding of conflicts and prevents them due to better way of thinking**

How can we improve the class? **Let me take it again, add seats for more people, more handout material, just keep it going, make it longer, hard lessons, serious talks, coffee and refreshments**

CONCLUSION

The findings of this study indicate the effectiveness of the Pretrial Programming in Saginaw County by comparing the successful completion recidivism rate to the unsuccessful recidivism rate in each program. Overall it is evident the programming with a longer history yields more substantial data and this study will need to be repeated over the coming years.

This study makes no predictions about future inmate behavior, the results are descriptive in nature and are not an evaluation of the Pretrial Program's success or failure. However, the statistical results are a meaningful tool that can be used to examine the Community Corrections programming in Saginaw County. The results may also help to design improved programs in terms of program decisions, treatment and reintegration of offenders into society.

Further research is needed to help determine specific demographics of the offenders and risk factors contributing to recidivism.