

Trauma Informed Care and Work with Parents

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Wisconsin Department of Corrections Overview

The Department of Corrections manages Wisconsin's prisons, community correctional centers and juvenile corrections programs.

The Department supervises the custody of all offenders in state prison and on probation, parole, or extended supervision in the community and strives to rehabilitate and successfully reintegrate them into society.

The Department is administered by a cabinet-level Secretary. Its 10,000 employees manage adult inmates, supervise offenders in the community, provide services to juveniles in institutions and the community, and offer services and programs to crime victims.

The annual cost of Department correctional services in Wisconsin is approximately \$1 billion annually.



DOC at a Glance

Prison Population: 21,987

Community Supervision: 68,969

Juveniles: 515 (combined)

36 Adult Institutions

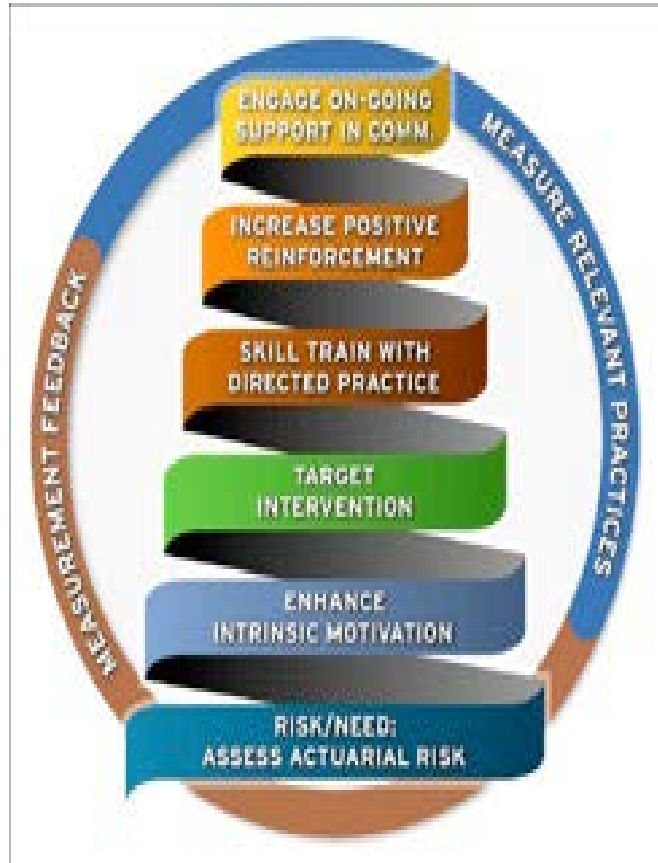
106 Adult Field Offices

2 Juvenile Institutions

CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS and Evidence-Based Decision Making

Criminogenic needs are based on individual and environmental conditions. They:

- are dynamic as opposed to static;
- provide the ingredients for a smarter alignment of interventions;
- can be measured over time to determine the effectiveness of intervention; and
- can drive major sentencing and correctional policy.



Trauma Informed Care (TIC)

- Division of Juvenile Corrections (DJC) partnered with the Department of Health Services and Wisconsin Family Ties to secure a grant to change the culture of current treatment, modify policies and practices, and help increase family involvement.
- Staff at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake have participated in TIC training activities.
- The *Seeking Safety* curriculum was implemented in August of 2012.
- During the Fall of 2012, DJC began incorporating trauma informed scales as an assessment tool to complement COMPAS.
- Security staff were trained in TIC in October of 2012.
- A Parent Peer Specialist project was also part of this grant.

Work with Parents

Division of Community Corrections

Family Reintegration

This contractual program is designed to assist men and women, and their families, to address parental separation issues due to incarceration, strengthen family relationships, and to reenter the inmate into the community. This is a 10-month program, beginning 6 months prior to release and continuing with the participant and his/her family 4 months post release. Services include, in part, family support groups, child support groups, family activities. Horizon served 78 inmates at Division of Adult Institutions facilities who returned to Milwaukee County.

This is made possible through the Becky Young Funds.

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Division of Adult Institutions-Female Institutions

St. Rose Family Reunification Program

The Family Reunification Program (FRP) helps children of incarcerated parents cope with feelings of sadness, anger, shame, alienation, confusion, and overall dysfunction. The program also helps them cope with the separation and abandonment they experience, while promoting the development of coping skills, protective behaviors, and family stability. Additionally, the FRP provide assistance with the reintegration of former inmates into the community, enhancing the possibility of successful family reunification and decreasing the possibility of future incarcerations of both parent and child

Mother Read

Mother Read is a nationally acclaimed organization that combines the teaching of literacy skills with child development, adult empowerment and professional skill development. Incarcerated mothers learn to use the power of language to discover more about themselves and their children while improving their own literacy skills. Mother Read participants learn to develop activities based on children's books and using the books and activities to teach life skills to their children while increasing their children's literacy skills. Participants also write their own children's storybook which is sent to their children at the completion of the program.

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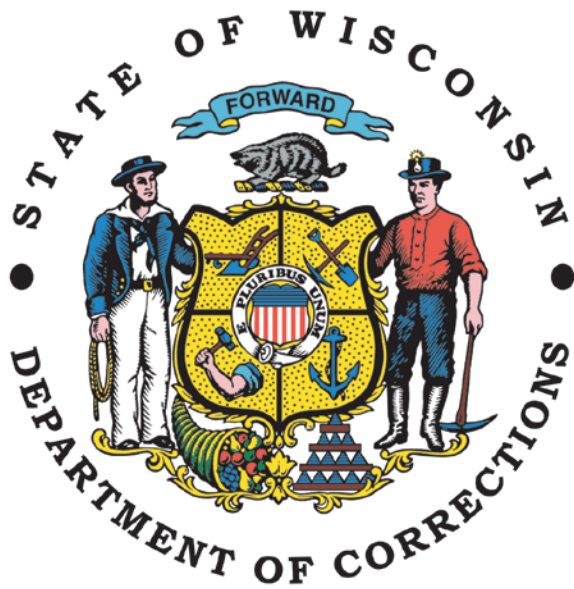
Milwaukee Family Connections Program

The Family Connections (FC) Program is an evidenced based program provided through a collaborative effort between the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and ARO Behavioral Healthcare. Using proven “wraparound” case planning, FC Case Managers assist in successful reentry and family reunification for the returning offender, their family, and their children. These “strength based” services begin as early as 6 months prior to the offender’s release and continue up to 4 months post release. Family members receive van provided transportation to correctional facilities for visitation services designed to promote family reconciliation, restoration, and reunification. Children receive weekly support groups led by experienced credentialed mental health and case management staff to help address their needs. Parents receive individualized case planning for themselves and their family, parenting education and skill building, and referral to necessary community resources for themselves and their families.

Work with Parents

Division of Adult Institutions – Male Institutions

- 29 Programs at 18 Male Institutions focused on Parenting and/or Family Reunification.
 - Father Read
 - Read to Me
 - Inside Out Dad



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