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CSOSA FACT SHEET

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Day Reporting Center

Did You Know?

- Each year approximately 2,000 offenders will be released from custody and return to live in the District of Columbia
- The Day Reporting Center is an intensive program where high risk offenders are held accountable through special programming designed to target maladaptive behaviors
- The Day Reporting Center is a comprehensive service center for offenders. Offenders will directly receive services from CSOSA staff or may be referred to services in the community.
- All offenders participating in the program are required to sign a performance contract that governs their behavior and provides for both incentives as well as sanctions for violations.
- The center is located at 1230 Taylor Street, NW. Its hours of operation are from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm

On June 1, 2004, the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) launched the Day Reporting Center (DRC) at 1230 Taylor Street, N.W., a CSOSA field office. The DRC is a new tool for dealing with high risk and non-compliant offenders.

The goals of the DRC are to reduce offender re-arrest and encourage compliance through compulsory on-site intervention. The Center will assist the offender in successfully reintegrating into society by providing needed services, such as substance abuse intervention, educational and vocational skills training and employment search assistance.

Additional learning opportunities for participants in the program include, life skills, anger/stress management, family dynamics, literacy enhancement and computer training.

The Center seeks increased public safety as a result of its efforts. The design of CSOSA's DRC is based on recent research, which shows that assessment-driven case management systems, that address offender's risks and needs empirically related to recidivism, can change offender behavior.

The key is to design interventions that address the strongest dynamic factors predictive of recidivism, such as substance abuse, unemployment, cognitive-behavioral traits, and illiteracy.

Offenders participating in the DRC will be assessed for their specific needs and will have a tailored case management plan developed to address their deficits. Offenders are closely supervised. They are motivated to make positive life and attitudinal changes through a system of sanctions and incentives, and are held accountable for their actions.



The DRC program is built around accountability: for the offender and the program. Offenders are held accountable for their behavior through their performance contract which all are required to sign. The performance contract governs the offender's behavior in the DRC program. It sets forth the offender's obligations to the program and the program's rules. The contract is in effect until discharge. Offenders are expected to participate in all assigned

groups, classes and activities. They are expected to have a good attitude, be non-disruptive, and fully participate. In addition, as part of the contract, the offenders are not permitted to wear clothing, jewelry or fashion accessories which are racially/gender offensive, obscene or in anyway promote violence or other illegal activities.

Violations of the contract result in sanctions which are imposed immediately, as appropriate. Examples of violations include, failure to report or call as scheduled, failure to notify DRC staff of changes in living or working conditions, a positive drug test and any new criminal offense.

The program also provides incentives to members of the program. These include reductions in restriction and structure as the offender progresses in the program, such as reducing daily reporting requirements or creating weekly versus daily itineraries.

Offenders also receive certificates for successful completion of courses as well as a graduation certificate for successful completion of the DRC program.

The goals of the DRC are to reduce offender re-arrest and assist the offender in successfully reintegrating into society by providing needed services. Ultimately the partnership between the offender, the DRC staff and CSOSA Community Supervision Officers will result in increased public safety.