JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM

As prison costs increase nationwide, communities try to find effective ways to reduce spending on prison and increase public safety. Multnomah County’s Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP) is designed to reduce the use of state prisons for offenders who can safely be supervised in the community. MCJRP holds offenders accountable by providing the structure, supervision and services necessary for success in the community. The program addresses the root causes of crime and increases services to victims.

POSTIVE RETURN ON INVESTMENT

For a $15.7 million investment between FY2015-2019, Multnomah County’s Justice Reinvestment Program (MCJRP) has reduced prison operating costs by $42.3 million. Increased use of Short Term Transitional Leave (STTL) for eligible Multnomah County offenders has allowed the Department of Corrections (DOC) to avoid spending another $7.9 million in operation costs. Subtracting the MCJRP investment of $15.7 million from the total of $50.2 million in DOC costs avoided, the MCJRP program has resulted in the state spending $34.5 million less over four years and has bolstered the statewide effort to avoid the immediate cost of constructing an expensive new prison.

PROMISING RESULTS

Multnomah County saw a 40% reduction in sentences to prison since 2013. Placing more offenders on probation has not compromised community safety, as demonstrated by MCJRP’s lowered recidivism rates.

MCJRP significantly helped Oregonians avoid the high cost of long prison stays and new prisons

4,725 cases have participated in the MCJRP informed sentencing process, resulting in 3,576 sentences.

2,396 cases were diverted from prison and remained in the community on supervision.

67% of eligible defendants sentenced to community supervision

6% reduction in reoffense rate over 2 years*

*MCJRP Evaluation Report | Jan. 2019
Analysis: MCJRP Data Team | 7.01.14 - 6.30.18
In 2018, there were 0 revocations among defendants who either:
* Received social services pre-adjudication, or
* Were supervised by the Gender Specific Probation Unit

“I’m just really thankful for this program and I’m thankful to MCJRP for trusting in me and believing me and giving me a chance.” –MCJRP Participant Theresa D.

1,183 participants on MCJRP and STTL supervision received outpatient treatment with recovery mentor support at Volunteers of America Oregon between:
July 2016 - December 2018

638 have finished MCJRP supervision to date

500+ victims received free legal assistance consultation

358 MCJRP participants completed the intensive phase of employment services from Career Coaches

256 obtained employment

1,289 defendants entered the Inverness Jail Treatment Readiness Dorm since May 2016

MCJRP participants were provided an average of 577 bed-days per month in FY18

Since Nov 2015, the MCJRP Law Enforcement Detail provided assistance to probation officers 1,561 times, including home visits, transportation to treatment/housing, and grocery delivery to MCJRP participants

Victim services provided 873 parent/child therapy sessions

100% of sentenced parents who engaged with the pre-trial social worker are actively parenting their children

1 July 1 2014- June 30 2018, 788 fewer offenders sent to prison than would have pre-MCJRP. 788 x $96.48 (Department of Corrections local control rates 2015-2017) cost per prison day x 556.3 days = $42.3 million + $7.9 million (saved from Short Term Transitional Leave) = $50.2 million. 556.3 days (18.4 months) LOS per CJC Dashboard for 2012. $21.59 (Multnomah County Department of Community Justice Community Daily Supervision rate) + $10.96 (State Department of Corrections daily rate) = $32.55 (roughly one-third of the costs compared to $96.48 Department of Corrections local control rate 2015-2017.) STTL: 82,050 (Criminal Justice Commission prison bed days saved July 2014 to June 2018) x $96.48 (Department of Corrections Local Control Rates 2015-2017) = $7.9 million.