

## 2014 Program Report Card: Alternative in the Community (AIC) – (Judicial Branch)

### Quality of Life Result: Connecticut families will live in safe communities.

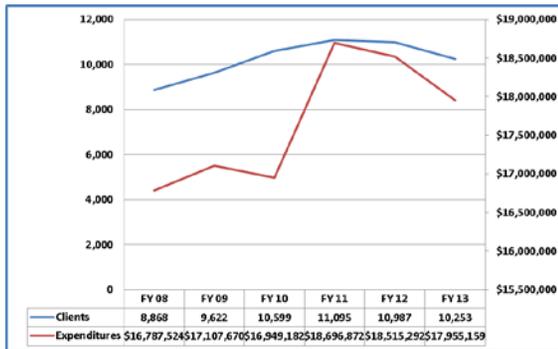
*Contribution to the Result:* The goals of the Alternative in the Community (AIC) program are: (1) to reduce offender long-term recidivism; (2) change offender behavior resulting in more successful discharges; (3) provide a cost effective criminal justice response to criminal activity; and (4) increased offender accountability. All of these goals contribute to safer communities for Connecticut families.

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Actual FY 13	\$17,955,159	0	\$0	\$17,955,159
Estimated FY 14	\$18,529,313	0	\$0	\$18,529,313

*Partners:* Criminal Justice System (Judges, prosecutors, Victim Advocates, public defenders / private attorneys), Contracted, non-profit and for-profit treatment providers, Local and State Business officials, Other state agencies (DMHAS, DOC, DCF, DSS), Family members, and Criminal Justice Advocacy agencies.

#### How Much Did We Do?

Number of Persons Referred and Total Budget – AIC, FY08-FY13

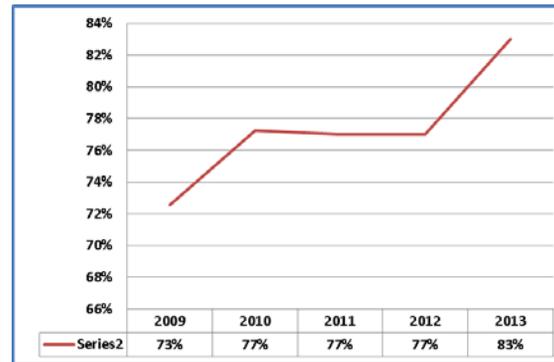


**Story behind the baseline:** The number of persons referred for services at the AIC steadily increased from FY07 to FY11. A modest decline in both clients referred and expenditures occurred in FY12 and FY13.

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#### How Well Did We Do It?

Reasoning and Rehabilitation Group Completion, 2009-2013

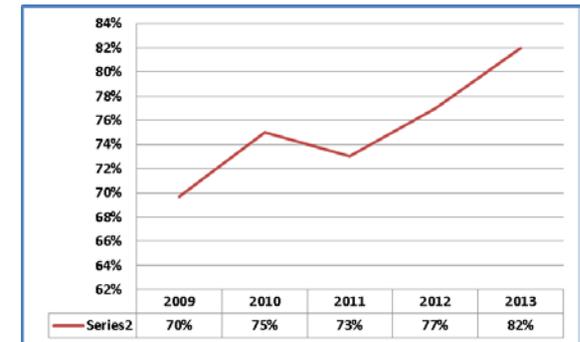


**Story behind the baseline:** Reasoning and Rehabilitation II (R&R II) is a 14-session group offered at the AIC that utilizes a cognitive-behavioral approach to behavior change. Research suggests lower long-term recidivism rates for those completing services. CSSD's goal is to reach or exceed a 75% R&R completion rate. CSSD partnered with the private, non-profit sector to emphasize the importance of group completion rates. In 2010 – 2012 completion rates exceeded the goal of 75% and in 2013 there was growth to 83%.

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#### How Well Did We Do It?

Treating Alcohol & Drug Dependence Group Completion Rate, 2009-2013



**Story behind the baseline:** Treating Alcohol/Drug Dependence is a 12-session curriculum aimed at reducing the use and abuse of alcohol and illegal substances that have contributed to criminal behavior. CSSD's goal is to reach or exceed a 75% TAD completion rate. During 2012, the TAD completion rate reached 77%. That upward trend continued in 2013 with an 82% completion rate which is 7% above the goal.

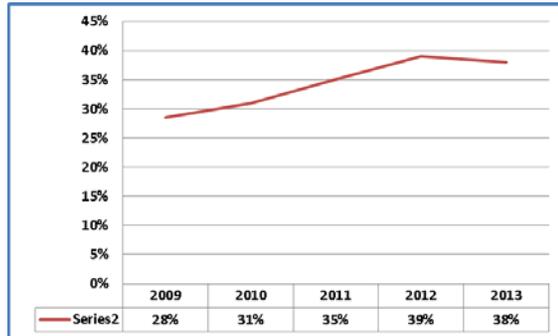
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### Is Anyone Better Off?

#### Percent of Employment Services Completers Gaining Employment, 2009-2013

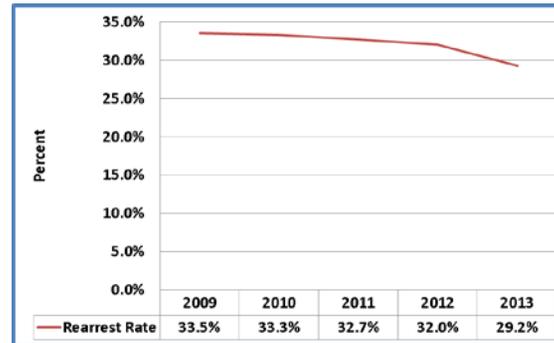


**Story behind the baseline:** This performance measure examines the rates at which clients that participate in Employment Services obtain employment prior to discharge from the AIC. Despite the economic downturn this measure continuously improved from 2009 through 2012. While the ambitious goal of 50% has not yet been achieved, 2013 performance reached the second highest level (38%) in the past five years, down 1% from 2012 numbers. CSSD has submitted a more detailed RBA Report Card that focuses on the how much, how well, and better off measures for this specific service in the AIC.

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#### 12-month Rearrest Rate for Completers 2009-2013



**Story behind the baseline:** This performance measure examines the rate at which clients who complete AIC services are re-arrested within 12 months of discharge. In the past five years, there has been a downward trend in re-arrest of AIC completers, with a modest reduction each year. A more significant drop was realized in 2013 when rearrest rates dropped 2.8% to 29.2%. Fewer AIC participants being rearrested directly affect community safety.

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### Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

- Implementing Strategic Case Management (SCM) principles into case management sessions to align with emerging best practices research which will positively impact recidivism;
- Initiating a Youthful Offender pilot program that will focus on young adult males ages 18-24 for more intensive services including a teaming approach between probation officers and contracted providers;
- Beginning work with AIC clients more expeditiously to decrease the amount of unstructured time;
- Developing and implementing strategies, in concert with the contracted provider network, to decrease the lack of attendance rate within the AIC program;
- Developing training that enhances the AIC network to better consider responsibility factors of individual clients such as African American Males who are most at risk for recidivism;
- Reallocating AIC resources so every AIC program has a dedicated job developer who can focus on engaging the local employment community in developing pathways to employment for AIC clients

### Data Development Agenda:

- Continue to collaborate with the Department of Labor to establish a data exchange protocol for tracking longer-term employment retention and average earnings, with a potential comparison to the Connecticut Self-Sufficiency standard