

2018 Program Report Card: Alternative in the Community (AIC) – (Judicial Branch)

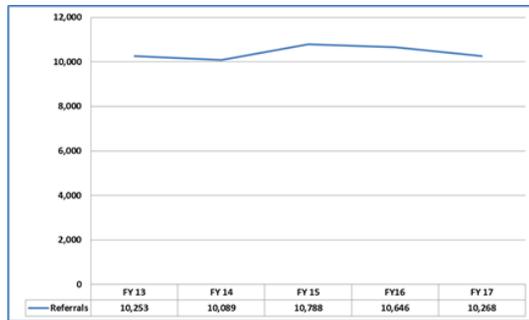
Quality of Life Result: Connecticut families will live in safe communities.

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.

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– AIC, FY13-FY17

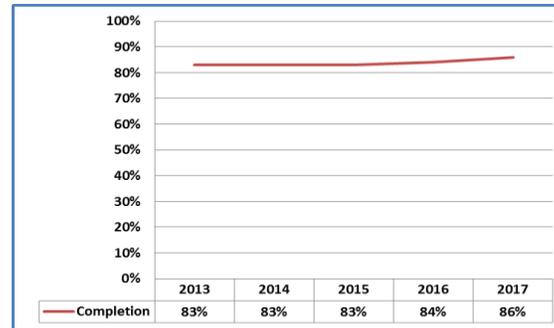


Story behind the baseline: After an upward trend in referrals for FY 15 and FY 16 then AIC network did see a downward trend for FY17.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Reasoning and Rehabilitation Group Completion, 2013-2017

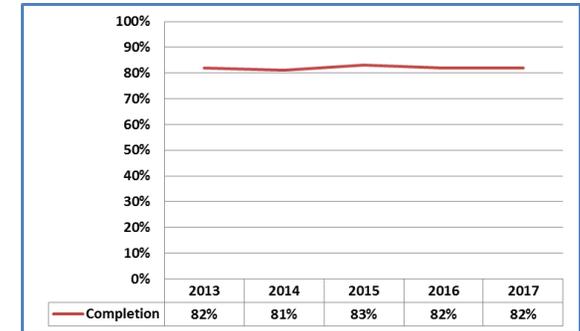


Story behind the baseline: Reasoning and Rehabilitation II (R&R II) is a 14-session group offered at the AIC that utilizes a cognitive-behavioral approach to behavior change. Research suggests and CSSD data has demonstrated lower long-term recidivism rates for those completing services. The goal was increased to 85% in 2016 to reflect consistent performance above the prior goal of 75%. The goal was exceeded with an 86% completion rate which is the highest the network has ever achieved.

Trend: ▲

How Well Did We Do It?

Treating Alcohol & Drug Dependence Group Completion Rate, 2013-2017



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. Due to high performance the goal was increased to 82% in 2016. The AIC network achieved the goal of 82% in 2016 and then again in 2017. This accomplishment is particularly impressive as the AIC clientele is increasingly comprised of opioid users as well as clients with a higher level of acuity.

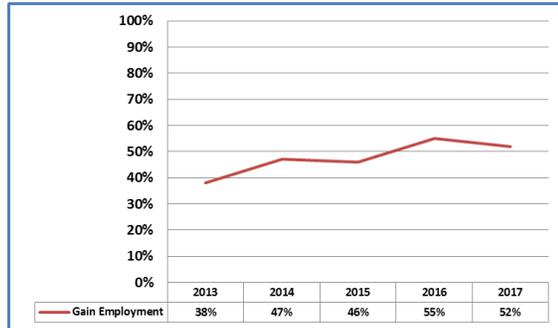
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Is Anyone Better Off?

Percent of Employment Services Completers Gaining Employment, 2013-2017



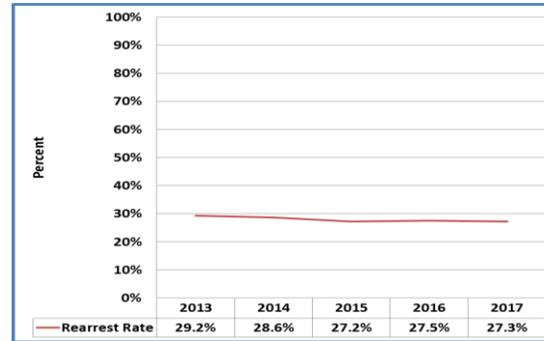
Story behind the baseline: This performance measure examines the rates at which clients that participate in Employment Services obtain employment prior to discharge from the AIC. This measure showed a general upward trend over the last five years. While 2017 resulted in a slight decline from previous year, the AIC network still exceeded the ambitious goal of 50% for the second consecutive year. 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.

Note: 2017 reflects January through October's data. November and December 2017 numbers are currently unavailable due to recent data system modifications.

Trend: ▼

Is Anyone Better Off?

12-month Rearrest Rate for Completers 2013-2017



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. Lower re-arrest rates equates to greater public safety. Since the CT Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee (LPRIC) reported a 44% recidivism rate for AIC completers in 2004, CT continues to see a steady rearrest decrease for AIC completers. In 2017, the recidivism rate dropped 0.2% to 27.3%. This modest reduction reflects continued positive achievement as the program moves closer toward a potential plateau.

Trend: ▼

Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

- Convened a case management committee that created more detailed structure to case management services to further ensure appropriate targeting of criminogenic needs;
- Implement a new curriculum based group, Living Safely Without Violence, to specifically target the needs of women who are the both the victim and perpetrator of violence
- Periodically reevaluate metric goals to continue to strive for better outcomes;
- Implement an improved Quality Assurance (QA) scoring system in 2017 to measure the proficiency of AIC services;
- Implement an electronic assessment of client needs to more precisely identify appropriate AIC referrals;
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data for the Utilizing New Initiatives with Today's Youth (UNITY) pilot program that focuses on emerging adult males ages 18-24. Recommend adjustments for more intensive services, while maintaining a teaming approach between probation officers and contracted providers;

Data Development Agenda:

- Develop electronic transmission capabilities of court and progress reports to referral source for increased efficiency.