

State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division March 24, 2011

Update to the Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission

Family Violence Caseload Summary 2009-2010

	2009	2010
Family Violence Intakes Completed		
Pre-arraignment screen – risk assessment, criminal record check, protective order recommendation, and determination of pre-trial diversionary eligibility	30,427	29,930
Family Violence Assessments Referred		
Post-arraignment in-depth interviewing of victim and defendant and coordination with victim advocate. Full assessment report with recommendations prepared for the Court	20,678	19,011
Pre-Trial Supervision Referred		
Administrative monitoring of diversionary programs and court- ordered interventions	15,703	15,386
Satisfactory Completion of Pre-Trial Supervision (6-7 months)	82%	82%
12-month FV Re-arrest Rate – Pre-Trial Supervision Completers	13%	13%
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Judicial Branch Family Violence Programs

FAMILY VIOLENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM (FVEP): A 9 week, cognitive behavioral, pre-trial diversionary intervention focused on modifying offender behavior.

Available: All locations

- EXPLORE PROGRAM: An intensive, 26 session, cognitive behavioral intervention for men convicted of domestic violence. The focus is on behavior change through developing awareness, building positive interpersonal skills, and understanding the harmful effects of violence on victims and children. <u>Available</u>: Bantam/Litchfield, Danbury, Danielson, Derby, Hartford, Manchester, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Norwalk, and Stamford.
 - **EVOLVE PROGRAM**: An intensive, 52 session, cognitive behavioral intervention for men convicted of domestic violence. The impact of violence on victims and children, behavior change, interrelation and communication skill building, and responsible parenting/fatherhood are vital components of this program model.

Available: Bridgeport, New Haven, New London, and Waterbury

FVEP Waiting Lists and Impact

Those on waitlist 9 or more weeks have a <u>FV re-arrest</u> rate ranging from 6-15 percent; those on waitlist less than 9 weeks have a <u>FV re-arrest rate ranging from 1-4</u> <u>percent</u> (re-arrest rate 5-9 percent higher with wait 9 or more weeks)

Those on waitlist 9 or more weeks have a program completion rate between 59 and 74 percent; those on waitlist less than 9 weeks have a program completion rate between 69 and 79 percent (5-10 percent difference)

In 2009, the average wait time for services was 79 days. In 2010, the wait time was reduced to 62 days; for the first 2 months of 2011, the wait time is 58 days

FVEP Waiting Lists and Impact

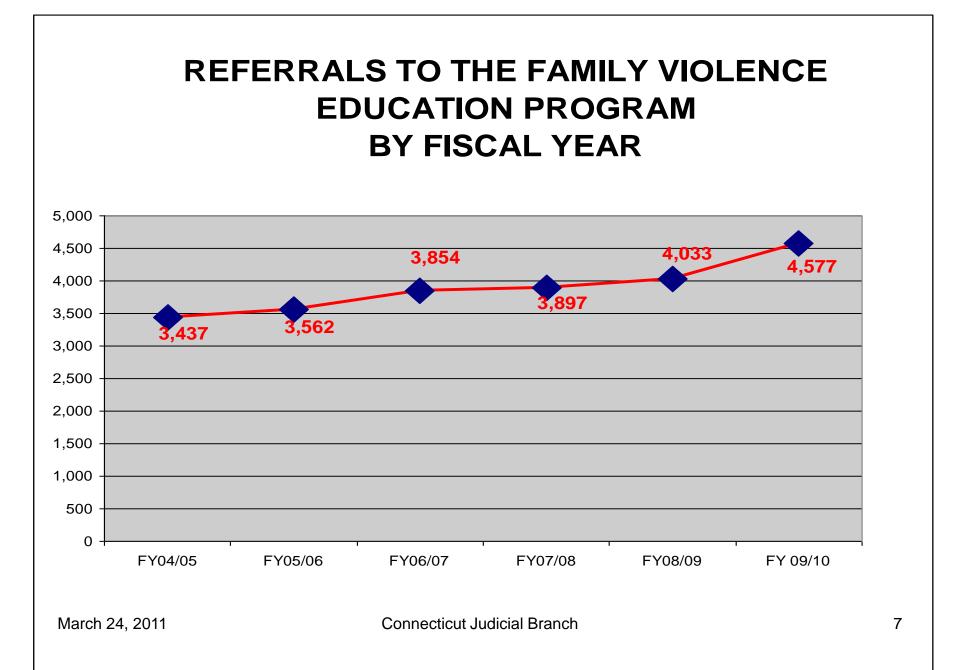
	2009	2010	Percent Reduction
# Defendants on waitlist 9 or more weeks	2,092	1,341	36%
# Defendants re-arrested while on waitlist 9 or more weeks	175	73	58%

- 35% reduction for the recidivism rate of defendants on a waitlist 9 or more weeks

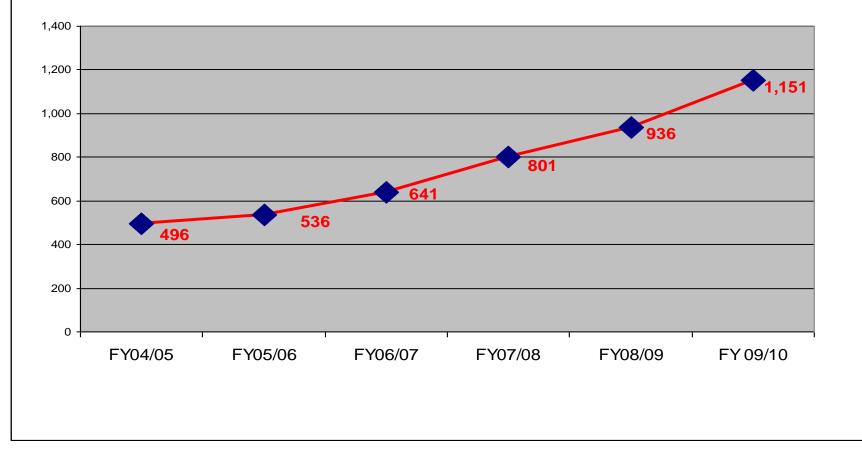
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Family Violence Program Outcomes 2010

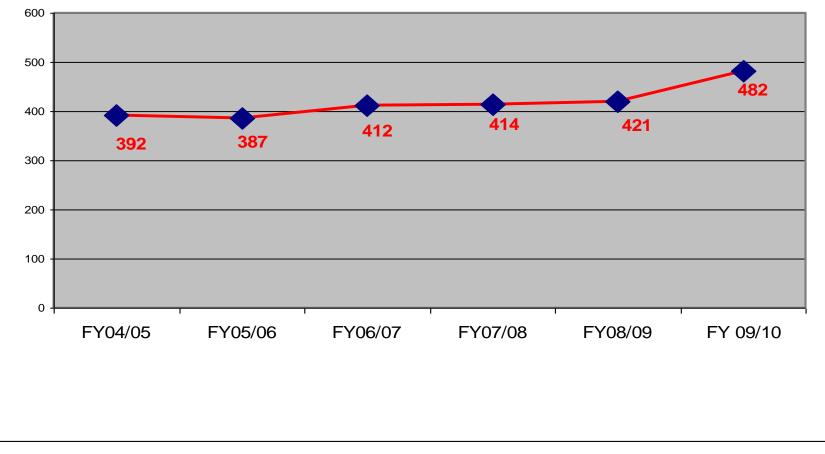
	FVEP	EXPLORE	EVOLVE
Average Wait in Days	62	40	47
Program Completion	86%	62%	65%
12-Month FV Rearrest - Completers	12%	16%	13%



REFERRALS TO THE EXPLORE PROGRAM BY FISCAL YEAR



REFERRALS TO THE EVOLVE PROGRAM BY FISCAL YEAR



Alert Notification/GPS Pilot Project - Background

- Pilot successfully implemented in Bridgeport, Danielson, and Hartford with a high degree of collaboration system wide
- Targets high-risk domestic violence offenders charged with violating a restraining or protective order
- Allows for stationary zones (home, work) and possibly mobile zones around the victim
- Sends violation alerts to 24/7 Monitoring Center. Monitoring Center sends alerts to both the victim by cell phone and local law enforcement simultaneously
- Defendants closely monitored with violations immediately addressed by the Court and CSSD-Family Services

Alert Notification/GPS Pilot Project – Results to Date

- 56 defendants court-ordered into the program, with an additional 26 currently held on bond with the condition of Alert Notification/GPS
- Stationary zones established for all victims. 13 elected to carry a device allowing for mobile zones
- 8 defendants had a bond increase after program non-compliance that did not involve violence to the victim
- 1 defendant arrested for non-violent contact with the victim (Violation of a Protective Order)
- Federal grant extended to June 30; additional extension to December 2011