

St. Joseph County Community Corrections Annual Report 2015

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Introduction

Although Community Corrections is a component of the Prosecutor's Office in St. Joseph County, it also has the honor of contributing to and serving the 45th Circuit Court of Michigan and the 3-B District Court of Michigan. Community Corrections is governed by the Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB), which is comprised of members from throughout the criminal justice system, mental health/substance abuse treatment system, and the St. Joseph County community.

The CCAB was originally formed as part of Public Act 511 of 1988, in which the Michigan Department of Corrections provides funding to local governments to support their comprehensive corrections plans. In St. Joseph County, there are three components funded by the PA 511 grant – Day Reporting Center Staffing, Moral Reconciliation Therapy, and Administration. The remaining programs administered through Community Corrections are paid for through offender funds. These programs include (but are not limited to) Anger Management, Community Service Work, Domestic Violence Group, Embezzler's Treatment Group, and Shoplifter's Alternative. In 2015 there was no St. Joseph County funding used for programming or administration.

Community Corrections has taken roles in several new programs and specialty courts throughout 2015 and seeks to provide even more support in 2016.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Chairperson – Hon. Jeffrey Middleton, Chief District Court Judge

Vice-Chairperson – Anthony Callaway, Day Reporting Center Director

Treasurer – John McDonough, Prosecuting Attorney

Secretary – David Griffin, Michigan Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Supervisor

Hon. Paul Stutesman, Circuit Court Judge

Hon. David Tomlinson, Probate Court Judge

Hon. Robert Pattison, District Court Judge

Gina Wagner, District Court Probation Officer

Capt. Kitty Buchner, St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department

Robin Baker, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners

Kim Kramer, Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services

Tom Miles, Twin County Community Probation Center

Howard Bush, Attorney at Law

Eddie MacKay, Citizen at Large

Community Corrections Programming and Utilization (PA 511* and non-PA 511 Programs)

Program	Enrollments	% Successful Completion	Jail Days Saved
Anger Management	39	72%	In DRC
Community Service Work	254	83%	214
Day Reporting Center*	363	70%	20,402
Domestic Violence Group	23	63%	136
Embezzler's Treatment Group	27	71%	35
Moral Reconciliation Therapy*	85	72%	None
Shoplifter's Alternative	30	86%	32
Sobriety Court	30	78%	1,690
Twin County Community Probation Center	76	64%	7,016
Work Release	19	86%	2,205

Total number of jail days saved by programming: 31,730

PA 511 FY 2015 Funding Summary (October 2014 – September 2015)

Program	PA 511 FY 2016 Budget
Moral Reconciliation Therapy	\$20,160
Day Reporting – Staffing	\$52,125
Administration	\$30,979
Totals	\$103,264

PA 511 FY 2016 Funding Summary (October 2015 – September 2016)

Program	PA 511 FY 2016 Budget
Moral Reconciliation Therapy	\$31,290
Day Reporting – Staffing	\$59,500
Administration	\$30,979
Totals	\$121,769

Community Corrections Highlights and Accomplishments

January 2015 – March 2015

Community Corrections Coordinator Nancy Pick began the transition into retirement and Erin Goff was hired as her replacement.

April 2015 – June 2015

Victim Impact Panel – Community Corrections began administering the Victim Impact Panel several times each year. Previously administered by the Victim Rights office, the Victim Impact Panel is patterned after the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) model and has speakers, along with a presentation from the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department on specific incidents within the county.

Public Outreach – In accordance with the State Community Corrections Advisory Board Priorities, Community Corrections began public outreach, providing information on the various aspects of available programming to save jail days, decrease the prison commitment rate, and reduce recidivism. The first two audiences were the Three Rivers Lions Club and the St. Joseph County – Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Board.

July 2015 – September 2015

Community Corrections conducted a site visit in Marquette County, Michigan. Although the population is more concentrated than St. Joseph County, Marquette County is of similar size and demographic, and provided good perspective on the use of programming to reduce recidivism.

Increased Grant Award Amount – The Michigan Department of Corrections Office of Community Corrections awarded the St. Joseph County CCAB a total of \$121,769 for programming and administration, an increase of \$18,505.

October 2015 – December 2015

Public Outreach – To further the public awareness of Community Corrections programming, website development began in the last quarter of 2015. It is expected to be up and running early to mid-2016. Meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes will be available as well as information about programs and useful forms for program participants.

Adult Drug Treatment Court – This specialty court began in October 2015, after several months of training and meeting to set up the court. Community Corrections is on the ADTC staffing team and is regularly involved with administration and evaluation of this program through the state-provided online portal, Drug Court Case Management Information System (DCCMIS).

Electronic Records – In September 2015, new equipment and technology was purchased that allowed Community Corrections to begin the transition to electronic records with the beginning of the fiscal year in October 2015. This cost- and time-saving measure is intended to streamline the intake process for participants and increase contributions to specialty courts.