

St. Joseph County Community Corrections Annual Report 2017

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Introduction

Community Corrections in St. Joseph County continues to be an evolving department. In 2017, several new programs and initiatives were launched, and are showing promise. Community Corrections is governed by the Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB), serving the 45th Circuit Court of Michigan, the 3-B District Court of Michigan, and the St. Joseph County Prosecutor.

The CCAB still functions as it was originally formed through Public Act 511 of 1988 (PA 511). PA 511 funding is provided by the Michigan Department of Corrections to local governments as a means to support their comprehensive community corrections plans. In St. Joseph County, there are multiple components funded by PA 511– Day Reporting (Supervision), Moral Reconciliation Therapy (Cognitive Group Programming), Thinking Matters (Cognitive Group Programming), Domestic Violence/Batterer’s Intervention (Group Programming), Gatekeeping, and Administration. The remaining programs administered through Community Corrections are paid for through offender funds. These programs include (but are not limited to) Community Service Work, Economic Crime Education Program, Embezzler’s Treatment Group, and the Victim Impact Panel.

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 (Retired in June 2017), Lisa Martin, 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

Kathy Pangle, 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 Staff

Erin Goff, Director

Matthew Huff, Program Coordinator

Community Corrections Programming and Utilization (PA 511 and non-PA 511 Programs)
January 2017 – December 2017

Program	Enrollments	% Successful Completion	Jail Days Saved
Anger Management*	14	50%	90
Community Service Work	136	82%	140
<i>Day Reporting Center</i>	347	64%	17,232
Domestic Violence Group	22	61%	164
Economic Crime Education Program (started May 2017)	25	91%	6
Embezzler's Treatment Group	5	100%	0
<i>Gatekeeper (started June 2017)</i>	247	N/A	N/A
<i>Moral Reconciliation Therapy</i>	48	44%	N/A
<i>Thinking for a Change/Thinking Matters</i>	37/16	N/A – Not enough data	N/A
Victim Impact Panel	88	N/A	N/A
Victim Impact Panel – Spanish	6	N/A	N/A

*Program tracking transitioned out of Community Corrections in November 2017

Total hours of Community Service Work performed: 2,270

Total number of jail days saved by programming: 17,632

PA 511 FY 2017 Funding Summary (October 2016 – September 2017)

Program	PA 511 FY 2017 Budget	PA 511 FY 2017 Amended Budget
Cognitive – Moral Reconciliation Therapy/Thinking for a Change	\$56,220	\$69,220
Day Reporting	\$69,758	\$78,393
Gatekeeping	-	\$3,265
Administration	\$48,500	\$48,600
Totals	\$174,478	\$199,478

PA 511 FY 2018 Funding Summary (October 2017 – September 2018)

Program	PA 511 FY 2018 Budget
Cognitive – Moral Reconciliation Therapy/Thinking Matters	\$39,035
Day Reporting	\$69,758
Domestic Violence/Batterer's Intervention	\$11,700
Gatekeeping	\$5,400
Administration	\$48,585
Totals	\$174,478

Community Corrections Highlights and Accomplishments

January 2017 – March 2017

Public Outreach – In accordance with the State Community Corrections Advisory Board Priorities, Community Corrections continued public outreach, providing information on the various aspects of available programming through a partnership with the St. Joseph County Substance Abuse Task Force (SATF). In February 2017, Community Corrections was invited to speak during Voices of Hope and Recovery, a forum for the community to hear stories and connect with local recovery resources. Ms. Goff spoke about the treatment courts and the criminal justice system’s evolution to manage substance use disorders and related criminal activity.

April 2017 – June 2017

Economic Crime Education Program – To accommodate a growing need for in-person programming for first-time or lower level economic crime, Community Corrections implemented a one-time program designed to address problem solving, critical thinking, goals, and budgeting. During the three hour program, participants learn about coping skills, how to manage decision making, and how to make and follow a budget. This program replaced an online program called *Shoplifter’s Alternative*.

Additional PA 511 Programs Implemented – In order to more effectively refer MDOC participants into programming, Community Corrections was able to have a Gatekeeper function approved, which allows for screening into programs using assessments being performed at the pretrial and presentence investigation report stages. Unused funding was reallocated to cover the cost of this function, as well as for a new cognitive program.

July 2017 – September 2017

National Association of Treatment Court Professionals – Ms. Goff attended the NADCP Conference in Washington, DC, where she was able to also meet with U.S. Senators Stabenow and Peters to discuss the importance of treatment courts and support for offenders in the criminal justice system gaining access to recovery resources.

Michigan Association of Community Corrections Advisory Boards – Through a collaboration with CCAB Managers throughout the state, Ms. Goff and a panel of peers participated in a review and modifications to PA 511 program descriptions and the overall grant application with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

October 2017 – December 2017

Treatment Courts – Community Corrections became responsible for providing Program Coordination and Financial/Administrative Officer duties for the 3B District Court Sobriety Court. Community Corrections oversees expenditures and programmatic functions of the court, as it pertains to State Court Administrator’s Office certification and grant funding. Under a grant from the Michigan Drug Court Grant Program, the program receives funding for legal defense, training, and program coordination.