

Kentucky Department
of Corrections

Reentry in Kentucky



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JUSTICE AND
PUBLIC SAFETY CABINET

KY DOC Mission Statement

To **protect** the citizens of the Commonwealth and to provide a safe, secure and humane environment for staff and offenders in carrying out the mandates of the legislative and judicial processes; and, to **provide opportunities** for offenders to acquire skills which facilitate non-criminal behavior.

KY DOC

Population Statistics

State Inmate Population – 19,141*

67% Prisons

33% Jails

Probation & Parole Population – 62,871
(48,840 active)*

Out of the 50 states, Kentucky is high in comparison for:

- Overall incarceration
- Female specific incarceration
- Current or previous incarcerated parents

14,730 releases in 2023

Prison – 3,142

Jail – 11,588

- RCC, EKCC & NTC most releases
- KSR & KCIW most challenging releases

Reentry Begins At Day 1

- ▶ Pre-Sentence Investigation Report (PSI)
- ▶ Orientation;
- ▶ Classification;
 - ▶ Proper housing; Work & program assignments; Custody Level;
- ▶ Medical, Dental & Mental Health Screening;
- ▶ Permanent Housing Assignment;
- ▶ Risk and Needs Assessment;
- ▶ Reentry Case Plan – Work/Program/Activity Assignments
- ▶ Release Preparation
- ▶ Community Supervision



Reentry is in ALL areas of the corrections system!

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Division of Reentry Services

**Established
February 1, 2018**

- 85 staff reporting to the same division
- Standardizing release processes
- Reentry training into basic academies
- Creation of events to disseminate information
- Cross cabinet & inter-departmental collaborations
- Enhancing and expanding programming opportunities
- Expanding resource offerings
- Conducting pilot programs
- Oversight contracted program partners
- Oversight DOC course catalogues

Division of Reentry Services

Regional Program Administrators

Director - Kristin Porter

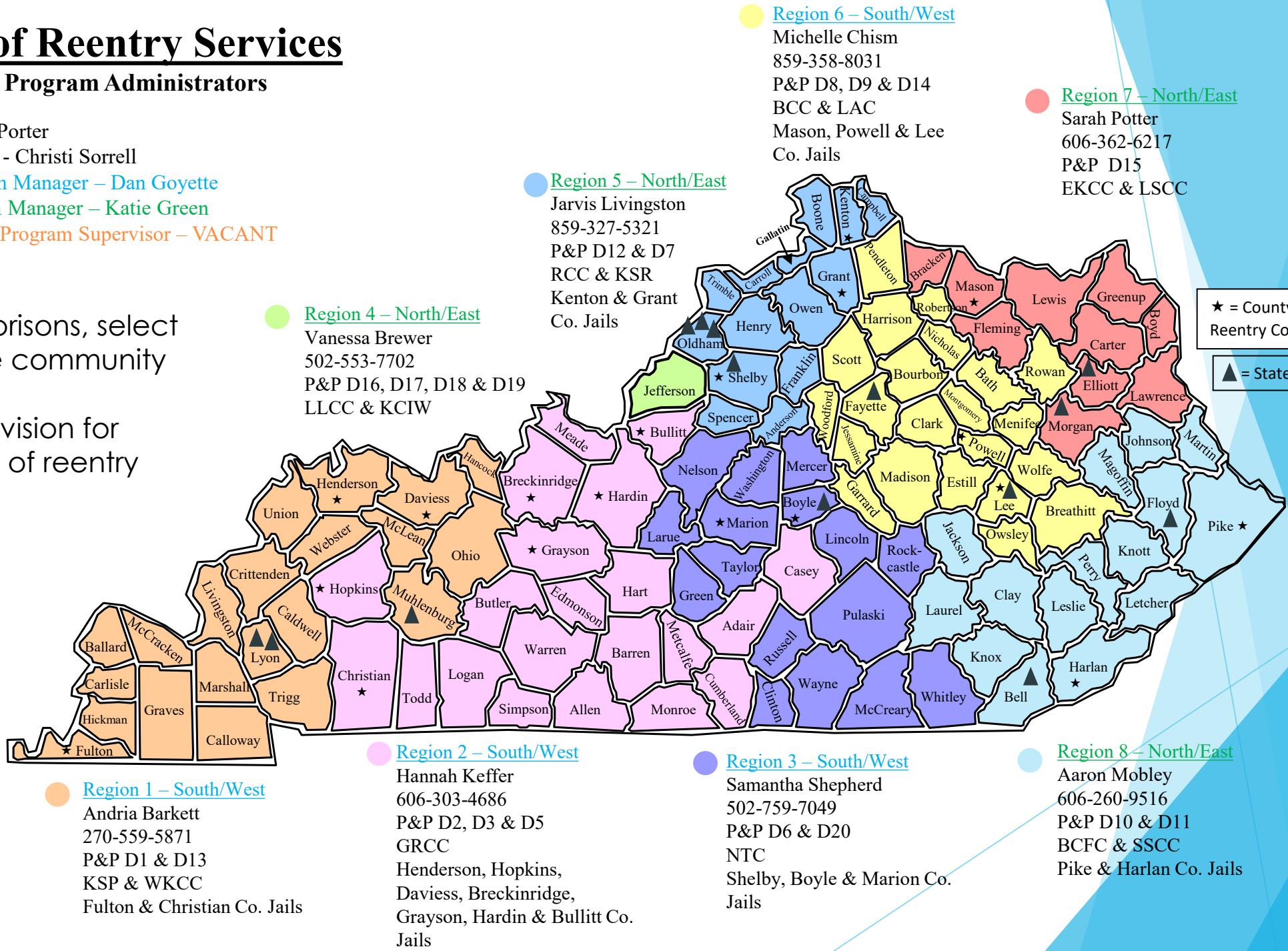
Assistant Director - Christi Sorrell

South/West Branch Manager – Dan Goyette

North/East Branch Manager – Katie Green

REPA/CO Justice Program Supervisor – VACANT

*85 Staff in prisons, select jails and the community reporting to the same division for consistency of reentry services.



What Do We Do?

- Community Resource Meetings
- Conduct Employment Assessments & Connect To Employment
- Education Employers on Second Chance Employment
- Community Education Referrals to Adult Ed
- Maintain Clothing Closets
- Maintain Food Pantries
- Facilitate Reentry Programming
 - In-Person & Virtual
- Monitor Certificate of Employability's
- Coordinate KyRAS Trainings
- Maintain DOC Course Catalogues
- Screen New DOC Programs For Consideration
- DOC Representative at Statewide Reentry Councils
- Community Reentry Services for P&P Offices (55 offices)
- Monitor Community Partners Facilitator Reentry Programming Process
- Release Planning for 14 prisons, 19 jails (SAP Program Only)
 - Coordinate Reentry Needs Checklist For All Releases
 - Home Placement
 - Birth Certificate
 - KY State ID
 - Social Security Card
 - Maintain Resource Centers
 - Coordinate Transportation For Release
 - Coordinate With VA for Veterans
 - Coordinate With MCO's for Medicaid
 - Open Hours For Inmate Reentry Questions
- Monitor Parole Board Hearings
- Host and/or Co-Host Events
 - Job and Resource Fairs
 - Expungement Sessions
 - Reentry Simulations
- Conduct Reentry Pilot Programs With Partners

Types of Programs in DOC

- ▶ Evidence Based - Programs are programs demonstrated by scientific research to reliably produce reductions in recidivism.
- ▶ Promising Practice - represents a program that may have some research or data showing positive outcomes but does not meet criteria as an Evidence Based program. Promising practices have a clear focus and includes processes of accountability and evaluation.
- ▶ Life Skills - Programs provide strategies to assist in removing barriers for successful reintegration and address skill areas including time management, money management, use of technology, communication, and social skills.
- ▶ Religious – means a program that does not have a secular purpose or a program, which has a curriculum that advances or inhibits specific religion(s) and does not qualify for program credit.

EMPLOYMENT

MASONRY

COMPUTER LITERACY

MRT ANGER MANAGEMENT

MRT

PORTAL NEW DIRECTIONS

SAP

BRIDGES

SOAR

GED

CHALLENGES

MALACHI DADS

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

MRT TRAUMA

STAR

MRT UNTANGLING RELATIONSHIPS

CHALLENGES

SOTP

AUTO TECH

RUBIES FOR LIFE

WELDING



Legislation: HB284 (2020) Program Approval Process

Any supervised individual on probation, probation with an alternative sentence, pre-trial diversion or conditional discharge shall receive credit on his or her sentence for:

- Successfully receiving a High School Equivalency Diploma or a high school diploma, a college degree, a completed vocational or technical education program, or a correspondence postsecondary education program which results in a diploma or degree;
- Successfully completing a drug treatment program, evidence-based program, or any other promising practice or life skills program approved by the department;
- Work-for-time credit, which shall be applied for any public employment, at the same rates as calculated pursuant to KRS 197.047.

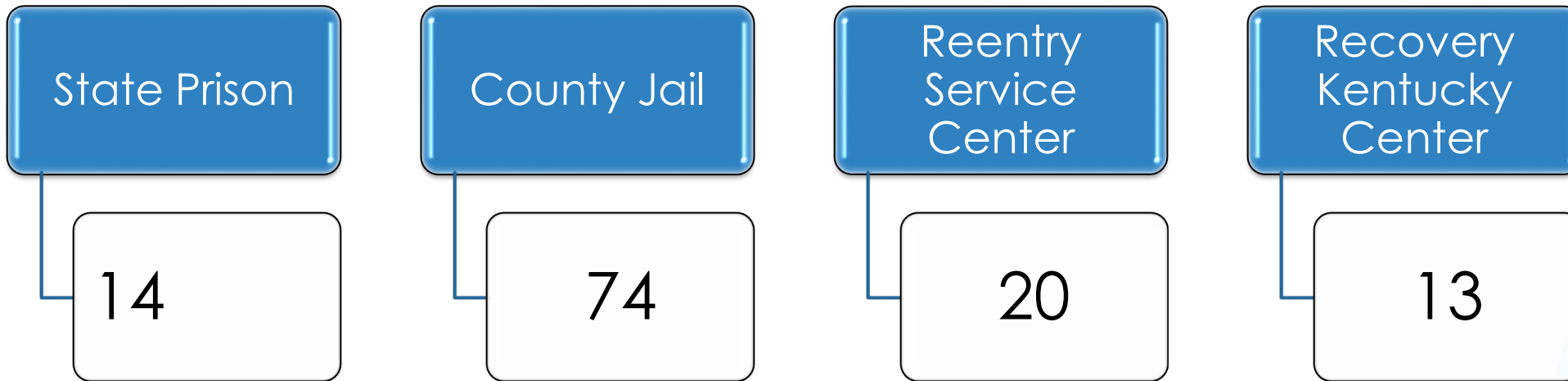
DOC Approved Community Programming Provider

- ▶ Licensed Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities
 - ▶ Evidence Based Curriculum
 - ▶ Staff Qualification Requirements
 - ▶ Non-Financial MOU with DOC
- ▶ Quality Assurance Completed by DOC
- ▶ Increase in Programming Opportunities
- ▶ Increase in Good Time Credit Awards

2017 DOC program completions = 6,845

2023 DOC program completions = 34,824

Where do releases come from out of DOC into the communities?



Release Preparation: Continuum of Care Post Release!

- Medications
- Mental Health & Medical Appointments
- Insurance Coordination
- Identification Documentation
- Resources
- Employment
- Transportation
- Education
- Clothing
- Programming
 - Education, Addiction, Life Skills, Behavioral Modification, Mental Health

Home placement priority is a supportive loved one, but as a back up there are housing options:

- Reentry Service Center (20)
 - Residential facilities in the local communities designed as a temporary home placement to help reintegrate clients back into society
- Recovery Kentucky Center (13)
 - Residential treatment facilities in the local communities that provide housing and substance abuse services to clients



Client Name:	DOC#	DOB:	Release Date/Type:	Name of Person Completing Form:	Date Checklist Started:
Potential Community Needs After Release	YES/NO	Steps Taken By DOC Staff for Release Preparation		Final Release Plan & Contact Information for Referrals	
Insurance					
Other Medical Healthcare Services					
Medication - Released with 30 days of medication <i>*If not medical must notate reason</i>					
		Med Staff Name:	Date:	Signature:	
Mental Health Services Mental Health Code: _____					
Home Placement					
Substance Use Disorder, MAT or Recovery Services					
Education Services					
Identification (State ID, Birth Certificate & SS Card)					
Transportation for time of release AND for after release in community					
Employment Assistance*					
<i>*If yes, place client in Employment Pipeline & Email REPA</i>					
Continuing Programming Recommendations					
Other: _____					
Assigned Community Reentry Coordinator Name & Number:		Assigned Community Employment Specialist Name & Number:	Status Check Noted in KOMS		
			90 Days		
			60 Days		
			30 Days		
Assigned Probation & Parole Officer Name & Number:		Assigned Community Social Service Clinician Name & Number:			

Checklist completed and discussed with client prior to release? Yes/No
If no, Why?

Completion Date:
Client Signature:

Final copy issued to client at release and placed electronically into KOMS

REENTRY NEEDS CHECKLIST

- ▶ Completed on all releases from KYDOC state prisons
- ▶ Coordination between KYDOC reentry, addiction services, medical, mental health, education and records
- ▶ Continuum of care upon release
- ▶ Uploaded into DOC offender management system and copy given to client upon release

Reentry Continues After Release

- ▶ Risk and Needs Assessment
- ▶ Reentry Case Plan
- ▶ Continuing Programming
 - ▶ SAP
 - ▶ Inpatient & Outpatient
 - ▶ Education
 - ▶ Reentry
 - ▶ In-Person & Virtual
- ▶ Client Portal Application
- ▶ Transportation Assistance
- ▶ Community Mental Health Centers
- ▶ Clothing Closets
- ▶ Food Pantries
- ▶ Reentry Organization Groups
- ▶ Faith Based Groups
- ▶ Reentry Councils
- ▶ Veteran's Assistance



Employment

▶ **Prison Industries Certification Program (PIECP) “PIE”**

- ▶ Program with outside sector employment partner to pay prevailing wages for services.
- ▶ Restoration Parts Unlimited Inc and KCIW
 - ▶ Sewing pieces to restore classic cars for the company.
 - ▶ Employees 10-15 offenders at KCIW
- ▶ Contribute to crime victim's fund.
- ▶ Pay reasonable room & board fee.
- ▶ Pay any other court ordered fees.
- ▶ Save funds for release.

▶ **Employment Interview Simulation Tablet Application**

- ▶ Available to all inmates in state prisons who have a tablet

▶ **Reentry Employment Program Administrators (REPA)**

- ▶ 80% Person Centered Assessments
- ▶ 20% Second Chance Employer Engagement

▶ **Employment Pipeline**

- ▶ Offender leaving state prison and continuing supervision with DOC who needs employment assistance upon release is placed in the pipeline.

▶ **Second Chance State Government Employment**

- ▶ Governor Beshear challenged all state govt. cabinets to be second chance employers.
 - ▶ Kentucky State Parks – 8 hired
 - ▶ Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 - ▶ Expansion to All State Government Cabinets

Reentry Division Events

Expungement Sessions

- Jointly hosted with AOC, DPA & P&P in communities
- No cost – free background check
- Attorneys present to provide direction on eligibility requirements and guidelines

58 held in 2023

Reentry Simulations

- Session simulates the first four weeks of release from prison for a person returning to the community
- Individualized real-life scenarios
- Held for internal DOC Staff, community members and organizations

35 held in 2023

Job & Resource Fairs

- Hosted in institutions and communities
- Resource tables
- Employer tables
- Pre-Release and community contacts both available

28 held in 2023

Collaborations

State ID's

Reentry and Department of Transportation – funded by KY Chamber Foundation & Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE)

Continuing Medical Treatment

HEP C and HIV in Jails

Narcan Distribution

Funded by Office of Drug Control Policy

Over 17,000 kits issued in 2023
6,264 issued in 2024

Medicaid 1115 Waiver Expansion with DMS

Transportation Vouchers

Reentry, Probation & Parole, Addiction Services and Department of Transportation – funded by Office of Drug Control Policy

Employment Pipeline & Jobs on Day One

Reentry, Education & Labor Cabinet and KY Chamber of Commerce

Union Pre Apprenticeship

Early 2025 Launch of Ironworkers & Painters Pre-Apprenticeship with Unions

Peer Recovery Coaches

Addiction Services and Voices of Hope

Technology Advancements

Reentry and Marquis Software

2 Mobile Applications

Vital Statistics

Birth Certificate Fee Waiver For Homeless Clients – KRS 213.141

Goodwill Aspire

Launched early 2024 at 7 prisons, 2 RSC's and in P&P

Second Chance KY Govt. Employment

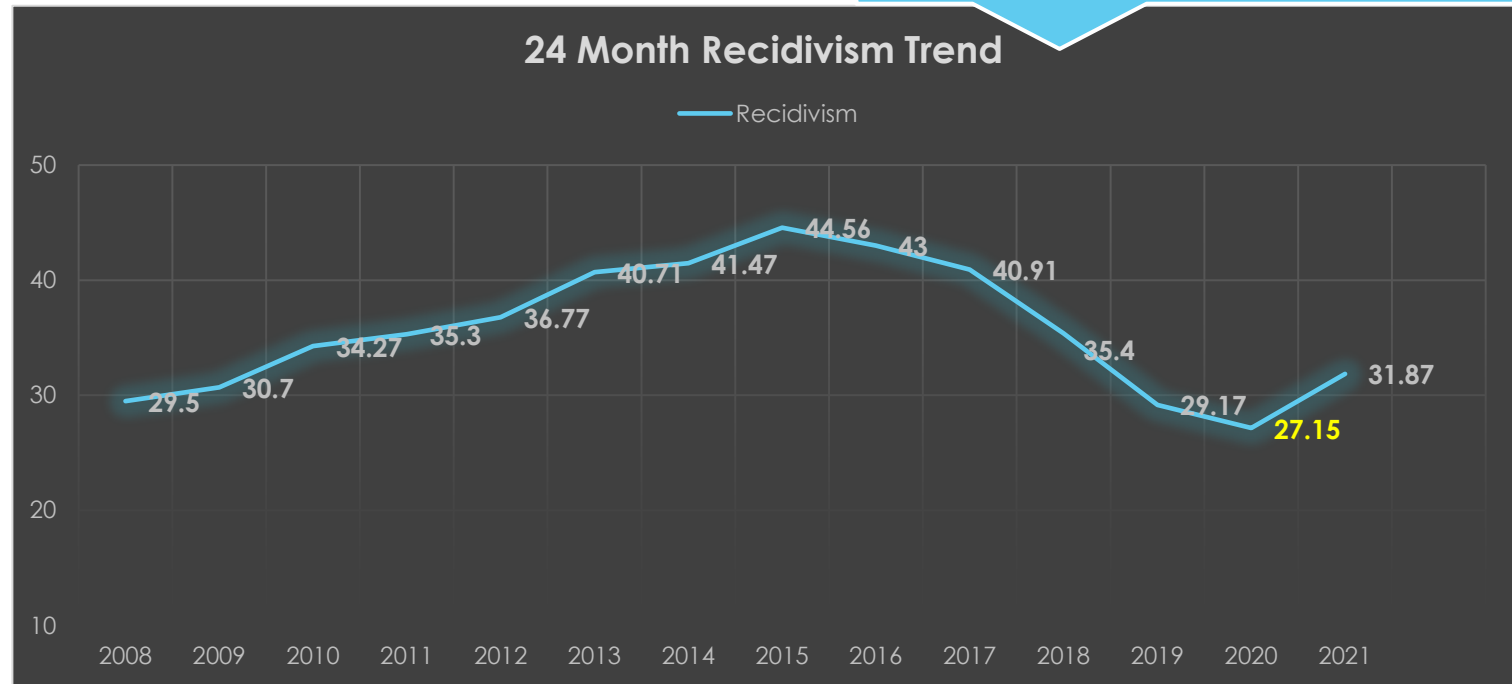
Active in All State Cabinets

Reduction in Recidivism

27.15%

Lowest in the history of the Commonwealth announced in 2023!

2021 recidivism shows the importance of services such as programming and resources because many of these services were paused in KYDOC & Jails during covid and recidivism increased.



Q & A

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