



# PRISONER REENTRY & RECIDIVISM

## House Judiciary Overview

# MISSION STATEMENT

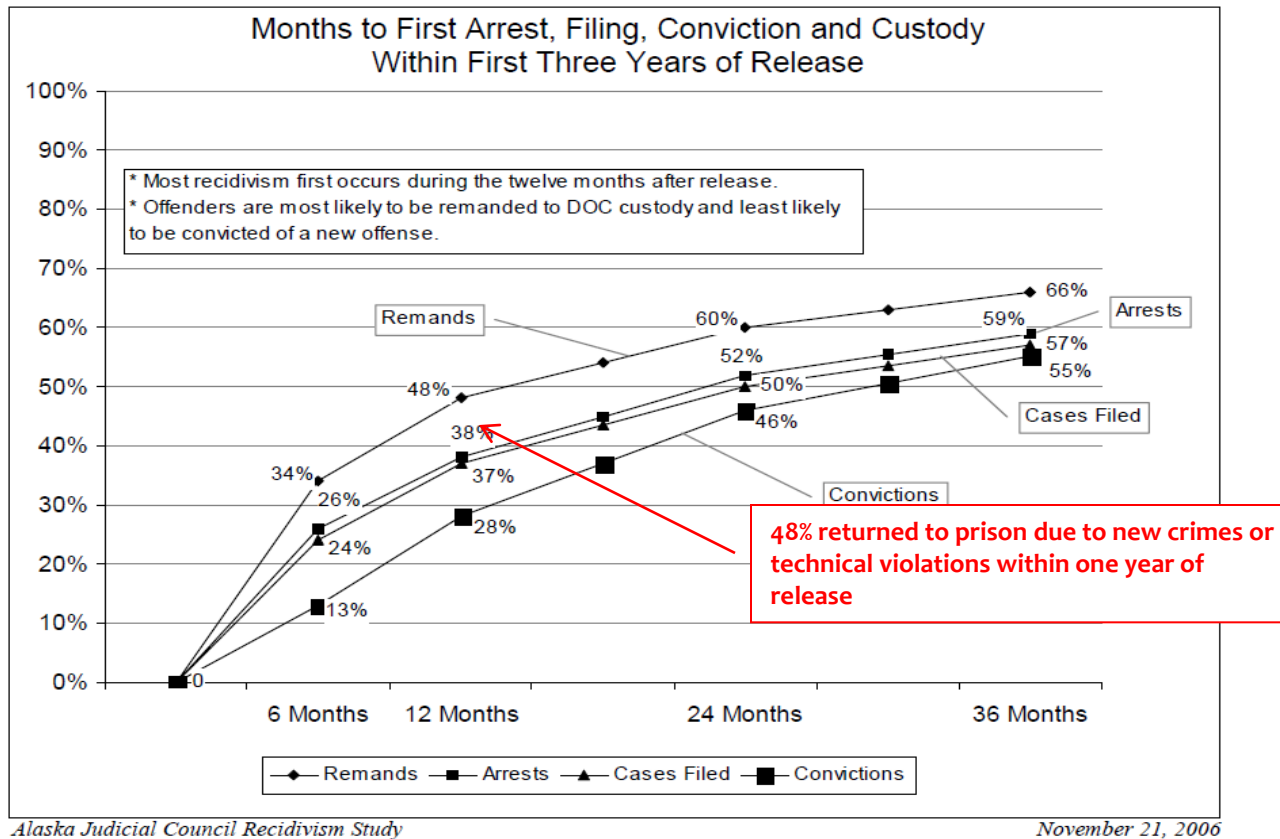
*The Alaska Department of Corrections provides secure confinement, reformatory programs, and **a process of supervised community reintegration** to enhance the safety of our communities.*

# GOALS

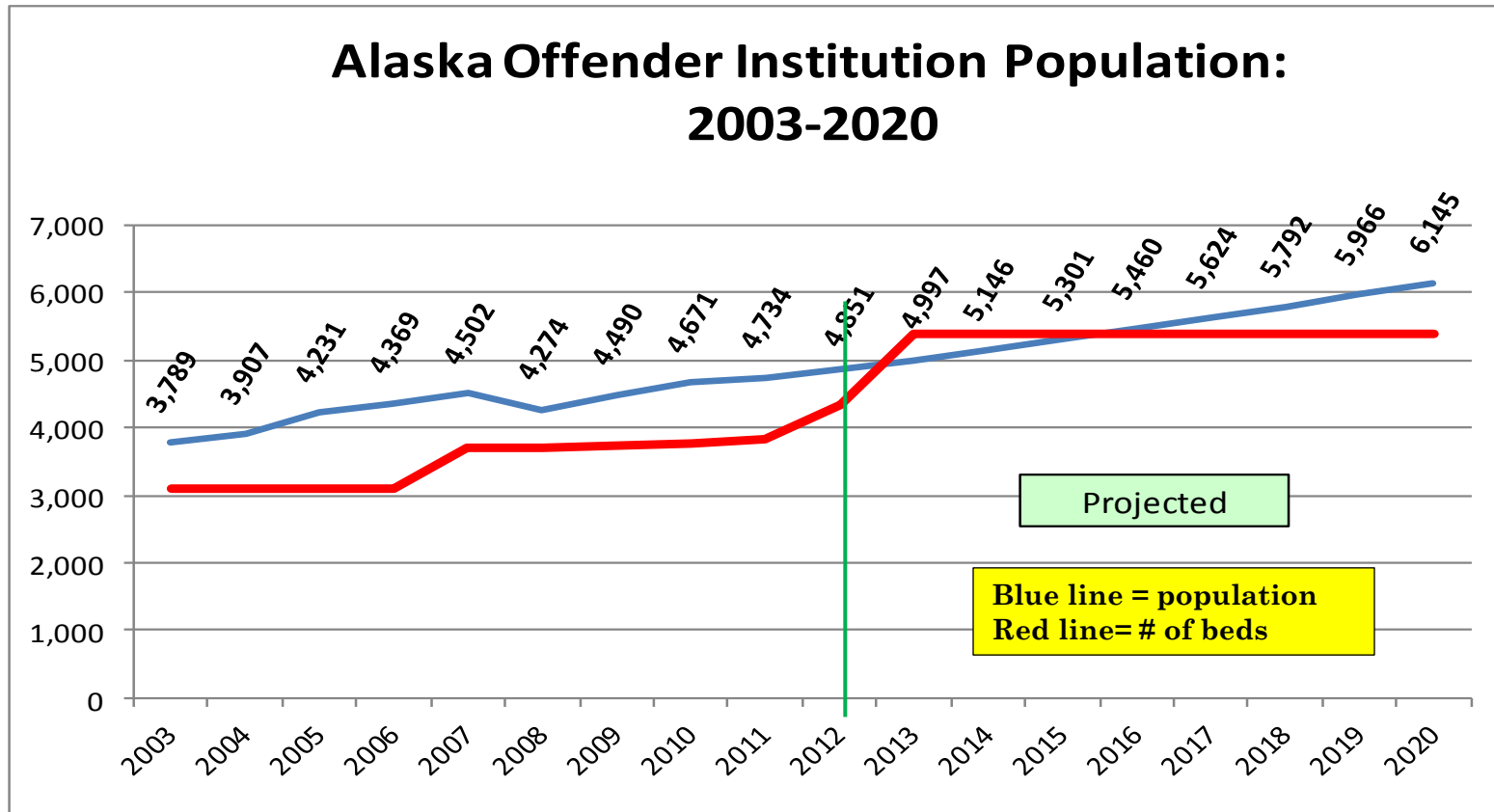
- Protect the public
- Reduce recidivism
- Delay the need for the construction of a new prison for sentenced offenders
- Ensure that incarcerated offenders spend their time in custody productively
- Work collaboratively with stakeholders to achieve these goals.

# ALASKA RECIDIVISM RATES

The Judicial Council established the release date for each offender in its sample, and then determined how many arrests, cases filed, convictions, and remands to custody the offender had at different times after that release date. This showed how soon after release the offender came into contact with the justice system.



# Institutional Inmate Population 2003 - 2020

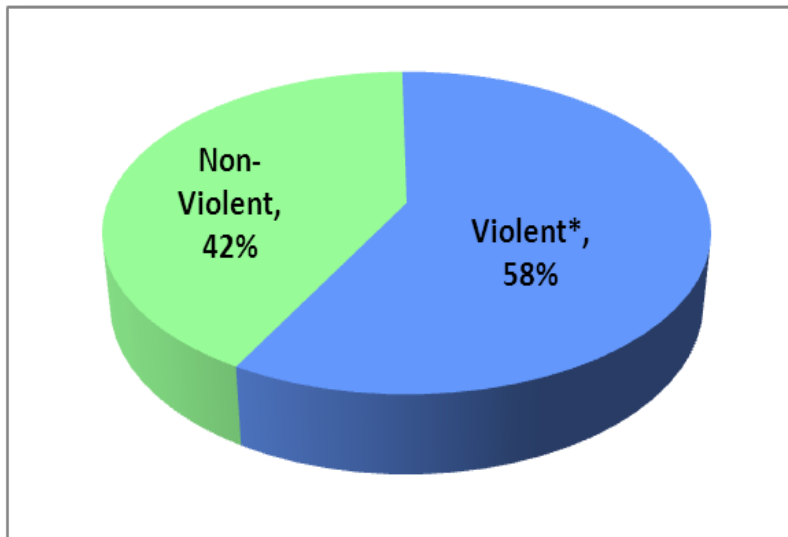


From 2003 to 2012, the annual average inmate population grew slightly less than 3% per year. Projections are based on a 3% growth rate. Based on this rate, inmate population is estimated to reach 6,145 by 2020.

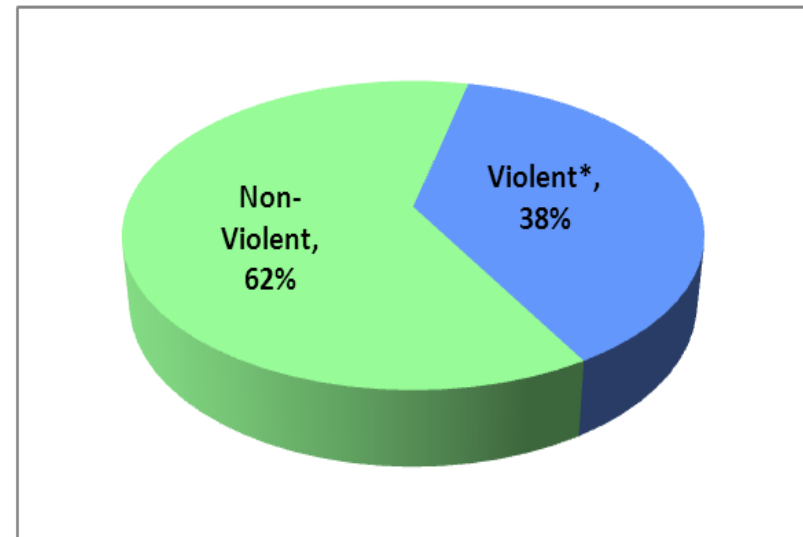
# INCREASING NON-VIOLENT POPULATION

- 62% inmates are incarcerated for non-violent crimes. Violent crimes include all crimes against a person, including registerable sex offenses.

**December 2002**

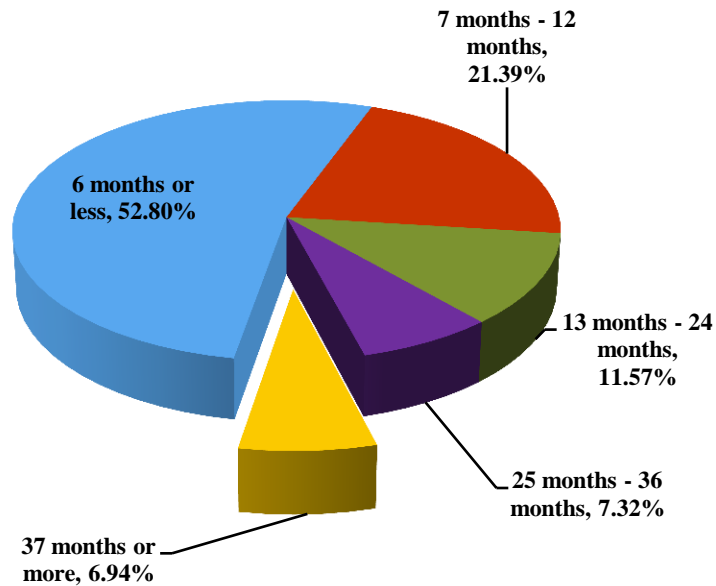


**December 2012**

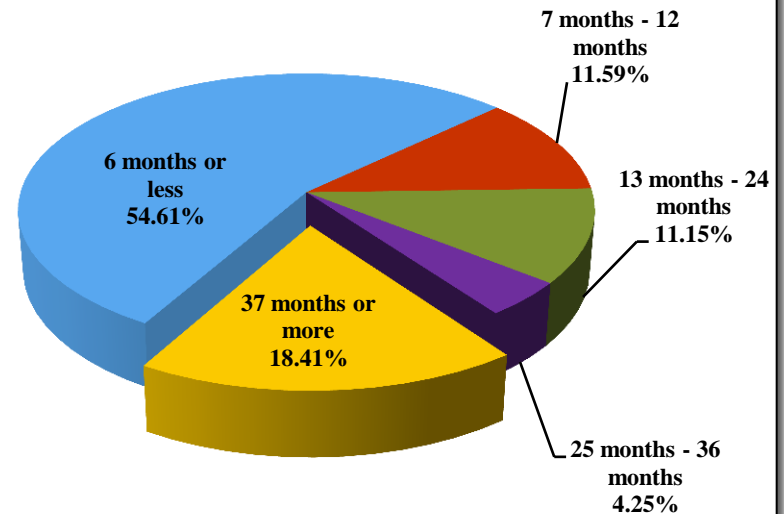


# LONGER LENGTH OF STAY

As of December 31, 2002



As of December 31, 2012



# THREE PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE CORRECTIONAL INTERVENTION

## Principles

## Description

### Risk Principle

Devote your time, energy and resources to moderate and high risk cases.

### Need Principle

Target the criminogenic needs of moderate and high risk offenders (i.e. the dynamic risk factors that, when changed, will change the probability of an offender's recidivism).

### Responsivity Principle

**General:** Design your efforts around behavioral and cognitive-behavioral techniques.

**Specific:** Tailor your efforts to the individual abilities (strengths), style, culture and personality of the client.



# FOCUSING ON BEHAVIOR CHANGE

## FROM

- Custody/ monitoring
- Agency isolation
- Unproven methods
- Measuring inputs
- Offender failure

## TO

- Behavior change
- Collaboration
- Using what works
- Measuring outcomes
- Offender success and improved public safety

# ASSESSING RISK

- DOC Classification Policies have been updated to emphasize behavioral incentives that encourage compliance with programming and other expectations.
- DOC Offender Reentry policy including an Offender Management Plan (OMP) provides a road map for the prisoner to determine what programs are needed and will provide a means of measuring a prisoner's readiness for reentry into the community.
- Probation & Parole has received technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC), and is in the process of modifying the current risk assessment protocols.

# CRIMINOGENIC FACTORS

- **Anti-social values/beliefs/cognition**

Reduce anti-social cognition, recognize risky thinking and feelings.

- **Anti-social companions**

Reduce association with criminals, enhance contact with pro-social peers.

- **Anti-social personality or temperament**

Build problem solving, self management, anger management, and skills for coping with restless/aggressive energy.

- **Family and/or marital**

Reduce conflict, build positive relationships and communication, enhance monitoring/supervision.

# CRIMINOGENIC FACTORS (CONTINUED)

- **Substance abuse**

Reduce usage, reduce the supports for abuse behavior, enhance alternatives to abuse.

- **Employment**

Provide employment seeking and keeping skills.

- **Education**

Enhance performance rewards and satisfaction.

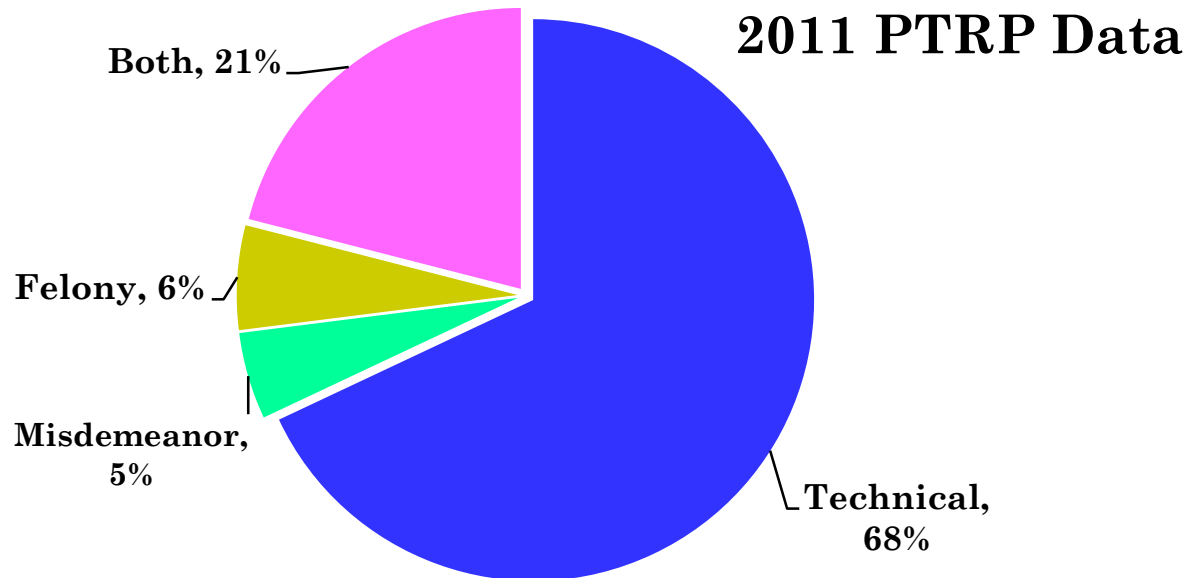
- **Leisure and/or recreation**

Enhance involvement and satisfaction in pro-social activities.

Sources: Adapted from Ed Latessa, University of Cincinnati/Gendreau and Andrews, 1990/PRI Effective Case Management Coaching Packet, CEPP, 2010

# HIGH PROBATION VIOLATIONS

- Jail admissions for probation violations increased from 1,641 in 2002 to 2,737 in 2011.
- Probation caseloads increased over 20% during the same time frame.
- In 2011, more than 50% of the 6,000 probationers had a Petition to Revoke Probation filed.



# REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS

Programs	Served FY12	Completed FY12
<b>Substance Abuse</b>		
○LSSAT	781	420
○RSAT	140	110
○Aftercare	270	106
<b>Education</b>		
○Adult Basic Ed/GED	970	251
○Vocational Ed	1,935	1,347
<b>Faith-Based Programs</b>		
○Faith-Based Programs	108	46

# Electronic Monitoring

# ELECTRONIC MONITORING

## **AS 33.30.065 *Service of sentence by electronic monitoring:***

Section (b): In determining whether to designate a prisoner to Electronic Monitoring the commissioner shall consider:

- (1) safeguards to the public;
- (2) the prospects for the prisoner's rehabilitation;
- (3) the availability of program and facility space;
- (4) the nature and circumstances of the offense for which the prisoner was sentenced or for which the prisoner is serving a period of temporary commitment;
- (5) the needs of the prisoner as determined by a classification committee and any recommendations made by the sentencing court;



(6) the record of convictions of the prisoner, with particular emphasis on crimes specified in AS 11.41 or crimes involving domestic violence;

(7) the use of drugs or alcohol by the prisoner; and

(8) other criteria considered appropriate by the commissioner.

- Currently 329 inmates are on electronic monitoring
- Locations – Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Kenai, Ketchikan, Palmer & Sitka.

# PACE

# Probationer Accountability with Certain Enforcement (PACE)

- Pilot program began in Anchorage Superior Court in July 2010. Expanded to Palmer, and misdemeanor DV program in Fairbanks.
- Provides swift, certain and proportionate sanctions to **70 high risk felony** probationers who had an established pattern of noncompliance with court ordered conditions of probation
- **Results:** Alaska Judicial Council 9/16/11 Preliminary Evaluation shows
  - PACE appears to be successful at reducing positive drug tests. 66% of the PACE probationers were free of any positive drug tests during their first three months on PACE.
  - In contrast, prior to their enrollment in PACE, only 20% of those probationers were free of positive drug tests.

# Prisoner Reentry Task Force

# PRISONER REENTRY TASK FORCE

- **Purpose** of the task force is to reduce Alaska's recidivism rate and thereby improve public safety and the overall health of Alaska's communities.
- **Workgroups**
  - Misdemeanor Workgroup
  - Substance Abuse Workgroup
  - Employment work group
- **Regional Reentry Coalitions**
  - Anchorage
  - Kenai
  - Mat-Su Valley
  - Dillingham
  - Juneau

# Goose Creek Correctional Center

# GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER

	FY 2014
Total Budgeted Staff	345
Inmate Capacity	1536

- Substance Abuse Services
  - 12-step recovery meetings
  - Life Success substance abuse treatment services (LSSAT)
  - Residential substance abuse treatment services (RSAT)
- Educational Services
  - Adult basic education (ABE)
  - Computer lab
  - General Education Diploma classes

- Post-secondary academic services
- English as a Second Language
- Mavis Beacon Typing
- Vocational Services
  - Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Safe Food Handler program
  - DOL Alaska Sea Food Worker Card
  - Computer Information and Office Systems Training
  - Microsoft Certification
  - Building Trades
  - KeyTrain and WorkKeys: DOL Testing quarterly
  - DOL Career Training and Support for Vocational Grants
  - NCCER: Introduction to construction trades
  - NCCER, Introduction to Welding



- Carpentry
- AMSEA marine survival and drill conductor training
- Confined space entry
- HAZWOPER certification
- Industrial Health and Safety
- Flagger certification
- Commercial Driver's License Coursework
- Pro-Social Education Services
  - Parenting Classes
  - Criminal Attitudes Program
  - Alaska Reentry Course

- Chaplaincy Services
  - Transformational Living Community
  - Chaplaincy core services
  - Kairos
  - MentorNet
- Mental Health Services
- Sex Offender Services
  - Sex offender assessments