



May 8, 2023

The Honorable Neal Foster  
Chair, House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
State Capitol Bldg. Room 511  
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Dear Chair Foster,

This letter serves as the Department of Corrections' (DOC) written response to questions asked during the House Finance Committee hearing held on HB 66 Controlled Substance; Homicide; Good Time Deduction. The DOC responses are as follows:

- *How many offenders are currently incarcerated under drug convictions?*

As of May 1, 2023 there were 96 persons incarcerated within DOC with the highest conviction being a MICS 1 thru MICS 5. This is broken out as follows:

- One person incarcerated under MICS 1
- Four persons incarcerated under MICS 2
- 22 persons incarcerated under MICS 3
- 24 persons incarcerated under MICS 4
- 45 persons incarcerated under MICS 5

- *How many offenders are incarcerated annually with a drug conviction?*

The following graph shows the annual number of persons incarcerated with a conviction of a MICS 1 thru MICS 6 that were incarcerated within a DOC facility:

	CY 2023	CY 2022	CY 2021	CY 2020
MISC 1	1	1	1	0
MISC 2	4	18	21	38
MISC 3	22	46	38	33
MISC 4	24	74	96	120
MISC 5	45	186	208	135
MISC 6	0	0	2	5
Total Annual Convictions :	96	325	366	331

- *How many drug offenders receive good time?*

Currently, anyone convicted and sentenced under a MICS 1 thru MICS 6 receive good time consisting of a credit of 1/3 of their total sentence length.

- *What is the number of persons incarcerated with a Substance Abuse disorder?*

DOC follows two different processes when assessing the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needs of the offender population.

The initial process happens during the booking process where a series of questions are asked related to an individual's substance use. Although this does not provide an actual diagnosis, it helps staff to prioritize this population and proactively reach out to and determine if additional services are required. This process shows that approximately 50 percent of all individuals entering DOC self-report some sort of substance use.

The second part of the process is to formally screen and assess individuals for a substance use disorder. These individuals are either self-referrals, staff referrals or outside agency referrals. Year to date, DOC has screened approximately 1,127 individuals for a substance use disorder. Of these, approximately 1,000 meet diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder or approximately 88 of the people who are formally assessed are diagnosed with a substance use disorder within the DOC.

- *What are the total Substance Abuse Program costs?*

The total costs associated with the Substance Abuse Program have historically been sufficient for the incarcerated population and vendor availability. The Substance Abuse Treatment 5-year budget is:

<b>FY2024 Gov Amnd.</b>	<b>FY2023 Mgt. Plan</b>	<b>FY2022 Mgt. Plan</b>	<b>FY2021 Mgt. Plan</b>	<b>FY2020 Mgt. Plan</b>
\$5,826.8	\$5,693.7	\$5,697.8	\$5,662.0	\$5,584.7

- *What Substance Abuse Programs are available in the Institutions?*

The DOC offers substance abuse programming both within the facilities as well as in the Community. This includes both residential and outpatient services depending on the offenders needs. A detailed listing of treatment services is located at: [ADOC Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.adoc.alaska.gov/substance-use-disorder/treatment-services).

Additionally, the Department makes every effort to engage volunteers in the provision of NA/AA groups. Volunteers are currently meeting with individuals at the following locations which includes both facilities and community corrections locations.

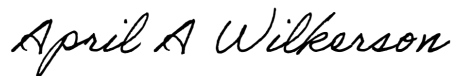
- Anchorage Correctional Complex
- Anvil Mountain Correction Center
- Goose Creek Correctional Center
- Mat-Su Pretrial
- Hiland Mountain Correctional Center
- Spring Creek Correctional Center
- Wildwood Correctional Center
- Yukon Kuskokwim Correctional Center
- Community Residential Centers:
  - Cordova Center (Anchorage)
  - Parkview Center (Anchorage)
  - Midtown Center (Anchorage)
  - Seaside Center (Nome)

These services are based on availability of volunteers within the communities the facilities are located. We continue to make every effort in partnering with statewide NA/AA representatives to build additional resources at other facilities throughout the state.

Additional information on available programs offered can be found at:  
[Health & Rehabilitation Services | Alaska Department of Corrections](#)

Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Corrections.

Sincerely,



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