



## Proposal Element 2: PROBLEM/NEED DATA

1. TDCJ-CJAD planning staff will gather additional problem/need data from the MCSCR, Offender Profile Data, and CSTS to establish need.
2. Indicate Historic/Programmatic Information that substantiates your jurisdiction's need for this program.

The Travis County State Jail opened in March 1997. Early after its opening, it became apparent that offenders on community supervision could benefit from the involvement of a community supervision officer to ensure that offenders were assigned to appropriate services and programming in the facility. Coordination was also needed to ensure that transitional plans made at the facility were included on the conditions of community supervision. The Community Supervision Officer assigned to the State Jail Facility acts as a liaison with the facility, and other criminal justice agencies on issues related to offenders sentenced to the facility. To further enhance coordination of service delivery for offenders, the State Jail CSO is part of the Substance Abuse Field Unit to facilitate access to Substance Abuse services. As the Modified Therapeutic Treatment Program within the facility was closed in fiscal year 2004, the Department's involvement in assessing needs and providing support for offenders is critically important.

3. What **other services**, that meet this need, are available to the offender in this jurisdiction?

While incarcerated in the State Jail, confinees do not participate in other CSCD programming, which is designed for offenders in the community. The facility staff work with other community agencies to provide programs such as employment services and emergency housing for offenders. Those offenders, who are also on community supervision as a condition of their State Jail sentence are assisted by the State Jail Community Supervision Officer in making the transition to the community. Many of the State Jail offenders are sentenced on substance abuse related offenses. Therefore, relapse support and aftercare services are needed for this population. Once released from custody, offenders are referred to MHMR, TAIP or DSHS funded substance abuse treatment and housing.

## Proposal Element 3: TARGET POPULATION

Please note that the Target Population element does not require narrative description. TDCJ-CJAD staff will gather additional information from the MCSCR, Offender Profile Data, and CSTS.

- a.  Felony only     Misdemeanor only     Both
- b.  Male only     Female only     Both
- c. Age restriction?     No     Yes  
If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Offense-related characteristics or exclusions All offenders must be sentenced under the State Jail statute.
- e. Are participant referrals accepted from outside your jurisdiction?     No     Yes  
If yes, what proportion are from other jurisdictions \_\_\_\_\_ %.
- f. Is this program designed to serve any specific cultural, ethnic, or gender group?

No       Yes

If yes, please identify and cite proportions, if applicable. \_\_\_\_\_

g. Is this program designed to serve MHMR participants?       No     Yes

h. Are participants who are not on community supervision accepted in this program? (e.g. pre-trial, jail inmates, state jail confinees, family members, or others)       No     Yes

If yes, please identify.    State Jail confinees may or may not be on Community Supervision while participating in this program.

i. Do participants meet specifications in TX Government Code §76.017 Treatment Alternative to Incarceration Program (TAIP)? {This applies to **TAIP** programs **ONLY**}     No       Yes     N/A

## **Proposal Element 4: PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND PROCESS**

### **REQUIRED STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

The Courts of Travis County have utilized the Travis County State Jail for certain fourth degree felons since 1997. The potential population to be served by this program include all of these offenders and other State Jail felons sentenced to serve time as a sanction for probation non-compliance. The State Jail Specialized Caseload is designed to address criminogenic needs of offenders such as criminal thinking errors, education, and employment and substance abuse needs, if applicable.

The officer assigned to the State Jail Facility serves as liaison to the Courts and the Department concerning state jail issues and programming. This officer monitors and interviews offenders and assists with making transitional plans for offenders. This officer is housed in the Substance Abuse Unit.

When the State Jail CSO receives a case from the field or Court Services, the case is reviewed for CSCD compliance standards. The State Jail CSO meets with the offender to review their conditions of community supervision and to set a reporting date to meet their supervising CSO. Confinees may participate in education classes, Changes Pre-Release Program (Life skills), and 12 Step meetings.

The State Jail CSO staffs cases with the Supervising Community Supervision Manager prior to the release of a State Jail Facility Confinee as needed. The defendant's terms of Community Supervision are often amended prior to release to request placement on Specialized Caseloads, and to add other programs that could benefit the defendant's continued rehabilitative efforts. Documentation of offender compliance to conditions of supervision is completed by the supervising CSO.

Upon release from the State Jail Facility, the State Jail CSO may supervise ex-Confinees for one to three months until they are transferred to an appropriate caseload. This could be a regular field caseload or a specialized caseload based on offender need. Re-integration services will be coordinated by the CSO as needed. The reporting requirements of these offenders are two office visits, and one field visit per month.

Unsuccessful discharge from the caseload will be defined as a subsequent offense leading to revocation or absconding. Non-compliance with administrative conditions which are indicative of needing additional services in the Department's continuum of sanction will not result in an unsuccessful discharge.

#### **Responsivity**

This program recognizes the principles of responsivity in developing and implementing the program design. Responsivity issues are initially addressed during the screening/placement process. When appropriate, staff assignment will include the offender being matched with a CSO/Counselor/designated staff whose characteristics would be most effective in establishing rapport with the offender. All direct service staff will receive special needs population training to enhance responsivity and ensure effective service delivery. Additionally, staff will be trained in motivational enhancement techniques.

#### **Tracking**

On an annual basis, the Department will track program outputs and monitor outcomes to assess utilization of services and supervision activities.

#### **SOP**

Existing SOPs are on file and available for review.

## REFERRAL PROCESS

Court Ordered

Assessment Process

Self Referral

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARTICIPANT ACTIVITIES

Most offenders are sentenced to the State Jail facility for a period of 90-180 days. While housed at the State Jail, offenders may participate in programming such as Education Classes and 12 Step Meetings. When preparing for discharge from the facility, confinees may attend a resource fair which is held monthly by community providers who present information on housing, employment resources, and substance abuse treatment. It is anticipated that many of these offenders will need to complete an assessment for appropriate substance abuse treatment or need to be referred to such treatment upon their release. Officers will be referring these offenders to appropriate community resources for housing and employment resources and Department cognitive and GED classes as needed. After staffing, certain offenders will be supervised by the State Jail Community Supervision Officer for up to three months of supervision upon their release. If additional intensive supervision is needed, the State Jail CSO may amend the offender's conditions for a specialized caseload.

## CHOICE OF PROGRAM DESIGN

Reintegration into society programs that provide job skills, interviewing techniques, job placement, housing, etc. have been instrumental in helping the offender population integrate successfully back into the community.

According to the National Institute of Justice's publication, *Successful Job Placement for Ex-Offenders*, many newly released offenders have difficulty reintegrating into society. The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) in New York City is one of the many programs that help ex-offenders prepare for, find and keep jobs. The program has helped about 70 percent of its participants find full-time employment within 2 to 3 months, with most jobs paying more than minimum wage and providing fringe benefits. The program provides participants with structure and activity. They instill good work habits and prepare the participant for full time employment. Life skill educators also help participants secure childcare, housing and clothing and other documents needed to reintegrate.

The publication indicates that a 1992 study of Project Rio—a statewide program run by the Texas Workforce Commission that provides job placement services to more than 15,000 parolees each year—found that after 1 year, 69 percent of program participants had secured employment, compared with only 36 percent of a group of parolees who did not enroll in Project RIO. Furthermore, during the year after release, 48 percent of high-risk RIO participants were re-arrested, compared with 57 percent of nonparticipating high-risk parolees; 23 percent of the RIO participants were reincarcerated, compared with 38 percent of non-participants. Although parolees in the study were not assigned randomly to control and treatment groups, the two groups of ex-offenders studied had similar demographic characteristics and risks of re-offending. State Jail confinees manifest the same needs as Parolees referenced in the Project Rio study and can benefit from re-integration planning and services.

## PROGRAM STAFF AND PROGRAM STAFF ACTIVITIES

1. Staff (Title): Senior Community Supervision Officer

Process Activities: Assists with supervision of CSOs, audits files and violation reports, in addition to maintaining a supervision caseload.

2. Staff (Title) Community Supervision Officer

Process activities: Interviews offenders sentenced to the facility; Assists with making recommendations to facility staff and the Courts concerning Confinees' needs; amends conditions; and assists with transitional planning for offenders.

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM DATA

Please indicate that program design and/or staff training includes sensitivity to gender, race, ethnicity, culture and differing physical abilities.  YES

### Proposal Element 5. PROGRAM MILESTONES

Is this a new program?  No  Yes

If yes, please complete milestones chart. **If no, this element is optional. Do not insert if chart is blank.**

**PROJECTED PROGRAM OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES FOR FY 2006 - 2007**

**DATA FORM**

Program Title: State Jail Specialized Caseload

Chief CSCD County: Travis

Program Code: SCP O

Facility Category: NA

Data Contact Person: Lila Oshatz

Projected Number to be served: 65

General Instructions: The purpose of this form is to provide projections for services that will be provided with funding obtained from the program proposal. Provide projections for the applicable information for the services offered to participants during the funding cycle. Only include services that will be paid for from the program proposal award. Do not include referrals or other services that will be provided to program participants outside the program proposal. Complete a separate form for each program code that was listed on the CSCDP Cover Sheet. Please provide counts, not percents, and make sure all blanks are filled. Answer with "N/A" if not applicable.

**A. Group/Individual Counseling**

Number of Participants

NA

**B. Urinalysis Tests**

Number of Individuals Tested

NA-See Program Services Proposal

**C. Academic Education Services**

Number of Participants

NA

Number Mandated by CCP 42.12 Sec. 11(g)

NA

Number of GEDs obtained

NA

**D. Electronic Monitoring**

Number of Participants

NA

**E. Cognitive Training/Cognitive Behavioral**

Number of Participants

20

**F. Substance Abuse Education**

Number of Participants

NA

**G. Employment Services**

Number of Participants

NA

Number who secured employment for 3 days or longer

NA

**H. Victim Services**

Number of Victims Served

NA

Number of Victim-Impact panels held

NA

Number of Victim-Offender mediations completed

NA

**Outcomes – Successful Program Completion**

Number of participants successfully completing the program

55

Date: March 1, 2005