

13th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia,
Dallas, Ouachita and Union
Counties

Smarter Sentencing

- Atlanta trip
- Governor Beebe, Chief Justice, Pew
- One division in Union, changed to two divisions, changed to Union and Columbia, now adding Ouachita
- Stakeholders varied (SAU, SAU Tech, SouthArk, South Arkansas Regional Health Center, South Arkansas Substance Abuse, law enforcement agencies, etc.

Smarter Sentencing

- Several meetings to set guidelines, who was eligible, disciplinary grid, sanctions
- Began implementing Jan. 1, 2011
- The goal is to reduce recidivism by 25%
- Why do we think this will work better than the old way?
- Evidence based/Science based/criminogenic needs

Criminogenic needs

- 1. Anti-social behavior
- 2. Companions
- 3. Temperment
- 4. Family issues/support

Criminogenic needs

- 5. Substance abuse
- 6. Employment
- 7. Education
- 8. Leisure time

Criminogenic needs

- 9. Mental illness
- 10. Low self esteem
- 11. Personal distress
- 12. Health
- 13. Intelligence

SSP Eligibility

- Tier IA, IB, II, III
- Veto/risk needs test
- Exclude serious violent felonies, sex crimes, violence against children, the elderly and the handicapped.

Sanctions

- Must be swift, sure and certain
- Graduated scale, may begin with community service, then a day in jail, then more jail, then possible kicked out all together

Graduation

- Most will have their pleas withdrawn, or records expunged.
- Much effort is being given to keeping statistics, because if it doesn't work we need to change it or do something else.

Results through 8 months

- 5.3% recidivism rate
- 35% to 45% drop in risk/needs assessment test upon retest
- 98% of participants testing positive on first drug screen

2011 SSP Results

- 3.2% recidivism rate among 218 participants
- 3.1% for 162 participants in Union County
- 3.5% for 56 participants in Columbia County

2011 Results

- Pew Foundation statistics show that the recidivism rate for offenders on supervision is 58%
- Union County recidivism rate was 57% in 2010

2011 SSP Results

- The 2011 total recidivism rate for Union County was 16.9%
- That is a 71% reduction from 2010

2011 SSP Results

- The recidivism rate for SSP participants fell 95% in 2011

2011 SSP Results

- Union County had 210 ADC or CCC placements in 2010.
- In 2011 that figure fell 40% to 126.

- Columbia County had 69 ADC or CCC placements in 2010.
- In 2011 that figure fell 64% to 25.

2011 SSP Results

- Between both counties there was a reduction in ADC/CCC placements of 128 people. That is a 46% decrease from 2010.
- That is a savings to the state of \$2,762,086

2011 SSP Results

- Union County placed 266 people on probation in 2010
- 145 people on probation in 2011

- Columbia County placed 104 people on probation in 2010
- 25 people on probation in 2011

2011 SSP Results

- That is a total reduction of 200 less people on probation and a 54% reduction

2011 SSP Results

**UNION COUNTY IS THE
16th LARGEST COUNTY
IN THE STATE AND
COLUMBIA COUNTY IS
29TH**

2011 SSP Results

- The cost to the state for back up jail costs has fallen at least 50%:
 - Union County
 - FY10 - \$118,000
 - FY11 - \$59,000
 - FY12 (half) - \$8,000

2011 SSP Results

- Columbia County
- FY10 \$27,440
- FY11 \$4,704
- FY12 \$6,244

2011 SSP Results

- Upon entrance to SSP 98% tested positive on their first drug screen for an illegal substance
- Within two months of graduation there have been zero positive tests
- The compliance rate for all testing for drug and alcohol is 93.4%

2011 SSP Results

- A 23% increase in adult education (GED), work force certificates and career readiness certificates
- Employment among participants increased from 41% to 69%
- Compliance to supervision is 98%

Results through mid-2012

- Recidivism rate is 2.7% for all 415 participants since January 1, 2011.
- 51% unemployment rate for participants entering SSP
- 76% employment rate for participants after six months