

SD DOC ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2012



Our Mission: To protect the citizens of South Dakota by providing safe and secure facilities for juveniles and adult offenders committed to our custody by the courts, to provide effective community supervision to offenders upon their release and to utilize evidence-based practices to maximize opportunities for rehabilitation.

Our Vision: A national leader in corrections that enhances public safety by employing evidence-based practices to maximize the rehabilitation of offenders.

Our Values: We value our staff as our greatest asset.

We value a safe environment for staff and offenders.

We value community support and collaboration.

We value public trust in the operation of our department.

We value the use of evidence-based practices to maximize offender rehabilitation.

We value diversity and the respect for all individuals.

We value professionalism, teamwork and the highest standard of ethics.

We value investment in our staff through training in sound correctional practice and through the provision of opportunities for development and career advancement.

Greetings,

As we reflect on Fiscal Year 2012, we have faced a number of challenges.

In July 2011, we were faced with the murder of Maybelle Schein in her home in Sioux Falls. James McVay was arrested for her murder and is awaiting sentencing. McVay was in our Community Transition Program and had walked away from Unit C, a minimum facility on our Sioux Falls campus. The Department of Corrections took a comprehensive review of the tragedy and we focused on high risk releases. Of the inmates in our adult facilities, approximately 95% will be released at some point, either through programmed release to parole, discretionary release to parole, or when they flat their sentence. The other 5 percent are serving life. Although McVay had a non-violent history, our review took a global view of offenders that leave our facilities.



There are offenders who do not take advantage of the programming, treatment, education and vocational training opportunities offered as inmates approach the end of their sentences. Many have poor disciplinary records and have spent considerable time in the Special Housing Unit. These factors, as well as other factors identified through risk instruments, determine whether an offender is deemed high risk.

With the hard work of a number of DOC employees, we have completed a High Risk Release Policy which helps us identify these high risk offenders. We have also developed procedures in the policy to notify Law Enforcement and at times the news media when a high risk offender is being released from prison. The High Risk Release Policy can be found on our web site.

Work continued on the Comprehensive Offender Management System (COMS) on our adult side. Kim Edson has worked diligently with the assistance of many DOC employees, and we are scheduled to go live with COMS in February 2013. This will be an exciting time as our old system is very limited and we have been holding our breath that it will continue working through the conversion.

The Department of Corrections celebrated the opening on our new minimum unit in Rapid City on May 22, 2012. It was the culmination of great planning and a well executed construction project. This facility allows us to transition offenders back to the Rapid City region, closer to their families and permanent employment.

The population of juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections continues to go down. Whether they are placed at Star Academy or with our partners in private placements, we are seeing the fruits of our labors. The aftercare numbers also continue to decline, which gives us hope that more of our youthful offenders can find treatment and assistance in their respective communities.

I am also very proud of the work to implement the Correctional Program Assessment Inventory (CPAI) in agencies that provide services to our youthful offenders. CPAI is a tool to measure how closely a program meets the known principles of effective intervention in evaluating private placement programs. This will take us several years to implement fully; however, the benefits will be more immediate.

Please spend some time in the Staff Accolades section of this document as it highlights DOC employees being honored for the incredible work they do. I am very proud of these individuals and the whole DOC Team.

It continues to be an honor to lead the Department of Corrections. I look forward to the challenges that lay before us.

Goals in FY 2013:

- Governor Dugaard and Chief Justice Gilbertson launched the Criminal Justice Initiative with the assistance of the PEW Foundation and a work group of very talented individuals from across South Dakota to look at the rising offender population in our adult facilities. There will be many aspects to this project, and I believe it will have a major impact on the prison and parole population and will reduce the number of individuals who will return to prison. This will involve considerable effort on our part in 2013, but we will truly see the benefits in the years to come.
- New rules were handed down from the federal government in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. Implementation will take a considerable amount of resources on the adult and juvenile sides.
- We are beginning an in-depth study of our Special Housing Unit to include Administrative and Disciplinary Segregation.

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FISCAL YEAR 2012 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The Department of Corrections dedicated the permanent minimum-security unit portion of the Black Hills Correctional Transition Center May 22, 2012. An Open House was held, including public tours of the new facility at 2725 Creek Drive in Rapid City.

Among the featured speakers at the dedication ceremony were Governor Dennis Daugaard, Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk, former Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch and State Senator Craig Tieszen of Rapid City.

The first inmates moved into the housing unit on May 31, 2012.

The capacity of the new unit is 416 inmates, more than four times the capacity of the temporary unit nearby.



The Training Academy at the South Dakota State Penitentiary was named in honor of Senior Correctional Officer Ronald "RJ" Johnson on April 12, 2012, the one-year anniversary of his death. More than 250 people attended the dedication ceremony.

DOC staff members raised money to pay for refurbishing the building. A portrait of Johnson painted by an inmate hangs in the lobby of the building.

Ronald Johnson's name was added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C., which commemorates those in the law enforcement field who have died in the line of duty.

An estimated 20,000 people, including Johnson's family and DOC staff members, attended National Police Week services in the nation's capital May 12-15, including a candlelight vigil at the memorial site on May 13, 2012.

Carved on the two curving, 304-foot-long blue-gray marble walls of the Memorial are more than 19,000 names of officers who have been killed in the line of duty, dating back to the first known fallen law enforcement officer in 1791.

DOC Honor Guard members Jon Dalen, Hunter Summers, Brad Woodward and Tom Lais assisted with various duties at the Memorial site throughout the week, including guarding the national memorial wreath and serving as part of the Honor Guard cordon and stage backdrop during the candlelight vigil ceremony.



President Barack Obama was the keynote speaker for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol on May 15, 2012.



Three inmates were sentenced for their role in Johnson's murder. Inmates Eric Robert and Rodney Berget both pleaded guilty to 1st degree murder, waived their right to have a jury determine their sentence and requested that a Circuit Court Judge sentence them to death. Judge Brad Zell ruled that prosecutors proved beyond a reasonable doubt the existence of one or more statutorily defined aggravating factors and issued a warrant of death sentence and execution for both inmates.

Inmate Michael Nordman pleaded guilty to providing a weapon to Robert and Berget for use in the murder. Nordman was sentenced to life in prison.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Governor Dennis Daugaard directed the DOC to request technical assistance from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) for an independent evaluation of the department's response to the incident and the state's prison policies, procedures and training.

The NIC review included a comprehensive tour of the State Penitentiary, staff interviews, observation of institutional activities and operations, examination of documents, a variety of simulations and daily out-briefings with staff. NIC consultants found that the changes made were "consistent with good security practices and in keeping with response to the incident."

The NIC issued a report on the response of the DOC to Johnson's murder. NIC recommended a review of all maximum-custody inmates assigned to the general population at the Penitentiary, an evaluation of inmate employment based on risk level, implementing an Incident Command System specifically for corrections, enhanced staff safety training and making additional posts in Prison Industries permanent.



The Department of Corrections expanded its protocols in state FY 2012 to allow for one-drug, two-drug, and three-drug options to carry out an execution of an inmate as prescribed in state law.

The new one-drug protocol includes the option to use either pentobarbital or sodium thiopental alone to carry out an execution as provided in South Dakota Codified Law 23A-27A-32.

An inmate sentenced to death prior to July 1, 2007, may choose to be executed by the method prescribed in state law at the time of the person's conviction or by any one of the protocols available to inmates convicted after that date. The inmate can also request to be executed by the two-drug protocol that was in state law prior to July 1, 2007. For an inmate sentenced to death after July 1, 2007, the Warden will select the method of execution from one of the methods for which the DOC possesses the necessary substance or substances at the time scheduled for the execution.

Multiple changes were made to policies and procedures related to the Community Transition Program (CTP) following a parolee walking away from his prison unit and killing Maybelle Schein in her Sioux Falls home.

Among the policy changes are:

Issuance of a warrant for a parole violation and a press release and notification of State Radio when a parolee involved with CTP at a DOC facility who has no off-grounds privileges leaves the grounds without authorization;

Provide specific notification to law enforcement and the public when inmates identified as being high risk are released;

Review inmates who are identified as severely mentally ill or who have been placed in a correctional mental health unit within the month prior to their release from prison by a master's level clinician or psychiatrist;

Conduct updated assessments prior to any parole release on inmates returning from out-of-state placement; and

Revised practices including allowing inmates to release to community supervision directly from disciplinary or administrative segregation only when ordered by the Parole Board and providing additional case management services to inmates in segregation within one month of their release date.

The DOC also introduced legislation to address initial parole determinations for inmates on out-of-state caseloads when information on compliance is incomplete or not available. The bill was passed by state lawmakers and signed into law by Governor Dennis Daugaard.



Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk (with back to camera) briefs the Corrections Commission on changes to the Community Transition Program August 16, 2011.

FISCAL YEAR 2012 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

The number of adult inmates in the state prison system rose to record levels during state Fiscal Year 2012, while the number of juveniles in the custody and care of the state dropped to record low levels.

At the end of June 2012, there were 3,641 inmates in the adult prison system. That's an increase of 186 inmates for the same date one year earlier. The average daily count of adult inmates increased from 3,434 in FY 2011 to 3,546 in FY 2012.



The number of juvenile offenders at the end of FY 2012 was 712, with 398 youth in placement and 314 on aftercare. That's the lowest number of juveniles in DOC custody in the past decade. The average end of month count of juveniles in DOC care was 740 in FY 2012, a decrease of 50 from one year earlier.



Inmate labor continues to provide savings to taxpayers. DOC crews provided more than 2 million hours of work for state institutions, state, federal and local government agencies, and non-profit groups during state FY 2012.



| FY 2012 Inmate Hours Worked | |
|--|------------------|
| DOC Institutional Support | 1,464,156 |
| Other State Agency Institutional Support | 156,840 |
| Other State Agency Support | 159,823 |
| Non-Profit Organizations Support | 70,922 |
| Community Work | 96,963 |
| Emergency Response | 12,315 |
| Miscellaneous | 94,560 |
| Total | 2,055,579 |

FY 2012 was an especially busy year for DOC fire crews, due in large part to the extreme drought that blanketed most of the state. The DOC team of minimum security inmates and DOC staff members that are certified firefighters worked more than 6,000 hours on ten different fires during the year. In several instances, the DOC crews were required to stay overnight along the fire lines because of the complexity of the fires and the threat to lives and property.

DOC crews also became involved in the battle with the mountain pine beetle during FY 2012. Crews were trained by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks to remove more than 3,000 trees in Custer State Park that were infested by the beetles.

The state announced that the West Farm, a transitional program for male juvenile offenders, would close during FY 2012, due to declining numbers of youth needing specialized group care services.

The DOC and Department of Social Services are working to develop a Request for Proposals in order to create a different type of program to serve older youth with different needs at the West Farm. It's hoped that program will fit with the state's goal to return more juveniles to South Dakota currently housed in out-of-state programs.



The West Farm property, located approximately 3 miles west of Ellis, SD, was originally utilized as a working farm that supplied food for the South Dakota State Penitentiary. The farming operation ceased in 1997 and the facility was converted into a juvenile facility in 1998.

STAFF ACCOLADES



Kristi Bunkers, Director of Juvenile Community Services, was awarded the Satnan-Canary Award by the South Dakota Corrections Association on September 16, 2011, for her contributions to the corrections field in South Dakota.



State Penitentiary Corporal Matt Freeburg, second from left, was honored with the American Correctional Officer Bronze Medal of Honor at a ceremony in New Orleans, LA on October 14, 2011.



Matt Freeburg also received an award from the national Correctional Peace Officer Foundation during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. June 9, 2012, for his actions in preventing the escape of two inmates on April 12, 2011.

Freeburg was nominated for the award by DOC Director of Prison Operations Doug Weber, third from left, for his actions in helping prevent the escape of two inmates from the Penitentiary on April 12, 2011, after they killed Senior Correctional Officer Ron Johnson.



Above left: Ken Cummings, Spearfish Parole Agent, was named Parole Services Employee of the Year for 2011. Ken is pictured with his award along with West River Parole Supervisor Tim Gross, left, and Board of Pardons and Paroles Executive Director Ed Ligtenberg.



Correctional Officer Jodi Hall, pictured above left with DOC Director of Prison Operations Doug Weber and Deputy Warden Daryl Slykhuis, was named Employee of the Year at the South Dakota State Penitentiary on December 20, 2011. Hall's quick thinking and insistence on policy compliance was instrumental in preventing an escape attempt by two inmates on April 11, 2011.



Marc Mastalir Wendy Trautman

Above right: Brad Cranston, Huron Juvenile Corrections Agent, was honored with the Juvenile Community Corrections Team Member Award during a fall training conference in Oacoma on October 26, 2011.

Senior Correctional Officer Marc Mastalir and Sergeant Wendy Trautman were named Employees of the Year for 2011 at the Mike Durfee State Prison and South Dakota Women's Prison respectively.



Ricky McRae, above center, was named Officer of the Year by the Yankton Lions Club March 30, 2012, while the Sioux Falls Optimist Club named Jon Dalen, right, Officer of the Year on May 17, 2012.

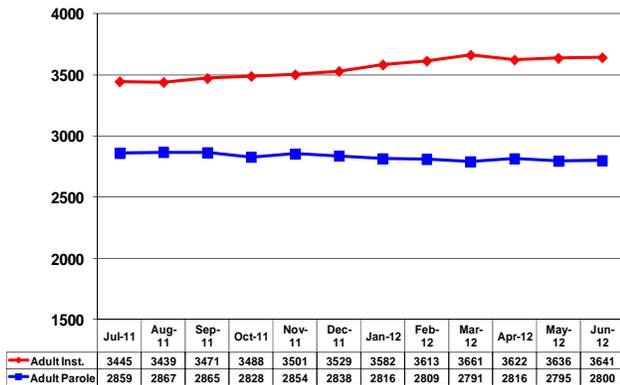


Kristi Bunkers, above center, and Doug Herrmann, Director of Juvenile Services, above second from right, were named Champions for Children by the SD Voices for Children on April 27.

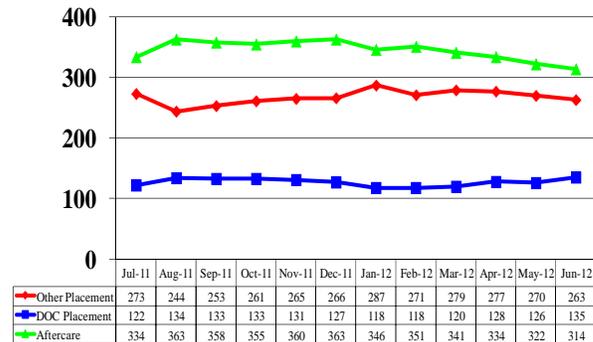
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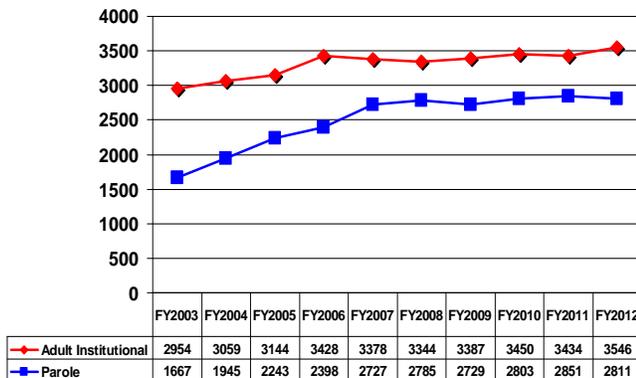
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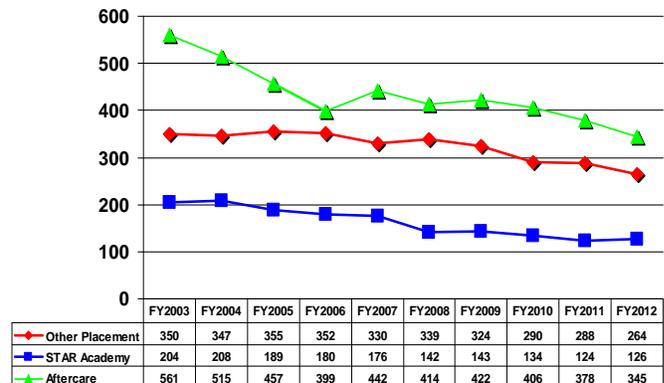
Juvenile Population Summary



Adult Average Daily Count by Fiscal Year

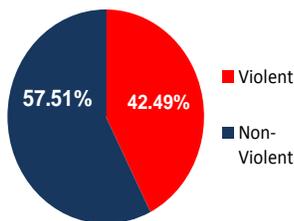


Juvenile Average Daily Population by Fiscal Year



Adult Inmates by Offense

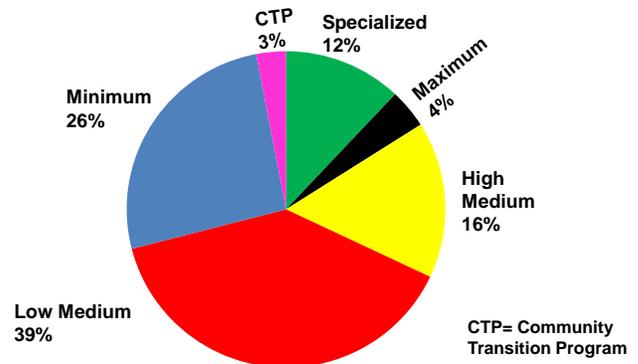
Violent vs. Non-Violent



Top 10 Crimes as of June 30, 2012

| Crime | Inmates |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Possession of a Cont. Substance | 475 |
| DWI (3rd, 4th and 5th) | 447 |
| Burglary (I, II, III, IV) | 336 |
| Grand Theft | 302 |
| Aggravated Assault | 257 |
| Rape (I, II, III) | 254 |
| Sexual Contact with a Child | 214 |
| Robbery (I,II) | 147 |
| Distribution of a Cont. Substance | 131 |
| Murder (I,II) | 120 |

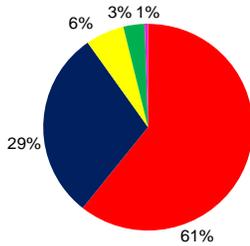
Adult Inmates by Custody Level



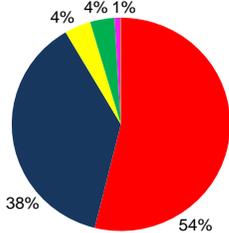
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Offenders by Race/Ethnicity

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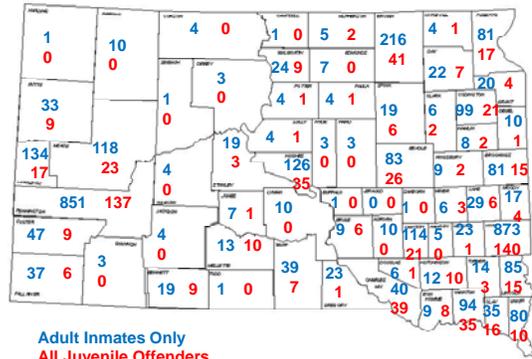


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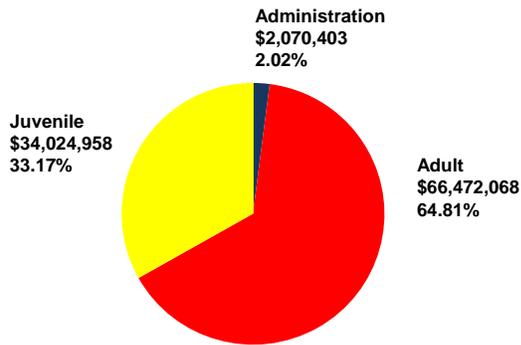


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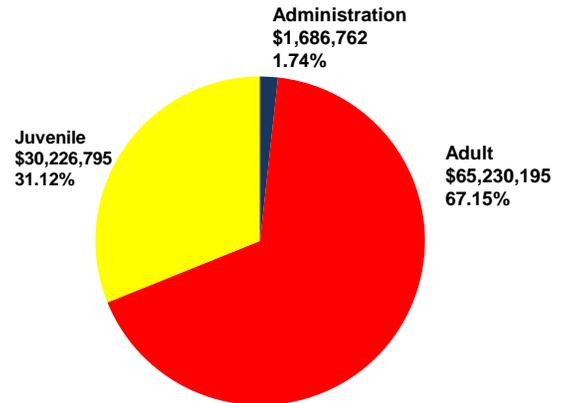
Offenders by County as of June 30, 2012



FY 2012 Budgeted



FY 2012 Expenditures



Includes base plus one-time bonuses to employees, one-time payment to providers and construction projects.

FY 2012 Per Diem Rates

| Facility | Per Diem Rate |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Adult Facilities | |
| State Penitentiary | \$57.50 |
| Jameson Annex Unit C | \$16.45 |
| Mike Durfee State Prison | \$40.55 |
| Rapid City Minimum Unit | \$50.35 |
| Yankton Minimum Unit | \$19.37 |
| Women's Prison | \$69.36 |
| SDWP Unit H | \$30.29 |
| SDWP Unit E | \$26.06 |
| Juvenile Facilities | |
| Brady Academy | \$196.32 |
| Youth Challenge Center | \$199.94 |
| QUEST/EXCEL | \$226.04 |

FY 2012 Employees

| Program | Number of Employees |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Administration | 39.5 |
| Mike Durfee State Prison | 170 |
| State Penitentiary | 277.5 |
| Women's Prison | 50 |
| Pheasantland Industries | 15 |
| Community Service | 74.1 |
| Parole | 57.5 |
| Juvenile Community Corrections | 44.5 |
| Youth Challenge Center | 26 |
| Brady Academy | 26 |
| STAR Academy | 44.7 |
| QUEST/EXCEL | 28 |
| Total | 845.3 |

DIRECTORY

The South Dakota Department of Corrections is responsible for the management of the state adult prison system, the state adult parole system and the state juvenile corrections system, including juveniles committed to the Department of Corrections and placed in residential out-of-home placement, as well as youth who have completed their correctional placement and are on supervised release known as aftercare.

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