Strategic Policy Initiatives

The Department of Corrections has identified several strategic policy initiatives for FY 2017-18 and beyond. For this performance evaluation, the Department has updated progress on the initiatives identified in the FY2017 Performance Plan that capture the Department's strategic and operational priorities, and reflect the overall direction as identified by Department leadership. The updates reflect data as of September 30, 2017.

Additional detail for these, and other, strategic policy initiatives is available in the Department's Performance Plan, which may be accessed here.

Enhance Services and Programming Opportunities within the Facility-Based Re-Entry Living Units/Pods

The Department will enhance services and programming opportunities within the facility-based re-entry living units/pods by populating 85% of the living units/pods with high risk offenders and increasing in-reach opportunities by June 30, 2018.

Decrease the Recidivism Rate

Decrease the rate of recidivism from 50% to 45% by June 30, 2018, thereby reducing the number of offenders who engage in future criminal activity and subsequently supporting the DOC's vision of building a safer Colorado. Recidivism is defined as returning to prison or inmate status for new crimes or technical violations within three years of release.

Reduce Technical Parole Violation (TPV) Revocations

Reduce TPV revocations from 2.1% to 1.8% by June 30, 2018, by appropriately matching intermediate interventions to the level of the violation and the risk of the offender.

Decrease the Percent of Parolees Who, Within the First Year Following Release from Prison, have a Homeless Housing Designation

In last year's plan, the DOC tracked the percentage of parolees in stable housing. This year, the Department edited this initiative to track the percentage of parolees with a homeless designation, as decreasing homelessness is the focal point of this initiative. Decrease the percent of parolees who, within the first year following release from prison, have a homeless housing designation from 3.54% to 3.25% by June 30, 2018.

Operational Measures

Enhance Services/Programming in Re-Entry Living Units/Pods
Major Program Area – Housing and Security
Prison Operations – provides direct staff and offender interaction

Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	Q1 YTD FY18	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Enhance services and programming opportunities within the facility-based re-entry living units/pods by populating 85% of the living units/pods with high risk offenders and increasing in-reach opportunities by June 30, 2018.	N/A	N/A	N/A	81%	82%	85%	85%
Number of business and industry partnerships, per year	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	25	100
Number of in-reach functions, per year	N/A	N/A	626	575	140	575	575
Number of offender contacts through in-reach services, per year	N/A	N/A	5,442	6,155	3,493	4,500	4,500
Total number of classes/services delivered in re-entry living unit, per year	N/A	N/A	1,575	1,555	439	1,500	1,500
Number of facilitated family contact events, per year	N/A	N/A	233	214	75	200	200

Decrease the Recidivism Rate
Major Program Area – Housing and Security and Adult Parole
Prison Operations – provides direct staff and offender interaction
Community Parole Officers – provide supervision to parolees as regular or ISP parole clients

Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	Q1 YTD FY18	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Decrease the rate of recidivism from 50% to 45% by June 30, 2018 [1]	48.8%	46.1%	48.6%	50.0%	N/A	45%	45%
Percent of releasing offenders completing Parents on a Mission	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.8%	20%	30%

Percent of parolees who are employed, per month	N/A	52%	57%	66%	81%	81%	83%
Percent of offenders releasing with IDs	37%	52%	64%	71%	80%	87%	90%

[1] Recidivism is reported on a calendar year basis to be consistent with Association of State Correctional Administrators standards and other national prison surveys. Percentages above reflect CY13, CY14, CY15, and CY16. FY18 data (which reflects CY17) will not be reported until March 2018.

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Reduce Technical Parole Violation (TPV) Revocations

Major Program Area – Adult Parole

Community Parole Officers – provide supervision to parolees as regular or ISP parole clients

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Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	Q1 YTD FY18	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Reduce the percentage of TPV revocations from 2.1% to 1.8% by June 30, 2018	**3.4%**	**3.2%**	**2.6%**	**2.2%**	**2.1%**	**1.8%**	**1.7%**
Percent of parolees who received an intermediate intervention	20%	22%	22%	21%	17%	20%	22%
Number of parolees who received an intermediate intervention (monthly average)	1,579	1,641	1,736	1,618	1,662	1,700	2,000
Number of parolees who had an intermediate intervention and did not return to prison for a TPV [1]	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1,608	1,600	1,625
Monthly average of positive incentives per parolee	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.0	3.9	4.5	6
Percent of all parolees who receive at least one positive incentive per month	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	63%	60%	70%

[1] The 1- and 3-year goals have been revised.

Decrease Percentage of Parolees with Homeless Housing Designation
Major Program Area – Adult Parole
Community Parole Officers – provide supervision to parolees as regular or ISP parole clients

Measure	FY14 Actual	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	Q1 YTD FY18	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Decrease the percent of parolees who, within the first year following release from prison, have a homeless housing designation from 3.54% to 3.25% by June 30, 2018.	5.57%	1.66%	1.78%	1.32%	1.32%	3.25%	3.0%
Average number of days on homeless designation within the first year of release	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	35	105	95