



Recidivism Report

OK DOC / ACCI Lifeskills – Home Study Program

The following report covers 28 months (April 2010 – August 2012) of referrals from Oklahoma Department of Corrections AP&P to ACCI's Home Study Program. This report was generated from both ACCI's & OK DOC's data bases and in collaboration with OK DOC's Evaluation and Analysis Unit. The 747 referred probationers and parolees represent a wide range of criminal background, socioeconomic levels and ethnicity. With this report, we simply asked one question: "Of the 607 probationers and parolees who successfully completed one of ACCI's cognitive life skills home study courses, how many have returned to incarceration?" The answer is only 31, which equals 5%.

Current Snapshot

Total Referrals	747
Complete	607
Reported Non-Compliant	100
Withdrawn	6
Current / Late	34

Results

Completion Rate	86%
Recidivism Rate	5%

The completion rate was derived by dividing the number of probationers and parolees who successfully completed by the total number of those that were referred. In order to obtain an accurate completion rate, we omitted referrals that fell in the "Current," "Late" or "Withdrawn" categories. This action was taken because they are yet to be determined (Current Referrals) or were enrolled and removed before they had an opportunity to complete (Withdrawn). This statistical report is $\pm 1\%$ accurate.

The Home Study Program operates at zero cost to OK DOC and is affordable for most offenders. Lifeskillslink.com makes using the program efficient for officers, and provides a transparent system of accountability for both ACCI as a provider, and for probationers / parolees. Through reviewing the hand written evaluations of those that completed, we have learned that approximately 85% of probationers / parolees appreciated an opportunity to learn and implement the cognitive life skills they learned with the help of a "coach" they chose.

It is also noteworthy that just a 10% reduction of offenders going back to prison would save the state of Oklahoma millions of dollars each year, not to mention the benefits to potential victims and society. More scientific and experimental research needs to be conducted to establish a cause and effect relationship between ACCI's Home Study Program and recidivism reduction.