

200% of Poverty Alternatives to Incarceration Summary 2011

The **200% of Poverty Alternatives to Incarceration Program**, currently state funded, replaces the TANF for Community Corrections Program that began in 1999 funded with a sub-allocation of federal TANF service dollars from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. 200% refers to the income eligibility requirement for program participation. The current milestones and outcomes for the performance-based contracts under 200% of Poverty include job readiness, placement and retention, and the addressing of child support obligations. These contracts work with both custodial and non-custodial parents under criminal justice supervision, as well as adult relative primary caretakers of minor children. Employment and the assumption of familial responsibilities lead to reduced recidivism, an increase in familial well-being and improved public safety.

The employment programming utilizes the National Institute of Corrections Offender Workforce Development Specialist training, a 180 hour curriculum that imparts essential competencies required for criminal justice professionals addressing the employment of offenders. A new RFP was issued in 2010 for contracts beginning January 1, 2011, and in 2011 all programs included *Thinking for a Change* or other evidence-based cognitive behavioral programming. The 12 contracts operating in 2011 include ten new contracts. County probation departments operate programs as alternatives to incarceration in addition to those run by not for-profit organizations.

Programs address family reunification where appropriate, and assist with and monitor substance abuse or mental health treatment in addition to providing assistance in obtaining housing. Other program services include parenting training, financial literacy and budgeting, nutrition, GED preparation and vocational training assistance. The programming provided is culturally appropriate and in many instances presented on a gender-specific basis.

200% of Poverty by the numbers:

	2011
CONTRACT TOTAL	\$2,112,183
ENROLLMENTS	1,102
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETIONS	400
EMPLOYMENT -- Total Jobs:	382
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT	301
\$10/hour or greater	147
less than \$10/hour	154
PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT	64
SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT	17
JOB RETENTION:*	
90 Day Retention	166
180 Day Retention	151
MINOR CHILDREN AND CHILD SUPPORT	
Children of parents enrolled	1,938
Parents initiating/resuming child support	277

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	Enrollments:			Completions:		
	Target	Actual	%	Target	Actual	%
Cattaraugus County Probation	46	38	83%	25	30	120%
Center for Community Alternatives (NY)	80	65	81%	50	10	20%
Chemung County Probation	42	33	79%	21	18	86%
EAC TASC	250	266	106%	125	144	115%
Erie County Probation	50	156	312%	25	19	76%
Family of Woodstock (Ulster)	50	45	90%	25	6	24%
Fortune Society	130	208	160%	80	51	64%
Palladia	50	45	90%	25	25	100%
St. John's Riverside	60	113	188%	32	30	94%
TASC of the Capital District	50	24	48%	25	18	72%
Trinity Institution	54	45	83%	36	34	94%
Washington County Alternative Sentencing	60	64	107%	30	26	87%
Totals	922	1,102	120%	499	411	82%