



Financial Benefits of the Day Reporting Center (DRC) in Franklin County, PA

Franklin County Profile

Population:	139,991
Jail Size:	468 beds
DRC Opened:	April, 2006
Participants:	136
Types of participants:	
• Early Release • Direct Sentence	
• Probation Violators	

A fast growing population in Franklin County drove its average daily jail population to near twice its rated capacity. In response to the issue, the county convened a criminal justice advisory board to develop a solution that would expand jail capacity, but also provide a complete continuum of sanctions to manage the rising criminal justice costs. As part of the overall plan to manage the criminal justice system with fewer beds than originally projected, Franklin County opened a Day Reporting Center in April, 2006.

\$10 million

Capital Cost Savings:

- Franklin County Officials decided to open a community-based day reporting center, allowing the county to build a smaller, more affordable jail. By building a jail 150 beds smaller than initial needs projections, the county saved \$10 million.

Source: American City & County, September 2006

\$3.85 million

Operating Cost Savings:

- The county achieved annual savings of \$3.2 million by operating a smaller jail. The county realized an additional annual savings of \$650,000 by avoiding the premium to house prisoners in nearby counties.

Source: Correctional News, May / June 2007

19% Decrease in ADP

Jail Population Impacts:

- Between 2005 and 2006, the average daily jail population (ADP) decreased from 376 to 328 despite an increase of commitments from 2,062 to 2,444. This drop correlates with the opening of the DRC.
- If criminal justice policy had not changed, the county estimates its population today would be 411. The actual drop in ADP from 2002-2008 was seven inmates (341 to 334), but when the number of commitments is factored in, it was actually 77 inmates, or 19%.

Source: Warden Wetzel's Report to the Prison Board, January 2009.

- Franklin County Commissioner Bob Ziobrowski estimated the savings to the county from diverting jailed offenders to the DRC at about \$2 million.

Source: Public Opinion Online, Chambersburg, PA, January 2009.

Award-Winning

Innovative Program Recognition



Franklin County received the 2008 NACo Achievement Award for the program services provided through the BI Day Reporting Center. This award is in recognition of "an effective and innovative program which contributes to and enhances county government in the United States."