Financial Benefits

of the Day Reporting Center (DRC) in Sedgwick County, KS

Sedgwick County Profile	
Population:	470,985
Jail Size:	1068 beds
DRC Opened:	July, 2006
Participants:	84

Types of participants:
- Direct Sentence
- Early Release
- Probation Violators
- Pretrial defendants

Like many communities throughout the nation, Sedgwick County is struggling to manage an ever-increasing demand for jail beds. As part of an effort to improve alternative correction methods, Sedgwick County organized a Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Among the programs integrated into the criminal justice system as a result of the council's recommendations is the Day Reporting Center – a non-residential sentencing alternative to incarceration. The program provides multi-level supervision, case management treatment for cognitive behavior changes, pre-employment and anger management. The program can last from six to 12 months and is designed to reduce recidivism.

$26 million — Capital Cost Savings:

- "By incorporating the overall recommendations of the County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the county was able to build 208 fewer jail beds than its 2010 projected needs by adding only 384 beds. By building 208 fewer beds a one-time construction savings of $26 million was achieved."

  Source: Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Wichita State University, American Jails Magazine, May / June 2008

- "The county was able to lower the mill levy by postponing the jail expansion. The county manager recommended not adding on the jail. He says alternative programs like day reporting are helping reduce the jail population."

  Source: Kim Hynes, Eyewitness News 12, Wichita, August 13, 2008

$3.95 million — Operating Cost Savings:

- By building 208 fewer beds, $3.95 million in annual costs are avoided to manage those beds.

  Source: Dr. Delores Craig-Moreland, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Wichita State University, American Jails Magazine, May / June 2008

- "A variety of population-control programs -- including a day-reporting center and a mental health diversion program -- already have reduced the average stay from 21 to 16 days."

  Source: Hurst Laviana, The Wichita Eagle, October 13, 2008

54% Fewer Bookings — Recidivism Reduction Savings:

- Six months after completing the program, 89% of graduates remained in the community, crime-free. 64% of graduates were still crime-free 12 months after program completion.

  Source: Sedgwick County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Community Corrections Update, December 2008

- A year following program completion, the annual rate of bookings for clients declined by 54%.

  Source: Sedgwick County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Community Corrections Update, December 2008