

Legislators' Public Safety Briefing

With Marion County Civic Leaders



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Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council 2017 Legislative Agenda

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

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JUSTICE REINVESTMENT

<u>SUPPORT Justice Reinvestment grants</u> at current service level. The Governor's 2017-19 budget reduces the justice reinvestment grants from \$41.2 million to \$32 million, with the understanding that counties will be funded at current service level in 2017-18 only. However, the Governor intends that the fund will become competitive in 2018-19. *Marion County supports restoring the grant funding level for two full years of the upcoming biennium for all 36 counties*.

Marion County's Public Safety Coordinating Council spent 13 months in 2014-15 reviewing and thoughtfully prioritizing strategies to divert appropriate property and drug offenders from prison to community supervision. Circuit Court judges, District Attorney trial team leaders, and Sheriff's Office Community Corrections Division officers have worked closely together to achieve the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission targets for prison use.

Marion County's 2015-17 justice reinvestment plan includes: Senate Bill 416 Prison Diversion (\$1.27 million), Jail Reentry (\$476,376), Marion County Adult Drug Court (\$40,000), Link Up treatment services for co-occurring disorders (\$223,822), Student Opportunity for Achieving Results or SOAR (\$461,646), De Muniz Reentry Resource Center (\$100,686), Transition Services/Housing (\$126,171), Substance Abuse Treatment (\$228,000), Data System Upgrade (\$3,750), and the Family Support Program (\$42,060). Victim Services funding (\$353,408) also provides a children's advocate at the Center for Hope and Safety and a mental health therapist at Liberty House for children facing abuse. The council invested an additional \$100,000 of Justice Reinvestment funds for a bilingual advocate at the Center for Hope & Safety.

Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Corrections, Marion County is expanding its work release program in an effort to reduce the number of women at Coffee Creek, accepting up to 20 women to ease crowding at the women's prison.

Marion County community corrections officers manage 3,600 people on post-prison supervision and probation. 600 adults are released annually from prison to Marion County custody. Under traditional parole and probation practices, Marion County's recidivism rates were as high as 36% in 2002. By 2014 this rate dropped to an all-time low of 14%. Today, persons released from prison participate in assessments to determine their motivation to change and risk to reoffend. Based on assessment scores, offenders are assigned supervison, mentors, substance abuse or mental health treatment, employment skill building, rental assistance, and even parenting classes. County officers connect with more than 100 local employers to open doors for clients who are ready to work.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BASELINE FUNDING

SUPPORT baseline community corrections funding which serves as the foundation for Marion County's community corrections initiatives, including supervision and jail space for sanctions. The Governor's 2017-19 budget recommends \$239 million for community corrections, triggering the "opt out" provision for Oregon counties. **Marion County supports the continuing service level at \$272 million**.

In Marion County, baseline funding includes: supervision (\$11,064,568); substance abuse treatment (\$169,908); sex offender services (\$265,000); transition services, such as reach-ins, jail reentry and De Muniz Reentry Resource Center (\$862,225); mental health services and mental health court (\$408,376); electronic monitoring, motivation/cognitive programming and employment services (\$780,510); custodial/sanction beds in the Marion County jail and transition center (\$7,452,614); enforcement (\$46,770) and operations (\$1,727,460).

JOINT TASK FORCE ON REENTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING LEGISLATION

<u>SUPPORT Senate Bill 682.</u> Directs the Oregon Department of Justice to make changes to how they address child support modifications for people who are incarcerated at prison entry and upon release. The task force heard testimony about the difficulties encountered by incarcerated individuals when significant debt accrues because the individual did not provide the necessary legal paperwork to modify a child support order, based on the inability to pay child support while incarcerated.

WATCH the following bills endorsed by the Joint Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing:

<u>Senate Bill 241.</u> Creates a Bill of Rights for children of incarcerated parents and establishes a Task Force on Children of Incarcerated Parents. The judicial system and state agencies do not adequately take into account the needs of the children of incarcerated parents when decisions are being made, nor are those children adequately allowed to advocate for themselves. A Bill of Rights will articulate in statute Oregon's commitment to children of incarcerated parents.

Senate Bill 360. Directs the Oregon Department of Corrections to establish by rule a community service exchange program for a person to enter into an agreement with a community-based organization to perform community service in lieu of payment for delinquent fees or debts and supervision fees.

<u>Senate Bill 689.</u> Reestablishes Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing. The Task Force accomplished some good work, but there are many more issues needing to be addressed.

Senate Bill 690. Establishes procedures for applying for a Certificate of Good Standing eligibility certification and for petitioning for and issuing Certificates of Good Standing. These certificates would to remove barriers to occupational licenses for people who have successfully completed treatment and rehabilitation programs. The State of Washington recently developed Certificates of Restoration of Opportunity that restore access to employment licensure for individuals releasing from prison. In Oregon, former Chief Justice Paul De Muniz worked on a similar program in 2015 that was not adopted by the legislature. The task force is reintroducing this legislative measure.

<u>Senate Bill 691.</u> Eliminates certain driving privilege suspensions. One of the problems discovered by the Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing is the challenge faced by drivers who have had their licenses suspended for reasons unrelated to driving. Washington has enacted legislation to reduce the number of reasons that a license can be suspended. Legislation will limit the reasons to suspend driving privileges, based on Washington's 2012 "Driving While Poor" bill and on the Association of Directors of State Departments of Motor Vehicles sample legislation.

Senate Bill 692. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Public Defense Services Commission for a preentry pilot program. The Task Force on Reentry, Employment and Housing has identified "pre-entry" as a beneficial strategy for successful reentry, based on a program underway in Multnomah County.

<u>House Bill 2249.</u> Authorizes the Oregon Department of Corrections to enter into agreements or arrangements with counties to provide supplemental funding for reentry support and services for offenders released before attaining 25 years of age.

House Bill 2650. This bill prohibits landlords from evaluating an applicant for tenancy from considering the applicant's criminal history prior to performing criminal background check.

JUVENILE JUSTICE

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SUPPORT Juvenile Crime Prevention funding. The Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) program is a State of Oregon initiative that provides funds to Oregon counties and tribes to pay for services supporting youth and families, with the goal of preventing young people from engaging in criminal behavior. The Governor's budget reduces JCP by 17% or \$1,021,670 from current levels. JCP funding is allocated through the Oregon Department of Education's Youth Development Division.

JCP monies fund services and programs identified by each community to meet its specific needs and focus on identifying and intervening with youth at high risk to commit crimes. The enabling legislation identified youth eligible for JCP-funded programs and services as those who have a presenting problematic behavior, and have more than one of the following risk indicators: (1) school failure, (2) poor family functioning or poor family support, (3) substance abuse, (4) negative peer association, and (5) behavior issues.

Marion County's funding allocation for 2015-17 was \$413,822. The Governor's budget reduces that allocation by \$70,250. Marion County's Family Support Program offers critical juvenile crime prevention services to community youth, ages nine to thirteen, referred by schools, law enforcement, and families seeking assistance.

Last year, 50 youth were served by the program, with almost half of participant families of Hispanic or Latino origin. Family Support Program youth made significant improvements in school commitment and success, with major reductions in school suspensions and expulsions. Family supervision and communication were improved, resulting in fewer youth running away from home. Recidivism for youth who complete the program is about 5%, which is dramatically lower than rates for youth in the juvenile system. Overall, Marion County's recidivism for juvenile referrals is 30%.

SUPPORT Basic and Diversion funding. The Oregon Youth Authority administers basic and diversion funding to Oregon counties to serve youth safely in communities, diverting them from more expensive close custody and residential beds. The Governor's budget reduces the Basic and Diversion funds by 15%, or \$2,776,423. Marion County's 2017-19 allocation is \$1,806,900, which is a reduction of \$271,035 from current service level.

In Marion County, Basic and Diversion funds support a shelter care program that serves youth on probation at risk of being placed out of their homes and into Oregon Youth Authority custody. The GAP program housed 93 youth in 2015, 70% male and 51% Hispanic. 70% of youth enrolled in GAP remain in the community after program completion, while about 30% escalate to OYA custody.

<u>SUPPORT Senate Bill 82.</u> This bill prohibits the use of isolation as punishment for an offender who commits a rule violation in a youth correctional facility. OYA currently prohibits the use of isolation as punishment and has eliminated areas of ambiguity in administrative rule which led to inconsistent implementation.

<u>SUPPORT Senate Bill 303</u>. This bill amends, clarifies and creates consistency in statutes related to minors possessing, purchasing, attempting to purchase or acquiring alcoholic beverages or marijuana items. During the 2015 legislative session, the MIP-marijuana statute was created. It was anticipated that it would be similar to the MIP-alcohol statute and that the two, both Class B violations, would have similar language and penalties. The two statutes lack similarity in a number of areas and Senate Bill 303 aligns these two approaches.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORT mental health grant funds. In 2013, Senator Peter Courtney championed additional funding for community-based mental health services. As a result, the Oregon Health Authority was appropriated funding to expand services. Marion County applied for ten grants and received eight. Two of the grants were for criminal justice-behavioral health partnership programs, with continuing funding in 2015-17:

- Mobile Crisis Teams (\$1,602,145). In 2014, Marion County launched two mobile crisis teams one in Salem and the other working throughout Marion County. Each team has a qualified mental health professional and a law enforcement partner. In 2016, the teams responded to more than 500 crisis calls 3.4% of those contacted being sent to jail. Instead, clients were treated through the Psychiatric Crisis Center, hospital, or appropriate outpatient services. These funds will add a team in Woodburn by April 2017.
- **Jail Diversion** (\$452,506). A jail diversion case manager helps people referred by mobile crisis teams or reentering the community from jail access community mental health services, housing, benefits, and other resources.

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY "370" AID AND ASSIST POPULATION

SUPPORT grants for adults who are unable to "aid and assist" in their own defense. Oregon Health Authority was appropriated mental health funding to better manage the growing population sent to the Oregon State Hospital who are unable to aid and assist in their own defense. In 2015-17, Marion County received \$937,972 for Project 370, Aid and Assist. This grant provides restorative services to individuals in alternative settings, diverting them from the Oregon State Hospital to the community. Funds pay for two aid and assist case managers, a mental health worker, a deputy district attorney specifically assigned to aid and assist, and transitional housing. In 2016, of 95 people found unable to aid and assist in their own defense from Marion County, twelve were treated in the community and diverted from the state hospital. Between June 2014 and June 2016, the number of individuals charged with a misdemeanor being sent to the state hospital from Marion County dropped by 47.2%. During the same period the total 370 population at the state hospital grew by 30.6%. Marion County was able to contain that growth to 6.7%.

OREGON HEALTH PLAN/MEDICAID

WATCH legislative action that increases state appropriations to continue Medicaid expansion. In 2016, Oregon's request to continue its Medicaid waiver was approved. The 1115 waiver has been a catalyst for Oregon's health care reforms. Under the waiver and through Medicaid expansion, Oregon's uninsured rate has dropped from 15 percent to 5 percent in the past five years. The Governor's 2017-19 budget preserves eligibility and benefits for vulnerable Oregonians and low-income working families who have gained health coverage through the Affordable Care Act.

At present, 95 percent of Oregon adults and 98 percent of children have health coverage. This has been of particular importance to Marion County's justice reinvestment initiative, as single, low-income individuals who were not eligible for health care benefits prior to Medicaid expansion are now covered for physical health care, mental health care, dental care, and other health-related services. Prior to expansion, the vast majority of people reentering the community from incarceration, along with many people experiencing chronic homelessness, were not eligible for health care benefits because Medicaid was limited to defined populations, such as people with disabilities and parents with children.

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MARIJUANA

WATCH bills relating to marijuana. The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council understands that a number of bills are being considered by the legislature addressing marijuana issues. Many of these bills impact public safety and are important to Oregon. At this juncture, the council was reluctant to endorse or oppose proposed marijuana legislation, given the length of a number of the bills as introduced and recognizing that these bills will undergo significant revisions during the session. Council members are working within our respective associations (Association of Oregon Counties, District Attorneys, Sheriffs, Chiefs of Police, etc.) so that public safety interests are at the forefront during legislative deliberations. Bills that appear to have a public safety impact include the following.

- **SB 302** Removes marijuana offenses from Uniform Controlled Substances Act and adjusts criminal penalties for offenses in the Control and Regulation of Marijuana Act.
- <u>SB 305</u> Standardizes language with respect to issuing, renewing, suspending, revoking or refusing to issue or renew licenses.
- <u>SB 306</u> Provides for regulation by Oregon Liquor Control Commission of consumption and sale of marijuana items at temporary events and at cannabis lounges. Applies current law regulating licensed marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers to new types of licensees.
- **SB 319** Authorizes local governments to allow medical marijuana dispensaries and marijuana retailers licensed by Oregon Liquor Control Commission to be located within certain distance of schools.
- **SB 323** Provides that person commits crime of arson in the second degree if person manufactures controlled substance and causes fire or explosion that damages building or damages property in amount exceeding \$750.
- <u>SB 570</u> Creates crime of intentionally and knowingly administering marijuana item to body of person who is under 18 years of age.
- **<u>SB 662</u>** Creates crime of causing an animal to ingest marijuana.
- <u>HB 2198</u> Changes name of Oregon Liquor Control Commission to Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission and adds commissioners from cannabis retail industry. Creates alternate registry system administered by State Department of Agriculture for growers that produce marijuana for registry identification of registry identification cardholders.
- <u>HB 2200</u> Changes name of Oregon Liquor Control Commission to Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission and adds commissioners from cannabis retail industry. Directs commission to coordinate with State Department of Agriculture for purpose of regulating marijuana producers.

<u>HB 2204</u> - Changes statutory limitation on local government's authority to impose local tax or fee on retail sale of marijuana items. Specifies that if electors of city or county approve ordinance imposing tax or fee, governing body of city or county may amend ordinance, without referring amendment to electors, to adjust rate of tax or fee.

<u>HB 2556</u> - Restricts sale and delivery of marijuana paraphernalia. Creates violation for unlawful sale or delivery of marijuana paraphernalia.

CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING

SUPPORT continued funding for the Center for Policing Excellence at the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, which provides resources and certification programs that public safety officers and local public safety organizations need to maintain the highest professional skill standards, stewardship and service to Oregon's communities and citizens.

PROFILING

WATCH House Bill 2355. Bill expands officer education and training to include profiling prevention and overcoming implicit bias. The proposed legislation would set up a statewide process to collect traffic and pedestrian stop data and improve police accountability by requiring data collection and publication. Publication will help policy makers and the public to better understand the nature of interactions between law enforcement and Oregonians and will help address any evidence of bias. The draft legislation also includes a strong statement that Oregon's drug sentencing laws need to be reformed. Law enforcement, the ACLU of Oregon, and defense attorneys will continue to work on expanding the proposal, which has as its goal to minimize the consequences to non-criminal drug users.

DRIVING SAFETY

SUPPORT a transportation safety plan for North Marion County. Marion County supports a plan for additional road construction funding to provide infrastructure relief to county roads and improve traffic safety issues in the Donald/Aurora I-5 interchange. Traffic counts have grown much faster than the population of the north county area. Growth in the Metro area continues to impact residents and businesses in the rural areas of north Marion County. Oregon Department of Transportation is coordinating a safety project at the intersection of Ehlen Road and OR-551 to address the traffic and safety concerns.

WATCH Senate Bill 2. Bill increases penalties for using a mobile communications device while driving to equal penalties for driving under the influence: one year in prison, \$6,250 fine, or both. The legislation also increases the penalty to up to five years in prison and a \$125,000 fine for multiple violations within ten years. "Using a mobile electronic device" includes using a mobile electronic device for text messaging, voice communication, entertainment, navigation, accessing the Internet or producing electronic mail.

CRIME LABS, POLYGRAPH, OTHER POLICE TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORT the Oregon State Police's budget, especially as it impacts crime labs and high-throughput DNA (property-crime DNA) testing. The 2017-19 Governor's Recommended Budget recommended investing additional resources in the Oregon State Police's Forensic Services Division to promptly process Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Kits. The Governor also recommended keeping patrol trooper positions to maintain public safety, by providing a uniform presence throughout the state. Overall, the governor's budget provided \$414.8 million total funds for the department. This is a one percent increase from OSP's 2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget.

<u>SUPPORT Senate Bill 519.</u> The bill authorizes police agencies to use polygraph as a pre-employment hiring tool before a person's initial full-time employment as a peace officer.

OTHER

<u>WATCH Grand Jury Recordation Legislation (concept pending)</u>. The concept of Grand Jury Recordation has been part of a legislative effort for several sessions. In the most recent full session, SB 822 memorialized a comprehensive effort to record Grand Jury proceedings on all felony cases in Oregon. The key provisions discussed whether hearsay would be allowed in Grand Jury proceedings and the scope of protection for witnesses and victims testifying before Grand Juries. A final discussion point centered on the resources necessary to effectively implement Grand Jury recordation statewide. SB 822 did not become law.

VICTIM SERVICES

SUPPORT legislation that addresses towing fees (pending). Victims of vehicle theft often forfeit vehicles because of their inability to pay towing and related fees on the recovered vehicle. Insurance companies typically do not cover towing and related recovery fees. These fees disproportionately affect low-income people.

SUPPORT Senate Bill 26. The bill adds providers of victim services to the list of statutory members of local public safety coordinating councils.

SUPPORT Senate Bill 232. Last session, Senate Bill 525 was adopted, bringing Oregon in line with federal laws prohibiting gun possession by domestic violence offenders who have been convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, or who are subject to certain restraining orders. Oregon previously did not have such a law, hindering effective implementation of these provisions for Oregon survivors. This session, Governor Brown is proposing legislation to include dating relationships in the category of victims covered under Senate Bill 525 provisions.

<u>SUPPORT Senate Bill 318.</u> The bill directs the Oregon Department of Education to provide technical assistance and support to school districts and community colleges to prevent and respond to interpersonal violence.

<u>WATCH House Bill 2955.</u> The bill upgrades first time strangulation from misdemeanor to Class C felony; upgrades the heightened category of offense from Class C to Class B felony; and adds domestic violence relationship to heightened category.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

SUPPORT House Bill 2937 and House Bill 2938 allowing Accessory Dwelling Units in rural areas.

Homelessness is an epidemic across the nation. Oregon is experiencing a crisis in homelessness. In Salem, for example, there are 10,000 families on the waiting list for Section 8 vouchers. Even those who rise to the top of the list and receive a voucher have a tremendously difficult time finding an available apartment with rents in a low-income price range. Vacancy rates for multi-family units have been less than 1% in most areas of Marion County.

Homelessness is a complex issue. Effective strategies vary for different populations – whether it be a homeless veteran, a person with chronic mental illness, a family living in a car because of loss of income, or a victim of domestic violence fleeing a dangerous situation. Adding to the housing supply helps solve one part of this vast problem.

While Oregon statutes are silent on this issue, Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) administrative rules limit housing in rural residential areas to "one single-family dwelling on a lot or parcel." This rule precludes counties from allowing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), including Recreational Vehicles, in rural residential or exclusive farm use areas. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development identifies ADUs as a strategy that helps increase the housing supply, since ADUs cost less than a new single-family home on a separate lot. They are thus an affordable housing option for many low-and moderate-income residents.

SUPPORT funding to create a sobering center in the Salem area. Salem Health operates the busiest emergency room between the Canadian border and Los Angeles. There are an average of ten people in the emergency room every night who need detox services, creating safety concerns at the hospital. In 2015, the Oregon Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 2936 which defined sobering centers and created a registry system in the Oregon Health Authority. The legislature also appropriated funding for three new sobering centers in Douglas County, Medford, and Grants Pass. The Salem area is in dire need of sobering facilities.

<u>SUPPORT the Housing Alliance and Association of Oregon Counties Housing Subcommittee</u>

<u>recommendations</u> to expand affordable housing and homeless services, including an increase the Emergency Housing Account and State Homeless Assistance Program to \$30 million per biennium statewide. This fund would provide local communities with critical programs to prevent homelessness and offer emergency shelter.



THE MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL

Background & Membership

MARION COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL BACKGROUND

MEASURE 11 AND SENATE BILL 1145

In 1995, Oregon voters passed Measure 11 to increase prison time for violent crimes, sending more people to state prisons for longer sentences. To ease the overcrowding of state prisons and manage offenders more effectively, the Legislative Assembly also enacted Senate Bill (SB) 1145, which transferred responsibility for the incarceration of people committing felony offenses sentenced to less than one year from the Oregon Department of Corrections to counties. In the past, the penalty for committing a felony was the possibility of incarceration in excess of a year in a state penitentiary while people committing misdemeanors could get a jail sentence of one year or less in the county jail. Under SB 1145, counties assumed responsibility for people on parole, probation, post-prison supervision, sentenced to twelve months or less incarceration or sanctioned by a court or the State Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision to twelve months or less for violating a condition of parole or post-prison supervision.

Counties now became responsible for increasing access to community-based corrections and treatment services, and enhancing supervision and accountability in communities. The distinction between state and county responsibility for an inmate now came to be based upon the length of a sentence, not if the individual had committed a misdemeanor or a felony.

SB 1145 allowed counties to impose sanctions other than incarceration, so that counties could design treatment programs for people released back into the community, since studies showed these types of reentry programs make it less likely that individuals will reoffend.

LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCILS

SB 1145 also required all counties in Oregon to form local public safety coordinating councils. ORS 423.560 defines the roles and responsibilities of local public safety coordinating councils which are advisory councils to county boards of commissioners. These include:

- 1. Developing and recommending to the county board of commissioners:
 - (A) Plans for the use of state resources to serve the local adult offender population;
 - (B) Plans for the use of state and local resources to serve local offenders 15-18 years old: Plan must coordinate community-wide services involving prevention, treatment, education, employment resources and intervention strategies;
 - (C) A plan designed to prevent criminal involvement by youth. Plan must include coordination of community wide services involving treatment, education, employment and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention; and
- 2. Coordinate local criminal justice policy for both adults and juveniles among the appropriate criminal justice entities.

The Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council was formed in 1997, and today there are 29 members on the council. Membership includes public safety, education, social services, civic and business leaders, and practitioners representing law enforcement, prosecution, community corrections, public defense, judiciary, domestic violence, public health, and juvenile justice. The group meets monthly to carry out its responsibilities. In addition to the mandated requirements, the council works to forge long-term partnerships in the public safety system through an environment of collaboration, leadership, data-driven policy, transparency and accountability.

JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE

The passage of House Bill (HB) 3194 in 2013 transformed the level of engagement that local public safety councils have with the State of Oregon. Justice Reinvestment invests in community public safety by controlling the growth of Oregon's prison population. Beyond "baseline" community corrections funding based upon caseloads and workload, local public safety councils now receive state Justice Reinvestment grants that reward success through evidence-based corrections program strategies that deter recidivism and crime and increase community safety.

Marion County, through the exemplary groundwork laid by the Marion County Justice Reinvestment Council, effectively targeted these Justice Reinvestment funds. Since 2009, the Marion County Reentry Initiative has built and refined a continuum of services to address the criminogenic needs of the adult reentry population. The initiative has targeted high to medium risk offenders (who are the most likely to recidivate) transitioning back to the county.

Annually more than 600 adults are released from prison to Marion County custody. Under traditional parole and probation practices, Marion County's recidivism rates were as high as 36%. Through the reentry initiative, the recidivism rate declined from 36% in 2002 to an all-time county low of 14% in 2014. Recidivism reduction strategies include: Link Up for co-occurring disorders; Student Opportunity for Achieving Results (SOAR) on the Chemeketa Community College campus; the De Muniz Reentry Resource Center, a one-stop center for employment, housing and other resources; substance abuse treatment; and the Family Support Program which supports families with young children impacted by incarceration with home visits, parent education and other services.

Through justice reinvestment, certain non-violent property and drug offenders are no longer sent to prison. Prison diversion strategies include Senate Bill 416 Prison Diversion Program, Jail Reentry program, adult drug court and other enhancements such as the Family Sentencing Alternative Program. Through an agreement with the Oregon Department of Corrections, Marion County is expanding its work release program in an effort to reduce the number of women at Coffee Creek prison, accepting up to 20 women to ease crowding at the women's prison.



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