

Reentry Supervision

Reentry Supervision applies to persons committed to the department with an aggregate minimum sentence of total confinement of 4 years or more. Exclusions include persons sentenced to death, life imprisonment, persons otherwise ineligible for parole, and those subject to 42 Pa.C.S. §9718.5 (mandatory probation for sex offenders).

Reentry Supervision shall consist of 12 months of consecutive parole, in addition to any other lawful sentence issued by the courts.

The court shall impose reentry supervision in addition to the maximum sentence permitted for the offense for which the defendant was convicted.

Any person on Reentry Supervision shall be considered to be released on parole. If the person has been granted parole at any period of this incarceration, they shall be deemed to have served the requirements of this section.

Statistics

Boot Camp

Unofficial percentage rate of offenders that return to state incarceration (as of 1/1/2021):

Graduation Rate of 80%

1 year after release: 12.68%

3 years after release: 25.12%

5 years after release: 33.21%

From June 1992 to October 2020, Quehanna has successfully graduated over 10,000 offenders.

Cost Savings: \$11,431 per participant

Total cost savings from 1999 through 2020:

Almost \$99 million

SIP (2018 Performance Report):

Of the inmates who appear eligible, only 23% were referred for SIP.

1-yr Recidivism Rate: 17% (vs. 25%)

3-yr Recidivism Rate: 37% (vs. 51%)

Please note that with the passing of Act 115 of 2019, the State Intermediate Punishment Program (SIP) program has been replaced with the State Drug Treatment Program (SDTP). Pa.C.S. §6141. For more information about each program and criteria, go to <https://www.cor.pa.gov/community-reentry/Pages/JRI2.aspx>

Jim Stover – JRI2 Coordinator

Jim Stover graduated from the Pennsylvania State University in 1997 with a Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Sciences. He began his career with the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections as a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Specialist (DATS) at the Quehanna Boot Camp in 2000.

In 2007, he was appointed Corrections Classification Program Manager (CCPM). As CCPM, he was responsible for the Boot Camp Program and the State Intermediate Punishment Program.

In October 2020, he accepted a position as the Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI2) Coordinator. In this position, Jim is responsible for educating inmates, Department staff, and judicial staff on how JRI2 works within the Department of Corrections. He is tasked with being the Department expert with JRI2 issues. Please reach out to him with any questions you have.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI2) ACT 115



Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

61 Pa.C.S. § 6137.1 Short Sentence Parole

61 Pa.C.S. § 6141 State Drug Treatment Program

61 Pa.C.S. § 6139 Boot Camp Program

61 Pa.C.S. § 6137.2 Reentry Supervision

*For any questions on JRI2 please contact
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What programs tracks are offered under JRI2?

JRI2 consists of three program tracks specific to individuals incarcerated in a State Correctional Institution. The three programs are Short Sentence Parole (SSP), the State Drug Treatment Program (SDTP), and the Boot Camp Program (BC).

The Boot Camp Program

In 1991, Department of Corrections began operating *the Quehanna Boot Camp (QBC) Program*. If individuals successfully complete the six-month program, they are paroled. The Boot Camp Program accepts both men and women. The Boot Camp Program uses structure and regimentation similar to that of basic training with US Armed Forces, in concert with cognitive-behavioral therapeutic techniques to address criminal thinking and substance abuse issues. Participants focus on discipline, work ethic, education, and therapeutic issues. There are four phases of the QBC Program. Each Phase requires an increased level of personal effort and personal responsibility. Quehanna holds a very high standard for participants and those that do not meet the standard are sent back to a State Correctional Institution to complete their sentences.

Boot Camp teammates (participants) are required to wake up daily at 0515 hours. They spend their day working, in education classes, completing physical training, developing discipline through military-like activities, working on their character defects through cognitive treatment techniques, and preparing themselves to reenter society as productive, law abiding citizens. At 2130 hours, they prepare for "lights out" and retire to sleep.

All teammates are placed in education courses if they do not have a high school diploma or GED. If they do have a diploma/GED, they are assigned to a work detail. Quehanna is the top facility in the Department for GEDs awarded and Vocational Certifications earned.

The Boot Camp Program has been studied extensively by the PA Sentencing Commission and the Department of Corrections. Both agencies have agreed that the program is highly effective and provides a great alternative to standardized incarceration.

To view a short video on the Boot Camp Program, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B9W9RnXSz1c>.

Short Sentence Parole

Short Sentence Parole may apply to persons committed to the Department of Corrections with an aggregate minimum sentence of confinement of two years or less or a recidivism risk reduction (RRRI) incentive minimum sentence of two years or less, whichever is shorter.

SSP does not apply to persons committed with various offenses. Please refer to 61 Pa C.S. §6137.1 for specific exclusions.

Individuals meeting the established criteria are able to be paroled without requiring a Board Interview as long as public safety is not jeopardized or the rehabilitative needs of the individual are not adversely affected.

State Drug Treatment Program

In 2006, Quehanna began accepting individuals into the State Intermediate

Punishment Program (SIP). On December 18, 2019, Governor Wolf passed Act 115 of 2019, which replaced the SIP program with the State Drug Treatment Program (SDTP). SDTP is designed for individuals convicted of drug-related offenses and offers a step-down approach to their addiction. The SDTP is 24 months in length. It is comprised of four levels of treatment that the individual must work through and successfully complete in the 24 month time frame.

Level 1 – a minimum of 7 months will be served in prison. During this Level, the individual will be required to complete a minimum of 4 months in a Therapeutic Community

Level 2 - a minimum of 2 months in a community-based rehab

Level 3 – a minimum of 6 months in outpatient substance use treatment

Level 4 – the remainder of time occurs in supervised period in the community

See 61 Pa.C.S. Ch. 41 for criteria specifics or contact Jim Stover, JRI2 Coordinator, at 717-956-8430.

All participants in the SDTP will have an individualized treatment plan. Progress through the program is based on the assessed need and attainment of goals established for each individual.

If a person successfully completes the SDTP, the remainder of the sentence is considered to be fully served. A person who fails in SDTP due to misconduct or poor progress in treatment may be subject to expulsion from the SDTP, reverting back to their original sentence.