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Mission Statement

"The mission of the Department of Corrections is to protect the public from criminal offenders through a system of incarceration and supervision which securely segregates offenders from society, assures offenders of their constitutional rights and maintains programs to enhance the success of offenders' reentry into society."

Director's Message

Roger E. Walker Jr.
Director

Governor Blagojevich and the Illinois Department of Corrections are committed to operating a safe and secure prison system and enhancing prison-based treatment, prevention programs and the successful reentry of inmates into society.

Today, the agency operates 28 adult correctional centers as well as various work camps, boot camps and eight adult transition centers. IDOC is responsible for the management of 45,000 inmates and the supervision of 35,000 parolees.

A number of new programs strengthen and enhance successful reentry of inmates back into the community. The Governor's Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Program addresses public safety through the expansion of IDOC's parole program. The program enhances parole supervision on the streets through increased monitoring and graduated sanctions. All 35,000 parolees receive direct supervision in the community. Operation Spotlight has resulted in putting nearly 100 more parole agents to work in communities and dramatically increasing their contacts with parolees. The program has also resulted in new case management training programs and specialized parole surveillance units.

Another important component to the program is the Spotlight Reentry Centers. The agency has opened eight of these centers in high-impact regions that serve as resource centers. The Spotlight Centers provide counseling, programs and services to support the parolee's transition into society. The centers also offer a highly structured Day Reporting Program that offers an alternative sanction for non-violent parole violators.

As part of the parole monitoring efforts, IDOC has increased the number of parole compliance check operations throughout the state. The early morning operations conducted throughout Illinois help to ensure parolees are complying with the requirements of their parole. Officers from IDOC's Parole and Division of Investigations and Intelligence join municipal, county, city, state and federal law enforcement agencies in conducting the operations. Through this concentrated effort of law enforcement teamwork, parolees are brought in to local police stations and processed through parole interviews and drug testing.

In addition, the Governor has launched the most aggressive sex offender parole supervision program in history. Today, specially trained agents are now supervising the state's paroled sex offenders. IDOC also implemented a GPS (Global Positioning System), which uses satellite technology to track high-risk sex offender parolee movement.

The agency's parole efforts additionally support the Governor's Sheridan National Drug Prison and Reentry Program. Nearly 69 percent of the state prison population is incarcerated for a drug-involved crime.

In recognizing that drugs are a leading cause of recidivism, the Governor opened the Sheridan National

working model for statewide reform in the way drug-involved offenders are managed in the corrections system. IDOC has teamed up with partners and community-based providers to provide the new, cutting-edge model for reducing crime.

This program targets drug-involved offenders for a 6 to 24 month intensive prison-based drug treatment, vocational training and job preparation program that culminates with an extensive case management and highly supervised community reentry program upon completion of their sentence.

The eligibility structure for the Sheridan project is fairly unique in the nation because it takes on a medium-security population and offenders with three lengths of sentences: 6-9 months, 9-12 months and 12-24 months. Most facilities in the nation take a smaller minimum-security population with a more specific sentence period. Sheridan is taking the 6-9 month population because inmates tend to cycle in and out of prisons for short periods of time and never truly gain access to a consistent set of drug treatment services either in prison or in the community. The project is also taking the 9-12 month population because it is projected to be the most effective length of time for an offender to successfully experience a therapeutic model treatment program. Finally, the project has chosen to continue the program for the 12-24 month population to graduate those staying beyond 12 months into a more intensive vocational, job placement and reentry life skills set of programs.

The Sheridan project is showing promise. Recent analysis shows that it has reduced recidivism of participants by more than 40 percent better than a comparison group. Also, a larger percentage of Sheridan program participants are becoming employed more regularly and quickly, compared to other parolees.

Another innovative program of the Governor is the establishment of a Meth Prison and Reentry Program at Southwestern Illinois Correctional this year. Meth has become a growing crisis in the State of Illinois with prison admissions rising from only six in Fiscal Year 1999 to 421 in Fiscal Year 2004. The current prison population for Meth offenders is more than 800 with countless others in prison who are believed to have committed their offense while under the influence of the drug.

Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center in East St. Louis will become a first-of-its-kind national model for reducing crime and recidivism among Meth offenders. The Meth Prison and Reentry Program will focus on specific challenges facing people addicted to Meth so they can lead productive crime-and drug-free lives once they return to their families and communities.

As with the Sheridan Program, IDOC has chosen a group of partners and community-based providers to help build this national model for reducing crime. Under the Meth Prison Initiative, hundreds of IDOC inmates at Southwestern will undergo a newly developed, highly intensive drug treatment and community reentry program to combat Meth addiction and reduce crime.

In Fiscal Year 2007, the Southwestern facility created a 200-bed Meth unit. The facility there will become a fully dedicated drug prison and reentry program in the model of the Sheridan prison program. As with the current Sheridan model, inmates in both programs will access intensive prison-based drug treatment programs, vocational training, job preparation and mental health services. In addition, their treatment will continue upon completion of their sentence under a highly supervised transition back to their communities.

This initiative will help IDOC find new and more effective ways to reduce repeat crime among Meth offenders in the prison system. The program gives IDOC the opportunity to continue its efforts, similar to the Sheridan project, to develop new and innovative ways to address the impact of drugs on crime and recidivism, especially regarding the Meth crisis that plagues so many communities in Central and Southern Illinois.

What distinguishes the programs at Sheridan and Southwestern from other programs is that they have an extensive focus on community safety and the most highly supervised and supported reentry program in state history.

As an added focus on community reentry, IDOC also assists veterans who are currently incarcerated through the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program. The program serves to support reentry by accessing the strengths and needs of veteran offenders and identifying programs and services to support their transition into society.

Many incarcerated veterans along the way have faced a lot of problems, became lost and made some poor choices. This program is here to help them get an even footing, and even more so, become productive citizens.

The program is a collaboration between IDOC, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the Federal Department of Labor. About 18 months prior to release, incarcerated veterans are offered the opportunity to participate in the Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program. The program includes educational modules, employment workshops and counseling and linkage to other benefits and programs, such as health services, housing arrangements and obtaining I.D. cards. A recent analysis at IDOC shows that some 1,400 inmates self reported being veterans. That number will fluctuate with the ongoing admissions and exits of inmates.

IDOC's Women and Family Services Division also hosted a special ribbon cutting ceremony for the Moms and Babies Program at Decatur Correctional Center on May 10, 2007. The program allows qualified mothers to keep their newborn babies with them and supports the incarcerated mother in developing and nurturing a bond with her infant through effective programming and a safe and supportive living environment. The program also affords the opportunity to build a sound foundation for a strong family structure to continue upon release.

The Mom and Babies Program is designed to help strengthen the special bond that is critical to a healthy mother child relationship. This new program recognizes the parental role and responsibilities of the female offender and helps prepare her to take proper care of her child when she reenters society. The department wants to give moms and babies a good start together for a more productive life outside the confines of the correctional facility.

Additionally, the agency participated in a disaster recovery project, one of the longest in IDOC history. IDOC staff and inmate work crews logged in nearly 33,000 hours helping communities clean up and recover from the July 21, 2006, severe storms that swept through Central and Southern Illinois. I commend the leadership and professionalism of IDOC employees who are called out on a moment's notice to organize, coordinate and supervise work details when disaster strikes communities. Supporting communi-

ties in their time of need is an important mission of the agency. IDOC is well represented by these employees who display pride and professionalism in completing this mission. When IDOC is called upon to provide service, the state can be assured that we will be there.

IDOC's support with natural disasters also extended to the southern U.S. Collaboration continued with the efforts in Shreveport, La., to build housing for families who had their homes on the Gulf Coast destroyed by last year's hurricanes. The collaboration was between Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, the IDOC and IDOC School District 428.

Beginning Sept. 18, 2006, the Fuller Center for Housing, Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal and Northwest Louisiana Habitat for Humanity began a "Blitz-Build" of 10 new homes. The "Blitz-Build" project involves the completion of house exteriors in one week. Exterior and interior walls for eight of the houses have been constructed by IDOC facilities.

On Sept. 9, two sets of walls that were built at Hardin County Work Camp arrived at Shreveport. During the week of Sept. 11-17, two sets of walls from Dixon Correctional Center, two sets of walls from Big Muddy River Correctional Center and two additional sets of walls from Hardin County Work Camp arrived in Shreveport.

We are proud to partner with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in the Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives Program. The Building Homes:Rebuilding Lives Program serves as an important component in the reentry management of inmates and also brings hope and dignity to communities through the building of Habitat for Humanity homes.

IDOC continues to be committed to the goal of providing programs, improving access to services, removing barriers and building partnerships to reduce recidivism and increase the likelihood that inmates become productive citizens. Today, inmates and parolees are given more opportunities for successful reentry into society than ever before.

Being in law enforcement and corrections since 1972, I have seen first hand the cycle of recidivism. As sheriff of Macon County, I saw offenders come back to jail before the ink was dry on their parole papers. Now, as director of the Illinois Department of Corrections, it is encouraging to see model programs and services that enhance the success of offenders returning to society.

And finally, I have always said that I am very proud to serve as the director of the Illinois Department of Corrections because of the agency's exceptional staff. I would like to commend the employees of IDOC for their commitment to public safety. Everyday, they meet new and demanding challenges with professionalism, leadership and courage. Through their support and vision, the agency continues to operate one of the safest, securest prison systems in the nation. Thank you all for a job well done.

Director Roger E. Walker Jr.

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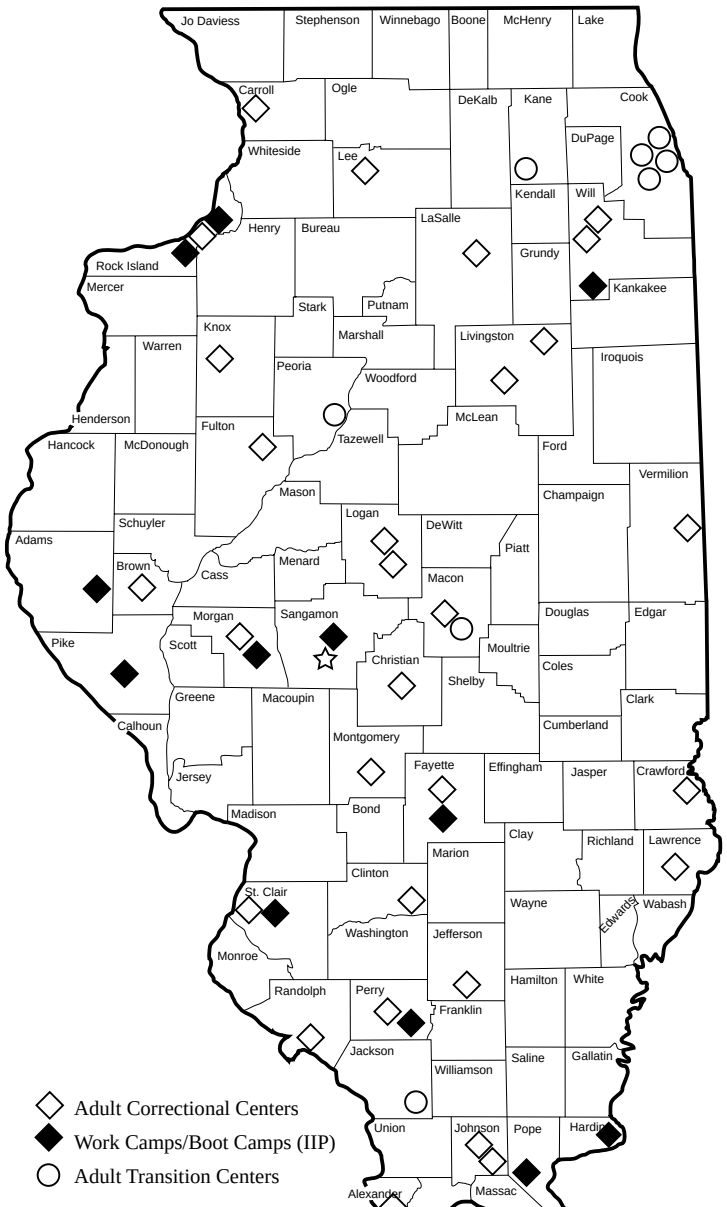

Adult Correctional Centers
Work Camps/Boot Camps (IIP)
Adult Transition Centers

Level 1 - Maximum Security
Level 2 - Secure Medium Security
Level 3 - High Medium Security
Level 4 - Medium Security
Level 5 - High Minimum Security
Level 6 - Minimum Security
Level 7 - Low Minimum Security

Big Muddy River CC	**3**	**Jefferson**	**1993**	**male**	**1,844**	**$27,791.4**	**1,850**	**$15,022**
Centralia CC	**4**	**Clinton**	**1980**	**male**	**1,525**	**$29,465.6**	**1,527**	**$19,296**
Crossroads ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**1983**	**male**	**328**	**$6,996.9**	**326**	**$21,463**
Danville CC	**3**	**Vermilion**	**1985**	**male**	**1,822**	**$28,962.4**	**1,808**	**$16,019**
Decatur ATC	**8**	**Macon**	**1979**	**male**	**109**	**$1,960.6**	**109**	**$17,987**
Decatur CC	**4**	**Macon**	**2000**	**female**	**513**	**$18,865.6**	**524**	**$36,003**
Dixon CC	**multi**				**2,163**	**$48,857.4**	**2,189**	**$22,320**
Level 3 facility	*3*	*Lee*	*1983*	*male*	*1,546*			
Dixon Psychiatric Unit	*1*	*Lee*	*1997*	*male*	*183*			
Dixon Special Treatment Center	*3*	*Lee*	*1983*	*male*	*434*			
Dwight CC	**multi**				**1,159**	**$35,114.4**	**1,088**	**$32,274**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Livingston*	*1930*	*female*	*749*			
Reception & Classification Center	*1*	*Livingston*	*1997*	*female*	*333*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Kankakee)	*7*	*Will*	*1993*	*female*	*77*			
East Moline CC	**multi**				**1,140**	**$23,310.8**	**1,111**	**$20,982**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*Rock Island*	*1980*	*male*	*1,048*			
Work Camp (East Moline)	*7*	*Rock Island*	*1980*	*male*	*92*			
Fox Valley ATC	**8**	**Kane**	**1972**	**female**	**123**	**$2,113.5**	**125**	**$16,908**
Graham CC	**4**				**1,802**	**$35,117.7**	**1,825**	**$19,243**
Level 4 facility	*4*	*Montgomery*	*1980*	*male*	*1,500*			
Reception & Classification Center	*4*	*Montgomery*	*1997*	*male*	*302*			
Hill CC	**2**	**Knox**	**1986**	**male**	**1,829**	**$27,651.7**	**1,818**	**$15,210**
Illinois River CC	**3**	**Fulton**	**1989**	**male**	**1,971**	**$31,349.4**	**1,956**	**$16,027**
Jacksonville CC	**multi**				**1,514**	**$34,173.3**	**1,521**	**$22,468**
Level 5 facility	*5*	*Morgan*	*1984*	*male*	*994*			
Work Camp (Pittsfield)	*7*	*Pike*	*1996*	*male*	*349*			
Work Camp (Greene County)	*7*	*Greene*	*1993*	*male*	*171*			
Jessie Ma Houston ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**1980**	**male**	**130**	**$4,410.7**	**129**	**$34,191**
Lawrence CC	**2**	**Lawrence**	**2001**	**male**	**1,996**	**$34,546.5**	**1,927**	**$17,928**
Lincoln CC	**4**	**Logan**	**1984**	**female**	**965**	**$20,669.4**	**972**	**$21,265**
Logan CC	**4**	**Logan**	**1978**	**male**	**1,887**	**$29,153.9**	**1,890**	**$15,425**
Menard CC	**multi**				**3,441**	**$65,017.8**	**3,457**	**$18,808**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Randolph*	*1878*	*male*	*2,943*			
Reception and Classification Center	*1*	*Randolph*	*2003*	*male*	*82*			
Medium-Security Unit (Menard)	*3*	*Randolph*	*1996*	*male*	*416*			
North Lawndale ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**2000**	**male**	**199**	**$4,463.9**	**196**	**$22,775**
Peoria ATC	**8**	**Peoria**	**1972**	**male**	**192**	**$4,008.4**	**195**	**$20,556**
Pinckneyville CC	**multi**				**2,188**	**$39,049.3**	**2,227**	**$17,534**
Level 2 facility	*2*	*Perry*	*1998*	*male*	*2,002*			
Impact Incarceration Program (DuQuoin)	*7*	*Perry*	*1994*	*male*	*186*			
Pontiac CC	**multi**				**1,523**	**$52,078.0**	**1,589**	**$32,774**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Livingston*	*1871*	*male*	*1,063*			
Mental Health Unit	*1*	*Livingston*	*2001*	*male*	*69*			
Medium-Security Unit (Pontiac)	*3*	*Livingston*	*1937*	*male*	*391*			
Robinson CC	**5**	**Crawford**	**1991**	**male**	**1,199**	**$21,570.9**	**1,203**	**$17,931**
Shawnee CC	**multi**				**2,001**	**$31,778.9**	**1,999**	**$15,897**
Level 3 facility	*3*	*Johnson*	*1984*	*male*	*1,829*			

Southern Illinois ATC	**8**	**Jackson**	**1970**	**male**	**60**	**$1,462.9**	**63**	**$23,221**
Southwestern Illinois CC	**multi**				**670**	**$21,929.2**	**662**	**$33,126**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*St. Clair*	*1995*	*male*	*603*			
Work Camp (Southwestern Illinois)	*7*	*St. Clair*	*1995*	*male*	*67*			
Stateville CC	**multi**				**3,253**	**$97,262.2**	**3,280**	**$29,653**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Will*	*1925*	*male*	*1,590*			
Reception & Classification Center	*1*	*Will*	*2004*	*male*	*1,557*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Stateville)	*7*	*Will*	*2003*	*male*	*106*			
Tamms CC	**multi**				**449**	**$26,490.7**	**452**	**$58,608**
Closed Maximum-Security Unit	*1*	*Alexander*	*1998*	*male*	*267*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Tamms)	*7*	*Alexander*	*1995*	*male*	*182*			
Taylorville CC	**5**	**Christian**	**1990**	**male**	**1,196**	**$20,864.9**	**1,177**	**$17,727**
Thomson CC	**multi**				**174**	**$5,145.3**	**98**	**$52,503**
Level 1 facility	*1*	*Carroll*	*N/A*	*male*	*0*			
Minimum-Security Unit (Thomson)	*7*	*Carroll*	*2006*	*male*	*174*			
Vandalia CC	**multi**				**1,431**	**$32,090.2**	**1,487**	**$21,580**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*Fayette*	*1921*	*male*	*1,032*			
Work Camp (Vandalia)	*7*	*Fayette*	*1996*	*male*	*399*			
Vienna CC	**multi**				**1,602**	**$28,855.9**	**1,600**	**$18,035**
Level 6 facility	*6*	*Johnson*	*1965*	*male*	*1,413*			
Impact Incarceration Program (Dixon Springs)	*7*	*Pope*	*1990*	*male*	*164*			
Impact Incarceration Program (Dixon Springs)	*7*	*Pope*	*1990*	*female*	*25*			
Western Illinois CC	**multi**				**2,012**	**$31,906.7**	**2,004**	**$15,922**
Level 2 facility	*2*	*Brown*	*1989*	*male*	*1,888*			
Work Camp (Clayton)	*7*	*Adams*	*1993*	*male*	*124*			
West Side ATC	**8**	**Cook**	**1993**	**male**	**177**	**$3,661.8**	**175**	**$20,925**
INSTITUTION TOTALS					**45,536**	**$965,325.6**	**45,367**	**$21,278**
DEPARTMENT TOTALS (including Federal, Other State s inmates, Women s Treatment Center)					**45,565**		**45,402**	

[1] Historical intra-institution comparisons are affected by how the funtional use of the institution has changed over time (i.e., security level is different, population may have housed juveniles or a different gender, primary role of the facility regarding program services has been altered, etc.)

[2] Expenditures among satellite facilities cannot be extracted from parent facilities for a host of reasons as administrative, dietary, medical, staffing, services costs, etc. are shared. Also, the expenditures here only include correctional facilities; some expenditures such as parole, general office, shared services, etc. are not included. The FY07 General Revenue Fund expenditures for the Department of Corrections were $1,118,833,800.

[3] Per capita costs are calculated as expenditures divided by average daily population. For the same reasons listed in footnote #1, the historical intra- and inter-institution comparisons are affected. Further, per capita costs are a function of economies of scale which further limits an objective comparison between correctional sites; especially higher security level sites or sites with a small number of inmates.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRADUATES 111 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER CADETS FROM THE TRAINING ACADEMY

New correctional officer cadets to join security work force, 30 assigned to Thomson

Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Director Roger E. Walker Jr. on Aug. 4, 2006, congratulated 111 correctional officer cadets at a graduation ceremony. The six-week paramilitary training course began June 26 at the agency's Illinois Department of Corrections training academy in Springfield.

"Safety is at the forefront of the agency's operations," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "We look forward to having these new correctional officers join the professional staff at the agency's correctional facilities. We are also excited that this graduation indicates how close we are to opening Thomson Correctional Center—nearly one quarter of these officers will go to Thomson."

The six-week course is a 240-hour Pre-Service Security Training program. The cadets underwent a regimen of training sessions that include employee ethics, professionalism, firearms, control tactics, fire emergency, search procedures, discipline and report writing, radio communication, drug awareness, training exercises and exams.

The new correctional officers reported to various IDOC facilities throughout the state. Out of the 111 new officers, 30 were assigned to Thomson Correctional Center's minimum-security unit (MSU), which is slated to open September 1. Approximately 75 staff were employed at Thomson MSU, which includes 30 new and 10 transferring correctional officers. Frank Shaw is serving as warden of Thomson Correctional Center. Shaw served as warden of Hill Correctional Center as well as assistant warden of operations at both Hill and East Moline Correctional Centers. A veteran of IDOC, he joined the agency in 1981 as a correctional officer at East Moline Correctional Center.

In May, IDOC held a series of town hall meetings at Thomson, Port Byron and Morrison to inform residents about the job opportunities that would become available as the agency began the correctional officer hiring process for the Thomson Correctional Center. Nearly 500 people attended the meetings, which provided information on IDOC's employment opportunities and recruitment process.

Prior to this scheduled training, the last correctional officer class to graduate from IDOC was held in January 2005 when 108 officers graduated.

The Governor has pledged to improve the Illinois prison system. The Governor's most recent reentry initiative is to develop a national model Meth prison and reentry program**.** In Fiscal Year 2007, the Governor will create a 200-bed Meth Unit at the 667-bed Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center and make the entire prison another fully dedicated drug prison and reentry program in the model of Sheridan.

IDOC FEATURES LARGE DISPLAY AT ILLINOIS STATE FAIR

The IDOC K-9 Unit provided daily performances at the Illinois State Fair.

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) featured a large display located in the Happy Hollow area of the Illinois State Fairgrounds. The fair was held Aug. 11 through Aug. 20. The IDOC display featured the Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Program, the Sheridan Drug Prison and Reentry Program, Women and Family Services programs, Industries, a PowerPoint presentation providing an overview of IDOC programs and more. Performances of the Tactical Team, K-9 Unit and Helping Paws Dog Training Program were held.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRADUATES 15 NEW PAROLE AGENTS TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SAFETY IN ILLINOIS COMMUNITIES

New parole agents support Governor's Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Program to reduce crime, recidivism and taxpayer spending

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) held a graduation ceremony Aug. 11, 2006, in Springfield for 15 new parole agents. Including this graduating class of agents, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Initiative has resulted in placing more than 100 new parole agents in communities and more than doubling contacts with parolees in many communities. The Governor launched Operation Spotlight in 2003 as a way to increase supervision and monitor parolees in an effort to reduce crime.

"Through the Governor's reentry initiatives, inmates and parolees have more opportunities for successful crime- and drug-free reentry into society than ever before," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Today's parole agent graduating class supports that mission and will help improve public safety in our communities."

As part of Operation Spotlight's eight-week training program, parole agents underwent a regimen of physical and classroom instruction as training. The computer training provides them with the technological mobility to be out in the community while monitoring and supervising parolees using a new computerized case management and tracking system recently developed as part of the Governor's long-term Operation Spotlight Parole Reform Plan.

Parole agent class P4 began training June 19 and is the fourth class to graduate under the new "Operation Spotlight" training program. Each parole agent takes an oath of office and receives an IDOC certificate of completion. The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board certifies the training. The new agents have been assigned to the following parole offices to monitor and supervise parolees:

District 1 – Chicago Heights PO – 1 agent;
District 2 – Aurora PO – 1 agent;
District 2 – Peoria PO – 2 agents;
District 2 – Rockford PO – 2 agents;
District 3 – Champaign PO – 2 agents;

District 4 – Southwestern PO – 4 agents;
District 5 – Marion PO – 2 agents.

The 15 new agents bring the total number of agents to 460. All 35,000 parolees receive direct supervision in the community.

In his first State of the State Address, Governor Blagojevich announced the launch of his four-year plan to transform parole. This plan aims to reduce repeat crime among convicted felons on parole over the long-term by improving three areas: increased parolee contacts, more effective risk assessment and support, and improved cooperation with local law enforcement, service providers and the community. The plan is also designed to reduce parole agent caseloads and provide new case management training, risk assessment and graduated sanction tools that empower agents to effectively steer offenders away from crime and drugs and toward honest work and productive citizenship.

Through this increase in parole agents, the Governor also has launched the most aggressive sex offender parole supervision program in history. Today, specially trained agents are now supervising the state's paroled sex offenders. In addition, IDOC implemented a GPS (Global Positioning System) pilot, which uses satellite technology to track high-risk sex offender parolee movement. As part of the parole monitoring efforts, IDOC also has increased the number of parole compliance check operations throughout the state.

"IDOC additionally has launched seven 'Spotlight Reentry Centers' in high-impact regions that serve as resource centers in providing counseling, programs and services to support parolees' transition into society," Walker said. "These centers also offer a highly structured Day Reporting Program that offers an alternative sanction for non-violent parole violators."

The agency's parole efforts also support the Governor's Sheridan National Drug Prison and Reentry Program. Today, Sheridan is moving drug-involved offenders through an intensive drug treatment, cognitive skills development, vocational and job preparation program. The program begins in the prison setting and follows through reentry, and back into communities under an extensive case management program with heightened parole supervision.

"Nearly 69 percent of the state prison population is estimated to have been incarcerated for a drug-involved crime," Walker said. "In recognizing that drugs are a leading cause of recidivism, the Governor opened Sheridan in January 2004, which is designed to be the largest fully dedicated state drug prison in the nation."

In a recent evaluation, the Sheridan program was reported to have maintained a nearly 50 percent lower reincarceration rate than comparison groups. In addition, a larger percentage of Sheridan program participants are becoming employed and getting employed sooner, compared to other parolees. More than 54 percent of Sheridan parolees were verified to be currently working, and most of them full-time, while a 30 percent average of other parolees self-report working at any given time during the year.

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IDOC HOLDS "MOM AND ME CAMP" AT DECATUR AND LINCOLN CORRECTIONAL CENTERS

The Decatur and Lincoln Correctional Centers hosted their annual Mom and Me Camp. Children ages 7 to 12 years old, who have mothers incarcerated at the Decatur and Lincoln Correctional Centers, were able to enjoy day camp from Aug. 6 through Aug. 9 at the prisons, returning each evening to East Bay Camp in Bloomington. While at the day camp, the children and their mothers enjoyed activities such as crafts and games as well as renewing their relationships. The children were able to enjoy a true summer camp experience at East Bay Camp in the evenings by participating in swimming, hiking, boating and fellowship under the supervision of approximately 70 dedicated volunteers from Central Illinois and Chicago.

"The benefits of the camp are immeasurable," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "The bonding between mother and child is important. For the first time, many of these children have the opportunity to relate to their mothers outside the prison visiting room."

"The Women and Family Services Division continually promotes a variety of programs to strengthen and reinforce the bonding between mothers and their children," said Deputy Director Debbie Denning, who oversees the division. "Some 80 percent of the female offenders are mothers. These programs help to educate and lift them up as well as reintegrate them back to their families and the community. Such programs promote their chances of becoming successful when they are released."

This year, 21 mothers and 29 children enjoyed the camp activities at Lincoln Correctional Center while nine mothers and 12 children enjoyed the same experience at the Decatur Correctional

Decatur and Lincoln Correctional Centers hosted their annual Mom and Me Camp where children of incarcerated mothers were able to enjoy crafts and games as well as renew their relationships.

Center. In addition to the children's camp, caregivers of these children are eligible to stay at East Bay Camp in the Caregivers Camp. The caregivers are often the mothers or sisters of the incarcerated mothers and are given the opportunity to participate in craft activities, boating, swimming and group encounters. Six caregivers took advantage of the occasion this year.

The vision of Mom and Me Camp was inspired by the late Correctional Chaplain Laurie Tockey, who had a vision to bring children of incarcerated mothers together for a camp experience and a chance for quality visitation to strengthen the bonds between mother and child. Tockey had wonderful memories of summer camp as a child and envisioned the same experience for children who might otherwise never get this opportunity.

East Bay Camp provides services to a wide variety of church-related groups.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS HOLDS TRAINING FOR SECA AMBASSADORS

Training was conducted in late summer at the Illinois Department of Corrections General Headquarters in Springfield for its employees who serve as ambassadors at their respective facilities to commence the 2006 State and University Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Campaign. The campaign, which began Sept. 15 and ran through Nov. 10, provides state and university employees the opportunity to support participating charities of their choice through payroll deduction or a one-time donation.

"I'd like to thank all of the department's SECA ambassadors and everyone who has come on board to help make this year's SECA Campaign a success," said Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "The examples are endless on how these charities truly enhance the quality of life for people in need. There are many of us who have seen first hand how friends, neighbors and even our own families have received assistance from such organizations."

During the 2005 campaign, IDOC raised $354,000 and won the highest award, the Capitol Cup, for the fifth consecutive year. The award is given to an agency for the most staff participation and exceptional giving. Staff from the agency's correctional centers, work camps, boot camps, adult transition centers, juvenile centers, parole offices as well as its General Headquarters, School District No. 428 and Correctional Industries joined together to contribute to one or more charities that provide health and human services to thousands of people in Illinois.

In recognizing IDOC at the 2005 SECA awards ceremony, Central Management Services Director and SECA Chair Paul Campbell praised IDOC for "consistently being engaged in supporting the SECA Campaign and understanding the importance of it."

"Corrections employees have a longstanding history of kindness and goodwill," said Walker. "Their dedication in helping those in need is amazing. Over the years, IDOC employees continue to step up to the plate and donate toward organizations that help make a difference."

IDOC, LSSI HELPS SUPPORT RECOVERY EFFORTS ON THE GULF COAST

Collaboration continued with the efforts in Shreveport, La., to build housing for families who had their homes on the Gulf Coast destroyed by last year's hurricanes. The collaboration is between Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives, a program of Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI), the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and IDOC School District 428.

Beginning Sept. 18, 2006, the Fuller Center for Housing, Shreveport-Bossier Community Renewal and Northwest Louisiana Habitat for Humanity began a "Blitz-Build" of 10 new homes. The "Blitz-Build" project involves the completion of house exteriors in one week.

On Sept. 9, 2006, two sets of walls that were built at Hardin County Work Camp arrived at Shreveport. During the week of Sept. 1 1-17, two sets of walls from Dixon Correctional Center, two sets of walls from Big Muddy River Correctional Center and two additional sets of walls from Hardin County Work Camp will arrive in Shreveport.

"We are proud to partner with Lutheran Social Services of Illinois in the Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives Program," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Reentry management is a major goal of Governor Rod R. Blagojevich and the Illinois Department of Corrections. The

serves as an important component in the reentry management of inmates and also brings hope and dignity to communities through the building of Habitat for Humanity homes. Today inmates are given more opportunities for successful reentry into society than ever before through such rehabilitative programs and our commitment to reentry management."

"LSSI's Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives program fosters the philosophy of restorative justice by offering inmates, both youth and adults, the opportunity to give back to the community," said Jane Otte, executive director of LSSI's Prisoner and Family Ministry. "In the process, inmates gain valuable trade skills and a sense of self-worth that will hopefully help them move forward in a positive direction after their release from prison. This kind of partnership not only increases the production within the prisons, but also expands the giving opportunity for the incarcerated. They become a part of the great store of people in the U.S. who are responding to the cry for help on the Gulf Coast. Prisoners can give to people in need far beyond Illinois. Their world view and their generous response grow at the same time, which helps to move them forward in a positive direction after their release from prison."

Since 1995, the Building Homes: Rebuilding Lives program has involved more than 2,500 prison inmates. Currently, the prisoners annually contribute more than 14,000 hours of volunteer labor in the creation of housing components. Materials that are paid for by LSSI, Habitat for Humanity affiliates, and other not-for-profit organizations are used in the construction classes to build housing components.

Throughout IDOC, there are many opportunities for offenders to give back to communities. Details of these programs teach them invaluable lessons while increasing their self-esteem as they help people.

"The Governor and I are committed to enhancing the successful reentry of offenders into society through rehabilitative programs and services," said Walker. "Reaching out and helping those in communities that have helped and assisted them in many ways, offers countless rewards to everyone involved. Such programs not only benefit our communities and help offenders return to society, but also serve as a valuable asset to the taxpayer."

IDOC COMPLETES CLEANUP RESTORATION PROJECT FOLLOWING JULY 21 STORMS

Disaster recovery project one of the longest in IDOC history

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) staff and inmate work crews logged in nearly 33,000 hours helping communities clean up and recover from the July 21, 2006, severe storms that swept through central and southern Illinois. In addition to cleanup efforts, IDOC responded to an urgent request for drinking water. Illinois Correctional Industries produced and delivered 85,000 individual containers and 300 five-gallon containers of drinking water to Metro East locations following the storm.

moment's notice to organize, coordinate and supervise work details when disaster strikes communities," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Supporting communities in their time of need is an important mission of the agency. IDOC is well represented by these employees who display pride and professionalism in completing this mission. When IDOC is called upon to provide service, the state can be assured that we will be there."

Staff and inmate work crews were deployed to

Incarceration Program as well as Vandalia, Southwestern, Green County work camps and Menard Minimum Security Unit.

"IDOC staff and inmates work worked side-by-side with other government agencies and civilians in providing disaster relief," said Mike McKinney, assistant warden of operations at Jacksonville Correctional Center, who also serves as IDOC liaison to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. "The work crews served in the cleanup project from July 24 to Sept. 8, which is the longest disaster recovery undertaken by IDOC in history, not including flood response."

In early April, IDOC staff and inmate work crews logged nearly 11,000 hours helping communities clean up and recover after two tornadoes swept through Springfield and high winds and strong storms wreaked havoc on the region.

"The goal of supporting communities through public service projects also provides inmates a structured, specialized agenda that develops responsibility, self-discipline, self-respect and the importance of a good work ethic," said Walker. "Their willingness to get involved in community service enhances the ability of the offender to reintegrate into society and live as a responsible, law-abiding and productive citizen. The use of staff and inmate work crews assisting with emergency relief projects is also a valuable asset to the taxpayer as well as those affected by devastating disasters."

In addition to responding to emergencies relief efforts, IDOC staff and inmate work crews help beautify Illinois communities by cleaning up highways, parks, fairs and celebrations. At the Illinois State Fair, IDOC staff and inmate work crews plant and maintain flowers on the grounds—a beautification project highly praised by the citizens of Illinois.

GOV. BLAGOJEVICH ANNOUNCES FEDERAL GRANT TO SUPPORT STATE'S EFFORTS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

$450,000 from U.S. Dept. of Justice supports Blagojevich administration's efforts to help keep released offenders from returning to life of crime

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Oct. 12, 2006, that the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) will receive $450,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice to help prepare inmates for life after prison. Illinois is one of 20 states to receive awards to provide programs to help keep released inmates from returning to prison.

The grant will fund a two-year program that will allow IDOC to provide more pre-release programming and case management to inmates participating in the Safer Foundation's Ready4Work program. The Safer Foundation helps inmates find and keep jobs after their release and also provides inmates with additional programs and services such as housing, substance

"We need to do everything we can to help men and women who are in prison develop the skills they need to stay away from drugs, find jobs, rebuild their lives and become productive members of society when they are released. Our programs are among the most aggressive in state history aimed at reducing recidivism. This grant for the Safer Foundation supports our ongoing efforts to help inmates find a place in their communities, and avoid the very same mistakes that sent them to prison," said Gov. Blagojevich.

"Addressing the issue of recidivism is about improving public safety and the quality of life in Illinois communities," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker, Jr. "While these are long-term chal-

historic efforts to seek solutions and make meaningful and effective reforms that will make Illinois families safer. Because of the Governor's reentry initiatives, inmates and parolees now have more opportunities to make a successful crime- and drug-free reentry into society than ever before."

Safer's first three years of Ready4Work yielded outstanding results. Of the 430 participants who were part of Ready4Work, less than 10 percent recidivated and 69 percent achieved employment, with 67 percent achieving 30-day employment retention. Safer's recidivism study shows that when participants achieve 30-day retention, they see a 67 percent decline in the three-year recidivism rate against the statewide recidivism rate.

Safer's Ready4Work partners include Trinity United Church of Christ, St. Sabina Community of Faith, People's Church of the Harvest C.O.G.I.C., Ambassadors for Christ, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Chicago Project for Violence Prevention (all Chicago), Vision of Restoration (Maywood), and Valley Kingdom Ministries (South Suburbs).

"This issue does not only affect those in prison and their families," said Safer Foundation President and CEO Diane Williams. "It does not only affect the communities to which they return. Decreasing recidivism and increasing job placement for people with criminal records provides all of us with a safer and more productive society. A major part of the strategy to support people returning from prison must be to ensure that those communities most impacted by reentry get the resources and opportunities to support reentry."

In another effort to reduce recidivism, the Governor's Fiscal Year 2007 budget funds the creation of a specialized 200-bed treatment unit for inmates with Meth addictions at the 667-bed Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center. The new unit, which will receive $1.9 million from the state and $4.78 million from the federal government, will be modeled after the Sheridan National Model Drug Prison & Reentry program that has shown tremendous success, with a re-incarceration rate that is nearly 50 percent lower than other groups. The Fiscal Year 2007 budget also includes $5.7 million enabling IDOC to increase programming in support of parolee reentry, including interview skills and transitional employment.

GOV. BLAGOJEVICH ANNOUNCES THE GRADUATION OF 61 CORRECTIONAL OFFICER CADETS FROM THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TRAINING ACADEMY

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Oct. 20, 2006, the graduation of 61 correctional officer cadets, who completed a six-week, paramilitary training course at the Illinois Department of Corrections training academy in Springfield. On behalf of the Governor, IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. congratulated the 61 new correctional officers during a graduation ceremony held at the agency's General Headquarters.

"These new officers will help improve our prison tional facilities safe and secure," said Gov. Blagojevich.

"It's a pleasure and an honor to see this fine group of cadets graduate today," said Director Walker. "On behalf of Gov . Blagojevich, I commend their dedication and achievements. These new officers will carry on this administration's focus of running safe and secure prisons, and the state will continue to grow front line staff to protect and control inmates."

The six-week course is a 240-hour Pre-Service

a regimen of training sessions that include employee ethics, professionalism, firearms, control tactics, fire emergency, search procedures, discipline and report writing, radio communications, drug awareness, training exercises and exams.

Last August, a class of 111 correctional officers graduated.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INCREASES MONITORING OF PAROLED SEX OFFENDERS ON HALLOWEEN

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) increased its surveillance of paroled sex offenders on Halloween in a program entitled Operation Safe Spirits. For the second year, the agency worked with local law enforcement throughout the state in the monitoring of sex offenders on Halloween.

“The Illinois Department of Corrections is serious about monitoring sex offenders,” said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. “The agency is dedicated to improving public safety and helping to ensure families have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.”

Walker stated that on Halloween and throughout the year, IDOC will continue its efforts to improve community safety through Governor Blagojevich’s Sex Offender Initiative, which includes a specially trained sex offender supervision unit to highly supervise sex offenders on parole and through the building of partnerships statewide to improve the safety of all families in Illinois.

On the days leading up to and on Halloween, IDOC conducted face-to-face contacts and spot checks with the state’s 1,100 paroled sex offenders. All paroled sex offenders are on electronic or GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring and have been served with requirements of their parole. Conditions include that they do not go outside on Halloween, dress in costume, have their porch lights on or pass out candy to trick-or-treaters. Paroled sex offenders not meeting these conditions could be returned to prison.

Recent laws signed into legislation have tightened restriction of sex offenders. House Bill 121, which went into effect in July 2005, prevents sex offenders from preying on children during the holidays. The law provides that as a condition of probation, conditional discharge, parole, or mandatory supervised release, a sex offender may not participate in a holiday event involving children under 18 years of age, such as handing out candy on Halloween, wearing a Santa Claus costume on or preceding Christmas, being employed as a department store Santa Claus, or wearing an Easter Bunny costume on or preceding Easter.

“Public safety is at the forefront of the agency’s operations in the monitoring and supervision of paroled sex offenders. However, it is still important for all parents to educate themselves with information regarding the locations of registered sex offenders,” Walker said.

The Illinois State Police sex offender registry is available online at www.isp.state.il.us.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS GRADUATES 54 CADETS FROM THE TRAINING ACADEMY

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced on Nov. 17, 2006, the graduation of 54 correctional officer cadets, who completed a six-week, paramilitary training course at the Illinois Department of Corrections training academy in Springfield. On behalf of the Governor, IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. congratulated the new correctional officers during a graduation ceremony held at the agency's General Headquarters.

"These new officers will make sure our prisons are safe and secure," said Gov Blagojevich. "I congratulate these new officers and wish them luck as they begin their new careers in public safety."

"It's a pleasure and an honor to see this fine group of cadets graduate today," said Director Walker. "On behalf of Gov . Blagojevich, I commend their dedication and achievements. The department's emphasis is placed on front line staff to protect and control inmates. These new officers will help carry our mission of running safe and secure prisons. Safety is at the forefront of the agency's operations."

The six-week course is a 240-hour Pre-Service Security Training program. The cadets undergo a regimen of training sessions that include employee ethics, professionalism, firearms, control tactics, fire emergency, search procedures, discipline and report writing, radio communications, drug awareness, training exercises and exams.

Another class of 61 cadets graduated in mid-October.

Since the beginning of his administration, the Governor has worked to improve the Illinois prison system, and is committed to enhancing prison-based treatment, prevention programs and the successful reentry of inmates into society.

BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION MOVES FORWARD WITH GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO OPEN INNOVATIVE PRISON TO TREAT METH ADDICTS AND REDUCE REPEAT CRIMES

Administration announces team of expert partners to help develop specialized Meth treatment program

IDOC celebrates National Meth Awareness Day on Nov. 30th in its development of the Historic Meth Prison and Reentry Program

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's innovative Meth Prison and Reentry Program is moving forward toward its goal of becoming a first-of-its-kind national model for reducing crime and recidivism among Meth offenders. The Governor announced Nov. 21, 2006, that the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) officially chose a group of partners and community-based providers to help build a new, cutting-edge model for reducing crime among Meth-involved offenders. Under the Meth Prison Initiative, hundreds of IDOC inmates at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center intensive drug treatment and community reentry program to combat Meth addiction and reduce crime.

"Illinois is a national leader in fighting drug use, crime, and helping addicts turn their lives around. We want to take the lessons we've learned and apply them to one of the fastest-growing and most destructive drug scourges plaguing our communities: Methamphetamine addiction," said Gov. Blagojevich. "The Meth Prison and Reentry Initiative at Southwestern Illinois Correctional

facing people addicted to Meth, so they can return to their families and communities and lead productive crime-and drug-free lives."

IDOC joined partners from across the state to celebrate National Meth Awareness Day on Nov. 30 at SWICC for a planning and strategy session where they will continue developing the initiative and exploring successful new ways of treating Meth offenders in the program.

The program at SWICC will be led by CiviGenics, the nation's largest correctional treatment company, and will be a national model for therapeutic interventions with this ever-growing segment of the inmate population. There are many myths about Methamphetamine, one of which is that no effective treatment for Meth addicts exists. Another widely-circulated notion is that once the habit is acquired, the prognosis for Methamphetamine users is near to hopeless. Whilethis is demonstrably false, it is true that Methamphetamine poses some unique treatment challenges which require unique solutions.

The SWICC Methamphetamine program relies on established protocols common to other cognitive therapies for stimulant-use disordered adults. But it adapts them to the case histories and symptomatology of persons whose Methamphetamine addiction, or "MA," has led to a spiraling collapse of social function. And it incorporates findings from the latest research on the neurological impairments caused by MA.

To assure that this initiative emerges as a "best practice" model for future programs for the Meth-offender population, IDOC and CiviGenics have retained Dr. Richard Rawson of UCLA, and Dr. Kevin Knight of Texas Christian University to lend expert guidance in the processes of clinician training, Quality Assurance, and outcomes measurement.

Dr. Rawson is the primary developer of the Matrix Model and one of the most renowned Sciences, and as Associate Director of UCLA's prestigious Integrated Substance Abuse Program, Dr. Rawson oversees a portfolio of addiction research ranging from brain imaging studies to clinical trials on pharmacological and psychosocial addiction treatments. Dr . Knight, as a chief research scientist with the Institute of Behavioral Research, is recognized as a national leader in the development of metrics for therapeutic "best practice" in correctional settings.

The Governor's Meth prison initiative includes creating two Meth units, one at SWICC and one at the Sheridan Correctional Center in LaSalle County. In Fiscal Year 2007, the Governor will create a 200-bed Meth Unit at the 667-bed Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center and make the entire prison another fully dedicated drug prison and reentry program in the model of Sheridan. As with the current Sheridan model, inmates in both programs will not only access intensive prison-based drug treatment programs, vocational training, job preparation and mental health services, but their treatment will continue upon completion of their sentence under a highly supervised transition back to their communities.The Southwestern programis being supported through $1.9 million state funding, and $4.78 million federal funding.

"With this initiative, the Governor has charged our department with finding new and more effective ways to reduce repeat crime among Meth offenders in the prison system, and we are making tremendous progress in meeting this challenge with the first rate partners we have brought on board in recent weeks," said IDOC Director Roger Walker. "This program gives IDOC the opportunity to continue our efforts, similar to the Sheridan project, to develop new and innovative ways to address the impact of drugs on crime and recidivism especially regarding the Meth crisis that plagues so many communities in Central and Southern Illinois."

What distinguishes the programs at Sheridan and

extensive focus on community safety and also includes funding for the most highly supervised and supported reentry program in state history. This program not only includes specially-trained parole agents to monitor participants, but funding for drug treatment, mental health, housing and job placement services all designed to reduce the parolees' risk to their communities and move them toward crime-free and drug-free citizenship. So far, more than 30 community providers throughout the state will be helping to provide those services.

IDOC announced that the following providers are now officially on board to build the Meth prison and reentry program: Civigenics, Safer Foundation, and TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities).

CiviGenics is partnering with the Illinois Department of Corrections in developing an intensive, offender-specific treatment model that targets Methamphetamine abusing offenders at the SWICC. Working with Dr. Richard Rawson, the originator of the only evidence-based model for treatment of Methamphetamine abuse, called the "Matrix Model," CiviGenics is creating a groundbreaking new system to reach Meth abusers in the criminal justice population who sustain significant neurological damage as a result of their use. The model integrates research from a variety of disciplines, including neuropsychiatry and educational models.

CiviGenics will work with community partners identified by the IDOC in creating a broad-based statewide initiative that incorporates the "best of the best" research, practice and service delivery.

- **CiviGenics** was awarded the prison-based drug treatment contract, which includes the development of the national model Meth unit and reentry funding. Additionally, CiviGenics is updating the entire program standards at SWICC. CiviGenics is the nation's largest correctional treatment company, providing in-

  The hallmark of CiviGenics' programs is innovation, using evidence-based practices supported by partnerships with the nation's foremost researchers. CiviGenics has provided offender substance abuse treatment services for IDOC since 1996.

"CiviGenics is proud to be selected as Illinois' partner in pioneering a national model prison program to combat Methamphetamine addiction," said CiviGenics Chief Executive Officer Roy Ross. "We are excited to be part of the Governor's multi-pronged initiative to combat Methamphetamine through treatment and public safety legislation. Our innovative Methamphetamine treatment program at the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center, coupled with Illinois' new statewide parolee re-entry initiative, represents an extraordinary opportunity to create real progress in reducing recidivism in Illinois."

- **Safer Foundation** was awarded the prison- and community-based job preparation and placement contract for offenders at the prison. Safer is also the contractor providing the nationally recognized services at Sheridan Correctional Center, which has resulted in significantly higher job placement rates for that program. Safer has worked for more than 30 years to reduce recidivism by helping people with criminal records obtain employment and social services. In January 2004, Safer was selected as one of three providers of evidenced-based prison reentry services to support drug addicted individuals at the Sheridan Correctional facility. The facility provides training in the employment growth sectors where research has shown an increased demand for laborers both now and into the immediate future. This training includes computer, warehousing, welding, machining, carpentry, culinary and barber skills. In addition, Lakeland Community College (LLC) will be providing a college associate degree program, a horticulture/turf maintenance program, computer program-

custodial maintenance program, and food safety and sanitation.

"We believe the continuation and expansion of the work started at Sheridan Correctional Center will prove to be as beneficial to the clients of Southwestern as it has been for the residents at Sheridan," said Safer Foundation President and Chief Executive Officer Diane Williams. "We are grateful and honored to have an opportunity to support the Governor in his efforts to fight Meth consumption in Illinois."

- **TASC** was awarded the clinical case management contract to oversee the reentry of participants in the program. It also currently manages that portion of the nationally recognized program at Sheridan. TASC is an independent, statewide, nonprofit agency that helps people obtain drug treatment or other services in the community. Since its inception in 1976, TASC has advocated on behalf of clients and improved systems of care. TASC services touch nearly 35,000 clients each year. TASC provides clinical reentry case management services for men entering and leaving the SWICC. Clinical reentry management services bridge the transition from community to prison. Services begin upon entry into the facility and continue as the inmate is released into the community.

"What makes this program exceptional is its attention to what happens to offenders after their release," said TASC President Melody M. Heaps. "By engaging community participation and resources throughout, Sheridan recognizes that real rehabilitation takes root in the communities to which individuals return. From treatment to housing to employment opportunities to faith-based support, the program provides access to services that the formerly incarcerated need to overcome addictions and restore themselves to full citizenship. Communities, families and individuals alike benefit from the hope that personal responsibility and positive change can bring."

To help build the capacity of communities to support the safe reentry of parolees from the program, the SWICC Meth Project gives IDOC the opportunity to fund three additional Community Support and Advisory Councils (CSAC) modeled after a successful pilot project established by the original Sheridan program on the south and west sides of Chicago. The CSAC model builds community-based networks of stakeholders in high-impact communities with the largest populations of reentering ex-offenders from prison. IDOC is also finalizing the CSAC contract for Decatur (Macon County) with Jesus Cares Outreach, Inc.

BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION CELEBRATES NATIONAL METH AWARENESS DAY; HIGHLIGHTS INNOVATIVE METH PRISON AND REENTRY PROGRAM

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Deputy Director Dr. Bertha Madras speaks at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center Event

Governor proclaims today "Meth Prevention Day in Illinois"

On National Meth Awareness Day, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich's administration touted Illinois' new innovative Meth Prison and Reentry Program on Nov. 30, 2006. Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center (SWICC) will become a first-of-its-kind national model for reducing

Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Director Roger E. Walker Jr., joined by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Deputy Director and other state and local partners, explained the Meth Prison and Reentry Program at the SWICC in East St. Louis. The

IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. (left) is joined by White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Deputy Director Dr. Bertha Madras and other state and local partners to explain the innovative Meth Prison and Reentry Program at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center and observe National Meth Awareness Day.

"Illinois is a national leader in fighting drugs, crime, and helping addicts turn their lives around," said Gov. Blagojevich. "Meth is one of the most destructive drugs plaguing our communities. Our Meth Prison and Reentry Initiative at Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center will focus on the very specific challenges facing people addicted to Meth so they can return to their families and communities and lead productive crime-and drug-free lives."

The Governor earlier announced that IDOC officially chose a group of partners and community-based providers to help build a new, cutting-edge model for reducing crime among Meth-involved offenders. Under the Meth Prison Initiative, hundreds of IDOC inmates at SWICC will undergo a newly developed, highly intensive drug treatment and community reentry program to combat Meth addiction and reduce crime.

IDOC and the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) joined at SWICC with nation and state-wide partners to celebrate National Meth Awareness Day for a planning and strategy session where they will continue developing the initiative and exploring successful new ways of treating Meth offenders in the program.

White House Office of National Drug Control Policy Deputy Director Dr. Bertha Madras spoke in recognition of Illinois' efforts and National Meth Awareness Day.

"It is my great honor and privilege to officially observe the first-ever National Methamphetamine Awareness Day here in East St. Louis, Ill. The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy appreciates the dedication of the State of Illinois and the hard work of the Illinois Department of Corrections in combating the deadly scourge of Methamphetamine abuse," said Dr. Madras. "Meth is a serious and highly toxic drug that adversely affects countless American lives and devastates numerous communities. However , the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy – along with our friends and partners, such as the State of Illinois and the Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center – are making progress against Meth. Nationally , we have witnessed a 35 percent decrease in youth Meth use in the last four years through the implementation of our balanced strategy of prevention, treatment and enforcement. The State of Illinois is a major part of that successful story, and it is my pleasure to officially recognize their achievements against Meth abuse on National Methamphetamine Awareness Day."

The Southwestern programis being supported through $1.9 million in state funding, and $4.78 million in federal funding.

"With this initiative, the Governor has charged our department with finding new and more effective ways to reduce repeat crime among Meth offenders in the prison system, and we are making tremendous progress in meeting this challenge with the first rate partners we have brought on board in recent weeks," said Director Walker. "This program gives IDOC the opportunity to continue our efforts, similar to the

ways to address the impact of drugs on crime and recidivism especially regarding the Meth crisis that plagues so many communities in Central and Southern Illinois."

Through the Sheridan project, the model established in Illinois is a comprehensive one that focuses on several criminogenic factors including drug treatment, education and job training, mental health, family reunification and full reentry services that are managed by a parole agent and reentry team. The project has reduced recidivism of the participants by more than 40 percent better than a comparison group.

"The treatment program at Southwestern prison helps drug offenders recover from their addictions and breaks the cycle of drugs, crime and poverty," said IDHS Secretary Carol Adams. "Inmates at Southwestern will participate in integrated programs, including drug treatment, vocational training, education, and closely supervised community reentry. This approach to treatment gives the recovering person the best chance of success."

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"When responding to the Governor's charge to reach out across the state and the nation to seek model programs for reducing crime among Meth offenders, we learned that there were no recognized model programs for Meth offenders," said IDOC Assistant Director Deanne Benos. "This here in Illinois. We found that the only nationally recognized Meth treatment program is the Matrix Model in California, and it is an entirely community-based model. Therefore, our team has reached out and brought the creator of that model, Dr. Rawson, to our design team."

"Illinois' public safety and law enforcement agencies have taken a national lead in developing systemic responses to the unrelenting epidemic of Methamphetamines. The strides in interdiction, apprehension, adjudication and incarceration have been impressive," said CiviGenics President and CEO Roy Ross. "Now , with the inauguration of a dedicated Meth Unit at SWICC, the treatment community is contributing innovative strategies of its own that will turn the tide of this fearsome and devastating addiction. CiviGenics can think of no abler partner than IDOC, nor any better venue than SWICC – an institution wholly devoted to drug treatment – to help assure positive outcomes and to set the pace for future 'best practice.'"

To ensure that this initiative emerges as a "best practice" model for future programs for the Meth-offender population, IDOC and CiviGenics have retained Dr. Richard Rawson of UCLA and Dr. Kevin Knight of Texas Christian University to lend expert guidance in the processes of clinician training, quality assurance and outcomes measurement.

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What distinguishes the programs at Sheridan and SWICC from other programs is that it has an extensive focus on community safety and also includes funding for the most highly supervised and supported reentry program in state history. CiviGenics will provide the prison-based drug treatment and is developing the model Meth program. Safer Foundation is providing the prison-based and post release job preparation and placement programming. TASC (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) is providing the prison-based and community clinical case management. Community Support and Advisory Councils (CSAC) will work with reentering offenders into their neighborhoods.

"In addition, we have found many dedicated community leaders, particularly from Central and Southern Illinois where Meth has hit the hardest, who have offered their suggestions based upon their extensive experience with this population," Walker said. "Together, we look forward to establishing a new model to curtail the Meth crisis that has devastated so many communities throughout our state and the nation."

Meth has become a growing crisis in the State of Illinois with prison admissions rising from only six in Fiscal Year 1999 to 421 in Fiscal Year 2004. The current prison population for Meth offenders is more than 800 with countless others in prison who are believed to have committed their offense while under the influence of the drug.

CORRECTIONS HELPING PAWS SERVICE DOG PROGRAM HELPS TO TRANSFORM LIVES MORE THAN 100 DOGS COMPLETE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Helping Paws Service Dog Program at Dwight Correctional Center is one of the first dog training programs in the state involving inmates as trainers. Since the program's inception in May 2000, inmates have been training dogs to perform a variety of services, such as opening cabinets and doors, retrieving objects, switching lights and walking beside handicapped equipment such as walkers, wheelchairs and braces. The program provides service dogs at no cost to people of Illinois with special needs.

The Helping Paws Program is a unique partnership between the Illinois Department of Corrections, Illinois Correctional Industries, Lake Land College and Morris Service Dogs, which is the service organization that places the dogs with recipients. As of December 2006, 112 dogs have completed the training program and have gone on to become service, therapy, companion, search and rescue, drug detection and hearing dogs.

Jack, a schnoodle, is being trained to assist a person who uses a wheelchair. More than 100 dogs have completed the Helping Paws Service Dog Program at Dwight Correctional Center since its May 2000 inception.

Roger E. Walker Jr. "Throughout IDOC, there are many opportunities for offenders to give back to communities. Details of these programs teach them invaluable lessons while increasing their self-esteem as they help people."

Inmates have the opportunity to receive training and certification in various vocations to help them market their skills upon release. Those selected to be service dog trainers are women who will one day be released back into society. The women not only gain marketable skills, but develop a commitment to responsibility, discipline and a strong work ethic. For inmates to qualify for the Helping Paws Program, they must successfully complete Lake Land College's dog training class. Dog grooming is also another part of the Helping Paws Program.

The dogs, who are typically donated to the program from shelters, pounds and rescue organizations, reside in the same housing unit with their inmate trainers. In addition to the training, the inmate is responsible for the dog's grooming and daily needs.

Volunteers also play an important role in the program by taking dogs on "Furry Furloughs." The furloughs allow the dog to socialize in surroundings and situations in the outside world that would not be encountered in a prison setting, such as being around children, traffic, escalators and different sounds. Many citizens, employees and organizations also volunteer through non-monetary donations, such as contributing dog food.

During the final stage of training, the dog is transferred to the Morris Service Dogs Organization, where it is evaluated and matched with a potential recipient. The dog then becomes certified as a service dog and receives additional specialized training based upon the individual's specific needs.

The impact of Helping Paws extends way beyond the fences of Dwight Correctional Center. Helping Paws is all about second chances. The program helps to save a dog's life; it provides valuable skills for the inmate; and it helps the recipient of the dog to have a better quality of life.

IDOC CONTINUES TO HELP COMMUNITIES WITH DEBRIS CLEANUP FOLLOWING SEVERE WINTER STORM

Recent cleanup effort is IDOC's fourth major disaster recovery project in 2006

Even though most of the snow and ice has melted from the winter blast that hit the region Nov. 30, 2006, the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) staff and inmate work crews continued to help communities in their cleanup and recovery efforts. Work crews totaling 1,015 inmates and 142 staff were deployed to nearly 20 communities in seven counties to provide debris removal since Dec. 4.

"When disaster strikes, IDOC is there to help," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "This is the fourth major storm this year in which IDOC has reached out to help communities in their time of need. The leadership and professionalism of our staff, who report in a moment's notice to organize and supervise work details, are commendable."

The 102 work crews from Vandalia, Decatur, Taylorville, Lincoln, Logan and Southwestern Correctional Centers as well as Green County Work Camp logged in more than 9,250 hours in disaster relief efforts to restore stability to communities affected by the Nov. 30 storm.

IDOC staff and inmate work crews provide cleanup

Work crews assignments included Decatur, Niantic, Warrensburg, Argenta, Taylorville, Kincaid, Buffalo, Mechanicsburg, Nokomis, Schram City, Lincoln, Chestnut, Mt. Pulaski, Belleville, Smithton, Stookey Township, Morrisonville, Greenville and Harvel.

"IDOC staff and inmates are out in the communities working side-by-side with other government agencies and civilians in providing disaster relief," Walker said. "This year, IDOC work crews also have provided debris removal following two devastating tornadoes that hit March 12 and April 2 as well as the July 21 severe storm. The July 21 storm has resulted in the longest disaster recovery project undertaken by IDOC in history, not including flood response."

In this year's earlier disaster recovery projects, IDOC staff and inmate work crews logged more than 33,000 hours assisting with the July 21, 2006, storm and another 11,000 hours with the two March and April tornadoes, according to Mike McKinney, assistant warden of operations at Jacksonville Correctional Center, who also serves as IDOC liaison to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.

"The goal of supporting communities through public service projects provides inmates with a structured agenda that develops responsibility, self-discipline, self-respect and a good work ethic," said Walker. "Their willingness to get involved in community service enhances their ability to reintegrate into society and live as responsible, law-abiding and productive citizens. The use of staff and inmate work crews assisting in these disaster relief projects also serves as a valuable asset to the taxpayer as well as those affected by devastating disasters."

IDOC RECOGNIZES ITS TACTICAL COMMANDERS, ASSISTANT COMMANDERS DURING APPRECIATION CEREMONY

The Illinois Department of Corrections in December 2006 held a special recognition and appreciation ceremony for the agency's tactical commanders and assistant commanders for their exemplary efforts and dedication in safeguarding the state's correctional centers.

"We all hold a common purpose here and that is to keep our prisons safe and secure," IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. said during the ceremony. "I have always carried a great respect for your leadership and commitment to protect our staff, inmates and the public."

Tactical teams are available for immediate activation to respond to the operational needs of the department during routine or a tactical member is voluntary and requires intense training. When called upon, tactical units will respond at a moment's notice anywhere within the state's prison system.

IDOC recently held an appreciation ceremony to recognize the exemplary efforts of the agency's tactical commanders and assistant commanders. Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and senior management are featured with the

"Your roles are extremely vital on the frontline," Walker told the commanders. "Your skills and decision-making are of utmost importance. We depend on our tactical teams to be the first through the door during an emergency response. We depend on your expertise and skills to guide our operations to a successful conclusion."

During the ceremony, the commanders and assistant commanders from the agency's 28 adult correctional centers received certificates of recognition. Special Operations Commander Cecil Polley along with Regional Tactical Commanders Rod Brady and Joe Durham also were recognized for their expertise and leadership in guiding and supporting the department's mission of operating safe and secure prisons and ensuring public safety.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER NICHOLSON PRESENTS DIRECTOR WALKER WITH AMERICAN FLAG IN APPRECIATION OF IDOC'S SUPPORT OF DEPLOYED EMPLOYEES

Mark Nicholson, correctional officer at Jacksonville Correctional Center, presented Illinois Department of Corrections Director Roger E. Walker Jr. during Fiscal Year 2007 with an American flag that was flown over Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar with a Certificate of Authentication.

The certificate reads, "This is to certify on Aug. 4, 2006, this American flag flew over Al Udeid Air Base during Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. This flag represents our dedication and steadfast devotion to duty in the fight against global terror and the vindication of the thousands of innocent people that perished during the World Trade Center and Pentagon terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. May God grant them and their families peace."

"The flag and certificate are just my way of saying thank you for all the support IDOC has given me and all deployed employees," said Nicholson, who has been with IDOC since 1999 and recently served overseas from May 2006 to September 2006. Nicholson, a technical sergeant (TSGT), has served 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. He served active duty for 10 years from 1986 to 1996 and later for the Air National Guard from 1996 to present.

"It is an indeed a great honor to receive this flag

"IDOC thanks all of its employees for their service to our country. It is our patriotic duty to support the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom."

IDOC supports veterans in a number of significant ways, such as through the hiring and retention of veterans, National Guard and Reserve Soldiers. IDOC also reaches out through employment recruitment efforts to those who are interested in becoming correctional officers. Currently, IDOC has more than 6,700 employees who are veterans and 77 employees who are on active military leave.

Mark Nicholson, correctional officer at Jacksonville Correctional Center, presents Illinois Department of Corrections Director Roger E. Walker Jr. with an

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENTS OF CORRECTIONS AND JUVENILE JUSTICE NAME 2007 VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

"Together We Create a Better Tomorrow" ceremony recognizes volunteers

The Illinois Departments of Corrections (IDOC) and Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) announced the recipients of the 2007 Volunteer of the Year awards at a recognition ceremony held in Springfield on April 18, 2007. Phillip L. McLaurin was named IDOC 2007 Volunteer of the Year and Tim Tomlinson at Illinois Youth Center – Pere Marquette was named as the 2007 Volunteer of the Year for IDJJ. McLaurin and Tomlinson were among volunteers of the state's 28 adult correctional centers, eight adult transition centers and eight youth facilities, who were being honored for their outstanding leadership and their efforts in providing positive change in the lives of inmates and youths.

"In the past several years, our nation has rediscovered that reaching out to help others is essential to our well-being," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Volunteers are the ones who unselfishly give of themselves and step forward in times of need. We saw it after September 11th, we saw it after Hurricane Katrina. And, closer to the home front at Corrections, we see it every day in our prisons. I am very proud of the agency's employees and volunteers alike. Together, they stand strong as one family and move the department forward by providing positive change in the lives of inmates."

"Volunteers play a significant role in our agency through the mentoring of incarcerated youth," said IDJJ Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer. "Their teachings and words of encouragement are important to the well-being of the youth. Through their positive guidance, youths are able to gain valuable life skills that play a vital part when returning to their families and communities."

Phillip L. McLaurin

Phillip L. McLaurin, a college counselor for SIU-St. Louis since 2004. He assists offenders to achieve educational goals and develop self-esteem and vocational skills through various programs. During this past year, he has given offenders the opportunity to become a positive asset to the communities they return to and has also increased their awareness of continued substance rehabilitation. His professionalism and motivating attitude brings an enhancement to the programs established to help offenders become productive citizens upon their return to the community.

McLaurin also participates as a volunteer in the Pre-Start Program and illustrates various skills and techniques for successful job interviews.

Featured are Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center Warden James Davidson (left), IDOC Volunteer of the Year Phillip L. McLaurin, Volunteer Services Manager Marcy Nolan, IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Community Outreach Chief Shelith Hansbro.

Through his volunteer services, offenders have experienced a change in their attitude and outlook on life. This has been evident by the increased number of men requesting information on various vocational programs and educational and job opportunities offered to offenders. As stated in his

His tireless efforts, genuine attitudes and concerns have made an impact in the lives of those who are less fortunate and have set standards for others to follow.

Tim Tomlinson

Tim Tomlinson is an Ivy League Emeritus Associate Director of the Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania. He began dedicating his time to IYC-Pere Marquette in March 2005 as an educational tutor. Since then, a number of youths have graduated from eighth grade, high school or obtained their GED. During graduation ceremonies, Tomlinson served as the center's guest speaker and encouraged youth to strive to be the best they can.

Featured are Volunteer Services Manager Marcy Nolan (left), IDJJ Volunteer of the Year Tim Tomlinson, IDJJ Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer and Community Outreach Chief Shelith Hansbro.

Tomlinson's passion of helping others is evident in the hours he volunteers weekly. He was instrumental in serving as coordinator of the center's new program, GROWE (Garnering Responsibility, Ownership and Work Ethic), which is a horticulture program focusing on learning through the personal care of various trees, plants and flowers. Tomlinson has students tions to both youth and staff on the difference between annuals and perennials. Tomlinson is a valuable resource for IYC-Pere Marquette. According to his nomination, his passion, commitment and expertise are priceless.

More than 5,000 volunteers provide programs and services that otherwise would not be available to the incarcerated men, women and youth located within the IDOC and IDJJ. During the past year, volunteers have donated more than $2 million in time and goods to the incarcerated.

At IDOC and IDJJ, volunteers assist in various ways ranging from mentoring and meeting the religious needs of inmates to offering alcohol and drug rehabilitation such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Volunteers tutor, hold church services and Bible studies as well as parenting, art, music, poetry and literacy classes.

IDOC operates 28 adult correctional centers, eight adult transition centers as well as various work camps and boot camps. The agency is responsible for managing more than 80,000 inmates and parolees.

IDJJ operates eight youth centers and oversees 1,400 incarcerated juveniles. By creating IDJJ in July 2006, young offenders receive individualized services including educational, vocational, social and emotional services that will help enable them to become productive adults. In addition to the services provided inside juvenile facilities, the new department also provides transitional and post-release treatment programs for juveniles, including counseling, mental health and substance abuse services.

IDOC RAISES $382,000 FOR 2006 SECA CAMPAIGN, WINS TOP HONORS FOR SIXTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The Illinois Department of Corrections won top honors in the 2006 State Employees Combined Appeal (SECA) Campaign at the SECA Awards Reception held April 19, 2007, at the Executive Mansion in Springfield. IDOC received the highest award, the Capitol Cup, for the sixth consecutive year. The award is given to an agency for the most staff participation and exceptional giving.

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The SECA Campaign is a once-a-year fundraising drive that allows state and university employees to contribute to participating charities through either payroll deductions or a one-time donation. Through the campaign, employees direct their contributions to up to 11 member charities, which in turn represent more than 2,200 charitable organizations.

Dr. Carol Adams, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services, served as the 2006 SECA Honorary Chair. In reaching the goal of $3 million to meet important social service needs, SECA achieved a significant milestone of raising nearly $54 million since its inception in 1983.

During the 2006 campaign, IDOC raised $382,000. Staff from the agency's correctional centers, work camps, boot camps, adult transition centers, juvenile centers, parole offices as well as its General Headquarters, School District No. 428 and Correctional Industries joined together to contribute to one or more charities that provide health and human services to thousands of people in Illinois.

"The dedication of the agency's employees to help those in need is amazing," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "Corrections employees have a longstanding history of kindness and goodwill. Their generous giving to charitable organizations helps many of those in need in a very positive way. From the young to the old, these gifts benefit our neighbors, our friends and even our families. It's important for us to continue to build on this tradition of kindness and to demonstrate the willingness to help make a difference." Walker noted that Winston Churchill once reflected on the importance of helping others when he said, "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CO-SPONSORS EVENT AT SIUC ADDRESSING THE IMPACT AND ISSUES OF ADDICTION

Event features special screening of HBO's "Addiction" and panel presentation on addiction in Town Hall Meeting forum

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) reached out to students and community members at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale (SIUC) to educate people on the dangers of addiction on April 27, 2007. IDOC, along with the SIUC Rehabilitation Institute, Illinois Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Professional Certification Association and Civigenics presented a special screening of HBO's "Addiction" April 30 followed by a panel presentation of leading experts on the subject.

"Many of us see friends and loved ones trapped by addiction that in some cases can ruin their lives. IDOC is proud to team up with community leaders, statewide experts and community-based providers to communicate the importance of addressing addiction issues," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr.

"Addiction," a 90-minute documentary, is designed to educate the public about a disease that affects millions of people across the United States. The film includes candid, personal stories from drug abusers and interviews with the nation's leading experts in the field.

Nearly 69 percent of Illinois ' prison population is incarcerated for a drug-involved crime. Delivering on his promise to fight recidivism, increase public safety and reduce the cost of crime, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has given IDOC the opportunity to reach out across the state and nation to seek and develop model programs to enhance the successful reentry of inmates.

"The Governor and IDOC are committed to this goal. Within its operations, the department manages thousands of inmates who have some sort of drug problem. It's imperative that we find a treatment for each individual in a effort to prevent them from reoffending," Walker added.

A major goal at IDOC is taking prison-based treatment and re-entry management to the next level of performance. Drug offenses are not the only manifestation of drugs in the corrections system. Somewhere between 65 and 80 percent of all those arrested and incarcerated have some sort of drug-use history. These statistics suggest that at any given time more than 25,000 inmates in Illinois prisons are in need of some form of drug intervention.

Major initiatives include the Sheridan National Model Drug Prison and Reentry Program and the National Model Meth Prison and Reentry Program.

SHERIDAN NATIONAL MODEL DRUG PRISON AND REENTRY PROGRAM

In recognizing that drugs are a leading cause of recidivism, the Governor opened the Sheridan National Drug Prison and Reentry Program in January 2004. The goal of the Sheridan project is to establish a working model for statewide reform in the way drug-involved offenders are managed in the corrections system. IDOC has

This program targets drug-involved offenders for a 6 to 24 month intensive prison-based drug treatment, vocational training and job preparation program that culminates with an extensive case management and highly supervised community reentry program upon completion of their sentence.

The eligibility structure for the Sheridan project is fairly unique in the nation because it takes on a medium-security population and offenders with three lengths of sentences: 6-9 months, 9-12 months and 12-24 months. Most facilities in the nation take a smaller minimum-security population with a more specific sentence period. Sheridan is taking the 6-9 month population because inmates tend to cycle in and out of prisons for short periods of time and never truly gain access to a consistent set of drug treatment services either in prison or in the community. The project is also taking the 9-12 month population because it is projected to be the most effective length of time for an offender to successfully experience a therapeutic model treatment program. Finally, the project has chosen to continue the program for the 12-24 month population to graduate those staying beyond 12 months into a more intensive vocational, job placement and reentry life skills set of programs.

The Sheridan project is showing promise. Recent analysis shows that it has reduced recidivism of participants by more than 40 percent better than a comparison group. Also, a larger percentage of Sheridan program participants are becoming employed more regularly and quickly, compared to other parolees.

NATIONAL MODEL METH PRISON AND REENTRY PROGRAM

Another innovative program of the Governor is the establishment of a Meth Prison and Reentry Program at Southwestern Illinois Correctional in Fiscal Year 2007. Meth has become a growing crisis in the State of Illinois with prison admissions rising from only six in Fiscal Year 1999 to 421 in Fiscal Year 2004. The current prison population for Meth offenders is more than 800 with countless others in prison who are believed to have committed their offense while under the influence of the drug.

Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center in East St. Louis will become a first-of-its-kind national model for reducing crime and recidivism among Meth offenders. The Meth Prison and Reentry Program will focus on specific challenges facing people addicted to Meth so they can lead productive crime-and drug-free lives once they return to their families and communities.

As with the Sheridan Program, IDOC has chosen a group of partners and community-based providers to help build this national model for reducing crime. Under the Meth Prison Initiative, hundreds of IDOC inmates at Southwestern will undergo a newly developed, highly intensive drug treatment and community reentry program to combat Meth addiction and reduce crime.

In Fiscal Year 2007, a 200-bed Meth unit was created at the Southwestern facility. The facility will become a fully dedicated drug prison and reentry program in the model of the Sheridan prison program.

As with the current Sheridan model, inmates in both programs will access intensive prison-based drug treatment programs, vocational training, job preparation and mental health services. In addition, their treatment will continue upon completion of their sentence under a highly supervised transition back to their communities.

BLAGOJEVICH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS RECOGNIZE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OF THE YEAR FOR 2007

Five front line employees awarded top honors

Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ) Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer honored five outstanding front line employees as 2007 Correctional Officers of the Year at a ceremony in Springfield on May 8, 2007.

The winners were chosen from a field of 50 nominees, who were nominated for the award by their colleagues. The overall winner was chosen by the departments' executive staff.

Director Walker and Acting Director Friedenauer commended the efforts of front line staff within their respective agencies.

"In every decision we make and in every action we take, safety is at the forefront of our operations," Walker said. "This fine group of men and women serve with steadfast commitment in fulfilling the mission of the Illinois Department of Corrections."

The May 8th ceremony was a day of honor, recognition and remembrance. The Memorial Wall is a lasting tribute to the employees who made the ultimate sacrifice. An officer pays his respect to IDOC's most recent fallen hero, Anthony "Tony" Lee, who was killed in a traffic accident April 12, 2007, while transporting Industry products from Illinois River Correctional Center to Hill Correctional Industries.

"The department is committed to providing treatment and educational, vocational, social and emotional services to the state's young offenders to help them get on the right track," said Friedenauer. "The employees being recognized today are commended for their support in this endeavor."

Nominations for this year's award come from officers recognized at each of the state's 28 prisons, eight juvenile centers, eight adult transition centers and five parole districts. This year's top five front line employees were presented with recognition letters from the governor and IDOC and IDJJ directors and a $500 check from the Employee Benefit Fund. The nominees are judged on leadership, initiative, professionalism and service to their community and career.

Employees receiving top honors during the ceremony at IDOC and IDJJ General Headquarters in Springfield were:

Correctional Officer Michael Range of Stateville Correctional Center

C.O. Range has an impeccable attendance record. He is currently assigned to the Office of Overtime Equalization. Officer Range does an outstanding job in maintaining organization of the office, ensuring all staff time usage issues are addressed and overtime information is processed in a professional and timely manner. Officer Range is always willing to stop what he is doing to assist staff with problems and questions concerning attendance or overtime issues.

Featured are Correctional Officer Michael Range of Stateville Correctional Center (left), Director Roger E. Walker Jr. and Chief of Operations Rick Bard. Range was named Correctional Officer of the Year for the Adult Division.

Correctional Officer Vincente Nerio of Lincoln Correctional Center

C.O. Nerio is admired by all staff and offenders for his positive attitude and professional demeanor. Officer Nerio is a self-motivated employee who continuously takes the initiative to assist his fellow staff members, often volunteering to assist with line movement, escorting visitors and processing paperwork for signatures. Officer Nerio's willingness to assist staff with any task is admirable.

Featured are Director Roger E. Walker Jr. (left), Correctional Officer Vincente Nerio of Lincoln Correctional Center and Deputy Director of Women and Family Services Debbie Denning. Nerio was named Correctional Officer of the Year for the

Correctional Residence Counselor I Gather Warnsley of Decatur Adult Transition Center

CRCI Warnsley has been an outstanding employee with the agency. He reports to his shift as scheduled with little use of sick time. His coordinator duties, which he excels in at the center, includes bureau of identification coordinator and key and lock and volunteer coordinator. He stepped in as a training and drug testing coordinator and has done an outstanding job in handling those positions. He has proven to be a valuable asset to this facility.

Featured are Director Roger E. Walker Jr. (left), Correctional Residence Counselor I Gather Warnsley and Supervisor Tony Wallace of Decatur Adult Transition Center and Acting Deputy Director of Parole Operations and Security Jason Garnett. Warnsley was named overall winner of ATC frontline staff.

Youth Supervisor II Kess Roberson of Illinois Youth Center - Harrisburg

YSII Roberson is assigned to the confinement area on 2nd shift, which is a critical position at the facility. This post requires a staff person with great knowledge, a positive attitude, professionalism, teamwork and commitment. YSII Roberson meets all of the requirements to be assigned to this post. It is critical for this post to have a youth supervisor with these requirements to be able to deal with the difficult youth who are placed in confinement for discipline issues and to be able to ensure that the safety and well being of the youths are met.

Featured are IDJJ Acting Supervisor of Operations Ron Smith (left), Youth Supervisor II Kess Roberson of Illinois Youth Center – Harrisburg and IDJJ Acting Director Kurt Friedenauer. Kess was named Youth Supervisor of the Year for the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice.

Senior Parole Agent Tina Butler of District 5
Agent Butler's evaluations read like a tribute from every supervisor. She is professional, dependable, dedicated, a proven leader and is always there when you need someone. She assists supervisors, fellow agents, clerical staff and persons who need help, advice or counsel. Agent Butler has always approached her position with respect, dignity and style, never allowing any of her personal feelings to interfere with her sworn duty.

Featured are Director Roger E. Walker Jr. (left), District 5 Parole Supervisor Paul Carlson and Acting Chief of Parole Jesse Montgomery. Carlson accepted the award on behalf of Senior Parole Agent Tina

Other facility nominees include:

C.O. Nominee list for 2007

Adult Correctional Centers
Big Muddy River - CO Ventures Jackson
Centralia - CO Bretton Frierson
Danville - CO Robert Hamilton
Dixon - CO Bruce Langholf
East Moline – Sergeant Gary Peters
Graham - CO Lonnie Little
Hill - CO Brian Lynch
Illinois River - CO Kenneth Montgomery
Jacksonville - Sergeant Dennis Scroggins
Lawrence - CO Linda Keller
Logan - CO William E. Lawson
Menard - CO Charles Antry
Pinckneyville - CO Charles Heck
DuQuoin IIP - CO Ted Higgins
Pontiac - CO Shawn Farrar
Robinson - Sergeant Jesse Purcell
Shawnee - Sergeant Tim Gage
Sheridan - CO Kurtis Tirevold
Southwestern Illinois - CO Christopher Marshall
Tamms - CO John Sherrard
Taylorville - CO William Schmitz
Thompson - CO Norman Balk
Vandalia - CO Denise Schilling
Vienna - CO Jerald Howell
Western Illinois - CO Jeff Korte

Adult Transition Centers
Crossroads - CRCI Sharonna Houston
Fox Valley ATC - CRCI James Luttrell
Jessie "Ma" Houston ATC - CRCI Terry Edge
North Lawndale's ATC - CRCI Ernestine Howard
Peoria ATC - CRCI Steve Anglin
Southern Illinois ATC - CRCII James Lamb
West Side ATC - CRCII Larry O. Julion

Women and Family Services
Decatur - CO James Pugh
Dwight - CO Rickey DeLoach

Illinois Youth Centers
IYC-Chicago - YSII Chikuita Rush

IYC-Murphysboro - YSII Cheryl Jones
IYC-Pere Marquette - YSIV Jerald Murphy
IYC-St. Charles - YSIII Alvin Everett
IYC-Warrenville - YSIII Latricia Jones

Parole
District 1 - Sr. Parole Agent Tim Christianson
District 2 - Sr. Parole Agent Martin "Marty" Voreis
District 3, Sex Offender Supervision Unit - Sr. Parole Agent William Beckett
District 4 - Parole Agent Cynthia Keck

IDOC OFFICIALLY OPENS MOMS AND BABIES PROGRAM AT DECATUR CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Program helps strengthen family structure and enhance successful reentry back to the community

The Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) Women and Family Services Division hosted a special ribbon cutting ceremony for the Moms and Babies Program at Decatur Correctional Center on May 10, 2007. The program allows qualified mothers to keep their newborn babies with them and supports the incarcerated mother in developing and nurturing a bond with her infant through effective programming and a safe and supportive living environment. The program also affords the opportunity to build a sound foundation for a strong family structure to continue upon release.

"The Mom and Babies Program is designed to help strengthen the special bond that is critical to a healthy mother child relationship. This new program recognizes the parental role and responsibilities of the female offender and helps prepare her to take proper care of her child when she reenters society," said IDOC Director Roger E. Walker Jr. "We want to give moms and babies a good start together for a more productive life outside the confines of the correctional facility."

The Moms and Babies Program is designed to help strengthen the special bond that is critical to a healthy mother and child relationship. The pilot program at Decatur Correctional Center can currently accommodate five mothers and their babies, with a long-range goal of housing up to 20 mothers

The Moms and Babies Program is a pilot program that can currently accommodate five mothers and their babies, with a long-range goal of housing up to 20 mothers and babies. The Moms and Babies Program continues to be in the forefront of gender-responsive programming by providing opportunity for the incarcerated mother and her newborn to bond in a setting that nurtures physical and emotional health. Such programming helps to reduce recidivism and the chances of children someday continuing the cycle of incarceration.

According to a May 2004 study by the National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning at the Hunter College School of Social Work, early attachment patterns are predictive of social behaviors. Keeping incarcerated mothers and their babies together can work preemptively against future psychosocial problems for the child and their associated burdens on the state. It can also motivate the mothers to better themselves, both in prison and in their lives beyond it.

“The Moms and Babies Program provides a holistic approach for the female offender and her newborn and the opportunity for the offender to increase her personal and parental growth and development,” said Deputy Director Debbie Denning of Women and Family Services. “This program is designed to emulate the dynamics consistent with an indigent, single, expecting mother in the community while ensuring proper protocol is followed for a correctional environment.”

Selected candidates with a release date projected to be within about 24 months of their delivery date are screened for the program. After delivery, the incarcerated mothers and their babies will have their own room in the correctional facility to accommodate the needs of the mother and baby. The program also will have a specially designed Infant Development Center to provide daycare for infants while their incarcerated mothers attend programming classes and report for job assignments within the prison.

The Women and Family Services Division promotes a variety of programs to strengthen and reinforce the bonding between mothers and their children. Children and families play an important role in the management of offenders in custodial settings. All facilities within the Women and Family Services Division offer parenting programs. At the Decatur, Dwight, Lincoln and Fox Valley facilities, family activities range from day camps, video visiting, storybook and summer read programs as well as holiday activities for mothers and children.

	Number
Correctional Centers	28
Reception and Classification Centers	4
Medium Security Units	2
Minimum Security Units	4
Work Camps	7
Impact Incarceration Programs	2

Prison Population on June 30, 2007

Type of Sentence	Number	Percent
Determinate Day-for-Day	36,139	79.3%
Determinate Truth in Sentencing	6,859	15.1%
Impact Incarceration Program	375	0.8%
Sexually Dangerous Persons	149	0.3%
Life without Parole	1,428	3.1%
Life with Parole	7	0.0%
Death	12	0.0%
Indeterminate	265	0.6%
Reception and Classification, In Transit, etc.	331	0.7%
Total	45,565	100.0%

	Number
End-of-Fiscal Year Population	45,565
FY07 Average Daily Population	45,402

Fiscal Year 2007 Admissions

	Number	Percent
Direct from Court or Discharged and Recommitted	25,258	68.9%
New Offense Parole Violator	3,742	10.2%
Technical Parole Violator	7,640	20.9%
Total	36,640	100.0%

Fiscal Year 2007 Exits

	Number
Total Exits	36,620

Length of Stay (in years)	Prison Stay	Including Jail
Court	1.2	1.6
New Offense	1.4	1.7
Technical Violators	0.7	——-
Total	1.1	1.9

Average Time in Days Awarded per Exit	Days
Meritorious Good Conduct Credit	75
Supplemental Meritorious Good Conduct Credit	60
Educational Good Conduct Credit (Pre EGCC)	0
Earned Good Conduct Credit	14

Offense Class	Number	Percent
Murder	7,323	16.1%
Class X	10,799	23.7%
Class 1	7,921	17.4%
Class 2	9,696	21.3%
Class 3	3,967	8.7%
Class 4	5,706	12.5%
Sexually Dangerous Persons	149	0.3%
Unclassified	4	0.0%
Total	45,565	100.0%

Sex Offender *	Number	Percent
Yes	7,058	15.5%
No	38,507	84.5%
Total	45,565	100.0%

* Sex offenders are defined as either having to officially register according to statute or as having any sex offense conviction noted on the mittimus (sentencing order).

Offense Category	Number	Percent
Homicide	9,204	20.2%
Kidnaping	282	0.6%
Sexual Assault	4,243	9.3%
Sexually Dangerous	149	0.3%
Other Sex Offenses	656	1.4%
Assaultive	2,398	5.3%
Home Invasion	835	1.8%
Robbery	1,517	3.3%
Armed Robbery	2,647	5.8%
Weapons	1,786	3.9%
Disorderly Conduct	38	0.1%
Armed Violence	231	0.5%
Controlled Substance Act	10,372	22.8%
Cannabis Control Act	542	1.2%
Theft	909	2.0%
Retail Theft	1,080	2.4%
Fraud	673	1.5%
Burglary	3,031	6.7%
Residential Burglary	1,629	3.6%
Arson	227	0.5%
Damage to Property	148	0.3%
Vehicle Code Violation	512	1.1%
Motor Vehicle Theft	1,046	2.3%
Government Offenses	275	0.6%
Escape	217	0.5%
DUI	918	2.0%
Total	45,565	100.0%

Adams	292	0.6%
Alexander	48	0.1%
Bond	44	0.1%
Boone	129	0.3%
Brown	8	0.0%
Bureau	95	0.2%
Calhoun	8	0.0%
Carroll	40	0.1%
Cass	48	0.1%
Champaign	1,151	2.5%
Christian	108	0.2%
Clark	67	0.1%
Clay	52	0.1%
Clinton	82	0.2%
Coles	266	0.6%
Cook	24,005	52.7%
Crawford	73	0.2%
Cumberland	16	0.0%
DeKalb	179	0.4%
DeWitt	49	0.1%
Douglas	61	0.1%
DuPage	1,362	3.0%
Edgar	77	0.2%
Edwards	14	0.0%
Effingham	129	0.3%
Fayette	87	0.2%
Ford	38	0.1%
Franklin	142	0.3%
Fulton	76	0.2%
Gallatin	14	0.0%
Greene	15	0.0%
Grundy	58	0.1%
Hamilton	29	0.1%
Hancock	28	0.1%
Hardin	13	0.0%
Henderson	14	0.0%
Henry	268	0.6%
Iroquois	77	0.2%
Jackson	179	0.4%
Jasper	26	0.1%
Jefferson	171	0.4%
Jersey	81	0.2%
Jo Daviess	26	0.1%
Johnson	39	0.1%
Kane	1,142	2.5%
Kankakee	504	1.1%
Kendall	103	0.2%
Knox	119	0.3%
Lake	1,131	2.5%
LaSalle	433	1.0%
Lawrence	61	0.1%

Livingston	140	0.3%
Logan	151	0.3%
McDonough	43	0.1%
McHenry	200	0.4%
McLean	648	1.4%
Macon	928	2.0%
Macoupin	91	0.2%
Madison	831	1.8%
Marion	267	0.6%
Marshall	18	0.0%
Mason	57	0.1%
Massac	57	0.1%
Menard	20	0.0%
Mercer	32	0.1%
Monroe	20	0.0%
Montgomery	117	0.3%
Morgan	101	0.2%
Moultrie	31	0.1%
Ogle	57	0.1%
Peoria	974	2.1%
Perry	49	0.1%
Piatt	10	0.0%
Pike	90	0.2%
Pope	12	0.0%
Pulaski	26	0.1%
Putnam	10	0.0%
Randolph	89	0.2%
Richland	72	0.2%
Rock Island	413	0.9%
St. Clair	769	1.7%
Saline	122	0.3%
Sangamon	853	1.9%
Schuyler	21	0.0%
Scott	5	0.0%
Shelby	93	0.2%
Stark	15	0.0%
Stephenson	237	0.5%
Tazewell	337	0.7%
Union	36	0.1%
Vermilion	480	1.1%
Wabash	29	0.1%
Warren	30	0.1%
Washington	26	0.1%
Wayne	54	0.1%
White	96	0.2%
Whiteside	247	0.5%
Will	1,301	2.9%
Williamson	195	0.4%
Winnebago	1,519	3.3%
Woodford	90	0.2%
Out of State	39	0.1%

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	42,773	93.9%
Female	2,792	6.1%
Total	45,565	100.0%

Average Age (in years)	34.6

Race	Number	Percent
Black	27,076	59.4%
White	13,023	28.6%
Hispanic	5,263	11.6%
Asian	133	0.3%
American Indian	67	0.1%
Other	3	0.0%
Total	45,565	100.0%

Age	Number	Percent
17	99	0.2%
18	459	1.0%
19	883	1.9%
20	1,180	2.6%
21	1,296	2.8%
22	1,522	3.3%
23	1,508	3.3%
24	1,660	3.6%
25	1,728	3.8%
26	1,806	4.0%
27	1,842	4.0%
28	1,730	3.8%
29	1,571	3.4%
30	1,560	3.4%
31	1,401	3.1%
32	1,464	3.2%
33	1,331	2.9%
34	1,430	3.1%
35	1,476	3.2%
36	1,491	3.3%
37	1,370	3.0%
38	1,283	2.8%
39	1,193	2.6%
40	1,234	2.7%
41	1,191	2.6%
42	1,153	2.5%
43	1,163	2.6%
44	1,063	2.3%
45	1,075	2.4%
46	930	2.0%
47	830	1.8%
48	800	1.8%
49	630	1.4%
50	659	1.4%

Age	Number	Percent
52	430	0.9%
53	366	0.8%
54	353	0.8%
55	265	0.6%
56	232	0.5%
57	247	0.5%
58	176	0.4%
59	167	0.4%
60	130	0.3%
61	105	0.2%
62	73	0.2%
63	77	0.2%
64	72	0.2%
65	45	0.1%
66	50	0.1%
67	40	0.1%
68	40	0.1%
69	30	0.1%
70	21	0.0%
71	27	0.1%
72	18	0.0%
73	13	0.0%
74	9	0.0%
75	7	0.0%
76	8	0.0%
77	7	0.0%
78	2	0.0%
79	4	0.0%
80	3	0.0%
81	1	0.0%
82	2	0.0%
83	2	0.0%
84	2	0.0%
85	3	0.0%

	Number
End-of-Fiscal Year Population	33,596
FY07 Average Daily Population	33,364

Gender	Number	Percent
Male	30,036	89.4%
Female	3,560	10.6%
Total	33,596	100.0%

Offense Class	Number	Percent
Murder	811	2.4%
Class X	3,372	10.0%
Class 1	5,294	15.8%
Class 2	8,460	25.2%
Class 3	4,113	12.2%
Class 4	10,229	30.4%
Sexually Dangerous Persons	21	0.1%
Out of State	1,296	3.9%
Total	33,596	100.0%

Race	Number	Percent
Black	20,510	61.0%
White	10,059	29.9%
Hispanic	2,894	8.6%
Asian	86	0.3%
American Indian	37	0.1%
Other	5	0.0%
Unknown	5	0.0%
Total	33,596	100.0%

Sex Offender *	Number	Percent
Yes	1,048	3.1%
No	32,548	96.9%
Total	33,596	100.0%

Average Age (in years)	34.2

Offense Category	Number	Percent
Homicide	1,316	3.9%
Kidnaping	85	0.3%
Sexual Assault	611	1.8%
Sexually Dangerous	21	0.1%
Other Sex Offenses	277	0.8%
Assaultive	1,803	5.4%
Home Invasion	272	0.8%
Robbery	1,096	3.3%
Armed Robbery	1,324	3.9%
Weapons	1,788	5.3%
Disorderly Conduct	71	0.2%
Armed Violence	81	0.2%
Controlled Substance Act	11,582	34.5%
Cannabis Control Act	724	2.2%
Theft	1,015	3.0%
Retail Theft	1,647	4.9%
Fraud	793	2.4%
Burglary	2,587	7.7%
Residential Burglary	1,099	3.3%
Arson	133	0.4%
Damage to Property	277	0.8%
Vehicle Code Violation	1,023	3.0%
Motor Vehicle Theft	926	2.8%
Government Offenses	340	1.0%
Escape	241	0.7%
DUI	1,168	3.5%
Out of State	1,296	3.9%
Total	33,596	100.0%

*Sex offenders are defined as either having to officially

Age	Number	Percent
17	13	0.0%
18	194	0.6%
19	566	1.7%
20	893	2.7%
21	1,171	3.5%
22	1,322	3.9%
23	1,308	3.9%
24	1,445	4.3%
25	1,464	4.4%
26	1,350	4.0%
27	1,431	4.3%
28	1,259	3.7%
29	1,146	3.4%
30	1,104	3.3%
31	976	2.9%
32	970	2.9%
33	853	2.5%
34	999	3.0%
35	1,002	3.0%
36	1,047	3.1%
37	907	2.7%
38	887	2.6%
39	906	2.7%
40	873	2.6%
41	934	2.8%
42	873	2.6%
43	847	2.5%
44	836	2.5%
45	757	2.3%
46	665	2.0%
47	618	1.8%
48	595	1.8%
49	519	1.5%

Age	Number	Percent
52	350	0.8%
53	290	0.6%
54	217	0.5%
55	209	0.5%
56	150	0.3%
57	145	0.3%
58	102	0.2%
59	95	0.2%
60	89	0.2%
61	57	0.1%
62	48	0.1%
63	29	0.1%
64	34	0.1%
65	17	0.0%
66	26	0.1%
67	14	0.0%
68	14	0.0%
69	16	0.0%
70	7	0.0%
71	9	0.0%
72	11	0.0%
73	7	0.0%
74	3	0.0%
75	4	0.0%
76	8	0.0%
77	3	0.0%
78	2	0.0%
79	3	0.0%
80	2	0.0%
82	1	0.0%
83	2	0.0%
85	1	0.0%
89	1	0.0%
Missing	24	0.1%

Residence County	Number	Percent
Adams	204	0.6%
Alexander	21	0.1%
Bond	33	0.1%
Boone	69	0.2%
Brown	6	0.0%
Bureau	57	0.2%
Calhoun	5	0.0%
Carroll	26	0.1%
Cass	30	0.1%
Champaign	560	1.7%
Christian	111	0.3%
Clark	35	0.1%
Clay	49	0.1%
Clinton	46	0.1%
Coles	167	0.5%
Cook	18,512	55.1%
Crawford	62	0.2%
Cumberland	21	0.1%
DeKalb	116	0.3%
DeWitt	30	0.1%
Douglas	28	0.1%
DuPage	692	2.1%
Edgar	61	0.2%
Edwards	12	0.0%
Effingham	46	0.1%
Fayette	65	0.2%
Ford	22	0.1%
Franklin	60	0.2%
Fulton	66	0.2%
Gallatin	16	0.0%
Greene	11	0.0%
Grundy	53	0.2%
Hamilton	15	0.0%
Hancock	18	0.1%
Hardin	11	0.0%
Henderson	7	0.0%
Henry	78	0.2%
Iroquois	50	0.1%
Jackson	117	0.3%
Jasper	22	0.1%
Jefferson	129	0.4%
Jersey	42	0.1%
Jo Daviess	18	0.1%
Johnson	21	0.1%
Kane	677	2.0%
Kankakee	344	1.0%
Kendall	80	0.2%
Knox	96	0.3%
Lake	921	2.7%
LaSalle	281	0.8%
Lee	41	0.1%

Residence County	Number	Percent
Livingston	68	0.2%
Logan	64	0.2%
McDonough	31	0.1%
McHenry	230	0.7%
McLean	382	1.1%
Macon	610	1.8%
Macoupin	97	0.3%
Madison	596	1.8%
Marion	226	0.7%
Marshall	16	0.0%
Mason	28	0.1%
Massac	46	0.1%
Menard	13	0.0%
Mercer	9	0.0%
Monroe	15	0.0%
Montgomery	87	0.3%
Morgan	68	0.2%
Moultrie	18	0.1%
Ogle	72	0.2%
Peoria	671	2.0%
Perry	35	0.1%
Piatt	10	0.0%
Pike	49	0.1%
Pope	3	0.0%
Pulaski	27	0.1%
Putnam	8	0.0%
Randolph	74	0.2%
Richland	71	0.2%
Rock Island	257	0.8%
St. Clair	735	2.2%
Saline	74	0.2%
Sangamon	630	1.9%
Schuyler	97	0.3%
Scott	3	0.0%
Shelby	47	0.1%
Stark	9	0.0%
Stephenson	152	0.5%
Tazewell	269	0.8%
Union	32	0.1%
Vermilion	280	0.8%
Wabash	36	0.1%
Warren	26	0.1%
Washington	21	0.1%
Wayne	43	0.1%
White	63	0.2%
Whiteside	196	0.6%
Will	1,056	3.1%
Williamson	102	0.3%
Winnebago	1,065	3.2%
Woodford	33	0.1%
Missing	415	1.2%

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Pittsfield, IL 62363
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Sumner, IL 62466
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P.O. Box 549
Lincoln, IL 62656
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Lincoln, IL 62656
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Menard, IL 62259
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Pinckneyville, IL 62274-3410
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Robinson, IL 62454
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3490 West Grand
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Area South
Administrative Office

Chicago Heights Parole Office
1010 Dixie Hwy
Chicago Heights, IL 60411
(708) 709-3073

The following areas report to the above office: (Halsted/Will Co. & Chicago Heights) (Halsted North & South)

Area East
Administrative Office

Back of the Yards Parole Office
4636 South Bishop Avenue
Chicago, IL 60609
(773) 650-4640

The following areas report to the above office: (Chatham South and Back of the Yards) (Midtown and Chatham North)

Area West
Administrative Office

Maywood Parole Office
1701 South 1st Avenue
Room 509
Maywood, IL 60153
(708) 338-7718

The following areas report to the above office: (Northwestern East & Maywood)

Midtown Parole Office
100 N. Western Avenue
Chicago, IL 60612
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DISTRICT 2

Aurora Parole Office
325 East Galena Boulevard
Aurora, IL 60505
(630) 801-3510

Dixon Parole Office
2600 N. Brinton Avenue
P.O. Box 527
Dixon, IL 61021
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Elgin Parole Office
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Peoria North Parole Office
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Peoria, Il 61606
(309) 671-4281

Rock Island Parole Office
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Rock Island, IL 61201
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Rockford North Parole Office
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Rockford, IL 61101
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DISTRICT 3

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Champaign, IL 61820
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Quincy Parole Office
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DISTRICT 4

East St. Louis Parole Office
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East St. Louis, IL 62201
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Southwestern Parole Office
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East St. Louis, IL 62201
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DISTRICT 5

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