



Shreveport DRC Update



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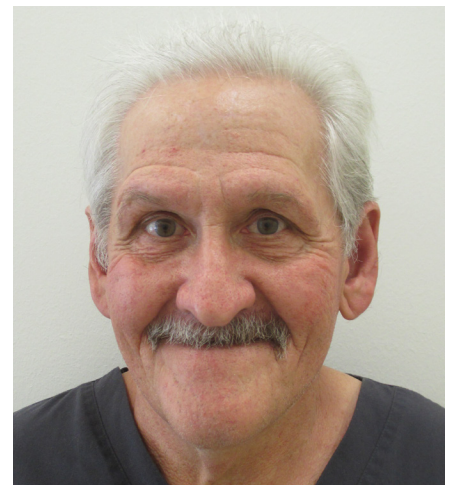
This quarter, the Shreveport Day Reporting Center has continued to provide our program participants with in-person and remote evidence-based treatment services, all while adding an increasing number of in-person groups and classes so participants can benefit from face-to-face instruction and counseling. Thank you to our wonderful staff and participants for their patience and flexibility as we continue to move toward this goal.

We have also received many referrals to the program in September, more than in the three months prior combined. I would like to recognize the parole officers who referred the most participants to our program this past quarter: July's highest referring officer was Officer Carte. Officer Francis had the most referrals for August, and Officer Hoskey had for the most referrals in September. Thank you for reading our October update. Please stay safe!

SPOTLIGHT ON... PARTICIPANT ERIN R.

When his probation officer recommended the DRC program, participant Erin R. was initially skeptical, he said. "At first I thought I could play along and just get it out the way, but as I got going, I saw how good the program was," he said. After 10 years clean and sober, the 65-year-old had recently gotten back into selling and using methamphetamine, got arrested and was sent to in-patient rehab. Now he is finished with the DRC program and has been sober since Feb. 2.

"The program covers everything: proper parenting, behavioral change, substance abuse, anger management. My favorite class was Thinking for a Change because it teaches you to stop and think before you open your mouth and say something hurtful," he said. "The program was very good for me. Once you relax, you see that the staff are there to help you, as long as you are willing to change."



DID YOU KNOW?



Current research reveals the most effective reentry programs are those that target their evidence-based interventions to the level of offender risk. GEO Reentry prioritizes correctional resources for high-risk offenders, ultimately using these resources more efficiently to help customer agencies reduce recidivism and boost public safety. At GEO Reentry centers nationwide, staff members intervene according to a participant's risks and needs, which are identified during an initial risk/needs assessment. While undergoing cognitive behavioral therapy, employment readiness classes, and counseling, participants begin to remedy criminogenic thinking patterns and increase prosocial behavior, gaining the tools they need to live more productive and law-abiding lives.

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