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The Best Investment for Ohio's Future

Now, more than ever, is the time to advocate for residential community corrections as the most effective and fiscally responsible option for Ohio.

- **57% of offenders sentenced to prison are serving less than a year, and the prison system is not designed to provide rehabilitative/treatment to this population.**
- Ohio's prison population is now 50,719 – our state prison system was designed to hold 38,320, this is **more than 12,399 inmates over rated capacity.**
- 4th and 5th Degree Felonies, which are at the low end of the sentencing structure, have seen an increase in length of sentences up to two months. This does not appear to be an issue, until you multiply that by **15,000 offenders...**many of these persons having committed non-violent offenses such as theft, drug abuse, and failure to pay child support¹.
- 98% of offenders will return to our communities, often times ill equipped to contribute to the economy and their families.

The following are benefits of investing in community corrections:

- **In state fiscal year 2008 offenders in community corrections programs throughout Ohio:**
 - Paid \$4,538,927 in court costs and fines
 - \$1,461,330 in restitution
 - \$1,585,413 in child support
 - \$7,970,276 in taxes and
 - Earned wages totaling \$79,702,769.
- **Those participating in community corrections programs completed 617,099 hours in community services projects throughout Ohio.**

A typical prison stay costs the state \$22,580 for low level offenders compared to a \$5,360 state cost for a similar offender at a halfway house (the chart located on the next page illustrates these points). Public Safety would be enhanced if these offenders received structured supervision, monitoring, and treatment in the community. Community correctional programs offer rehabilitative services such as employment, education, substance abuse treatment, evidence-based cognitive behavioral therapy programs, and other supportive services in our communities. **These programs have been proven to reduce future recidivism to 15% versus the state prison average of 38%².**

Ohio leads the nation in provision of effective community corrections programs by:

- Raising the professional standards
- Educating stakeholders
- Implementing research-based, cost effective programs.

TODAY, 671 halfway house beds are available without capital investment which could save the state \$44,978,640 annually.

¹ Per ODRC Director Terry J. Collins' "Testimony before the House Finance and Appropriations Committee" on February 12, 2009 [Emphasis added]

² Per DRC Director Terry J. Collins' "Testimony before the: House Transportation and Justice Subcommittee" on April 3, 2007.

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**Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
Funded Community Corrections in Ohio**

Fiscal Years 2006-2009 ODRC Total Budget Appropriations	FY 2006 \$1.68 billion	FY 2007 \$1.71 billion	FY 2008 \$1.89 billion	FY 2009 \$1.9 billion
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Residential Community

Halfway Houses	\$38.6 million	\$40.6 million	\$40.4 million	\$39.9 million
Community-Based Correctional Facilities	\$55 million	\$56 million	\$57.1 million	\$57.1 million

Nonresidential Community

	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009
Jail Diversion Programs	\$8.1 million	\$9.1 million	\$9.3 million	\$9.3 million
Prison Diversion Programs	\$15.2 million	\$16.2 million	\$16.5 million	\$16.5 million
Adult Parole Authority (supervision costs)	\$59.1 million	\$55.3 million	\$50.8 million	\$50.8 million

Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Program Information and Costs

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Offenders</u>	<u>State Funded Cost per Day</u>	<u>Ave Length of Stay</u>	<u>State Funded Cost per Offender</u>
Prisons (all offenders)	32	49,908 (avg.)	\$68.60	704 days	\$48,325
Prisons (Felony Levels 3,4,5)*	32	20,657 (1/1/08)	\$68.60	329 days	\$22,580
Halfway Houses	23	7,400	\$61.61	87 days	\$5,360
Community-Based Correctional Facilities	18	5,505	\$83.65	124 days	\$10,373

<u>Nonresidential</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total Offenders</u>	<u>State Funded Cost per Day</u>	<u>Ave Length of Stay</u>	<u>State Funded Cost per Offender</u>
Jail Diversion Programs	112	21,068	\$3.18	139 days	\$442
Prison Diversion Programs	47	10,033	\$5.61	280 days	\$1,571
Adult Parole Authority Regions	7	35,593 (avg.)	\$3.91	675 days	\$2,640

Fiscal Year 2008 Community Correction Program Benefits

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Court Costs/Fines</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Child Support</u>	<u>Income Earned</u>	<u>Taxes Paid**</u>	<u>Community Service</u>
Halfway Houses	\$74,533	\$22,981	\$145,191	\$6,776,869	\$677,687	56,444 hours
Community-Based Correctional Facilities	\$255,277	\$45,866	\$60,920	\$1,983,884	\$198,388	223,398 hours
<u>Nonresidential</u>						
Jail Diversion Programs	\$2,616,037	\$422,993	\$778,007	\$45,345,012	\$4,534,501	199,208 hours
Prison Diversion Programs	\$1,593,080	\$969,490	\$601,295	\$25,597,004	\$2,559,700	138,049 hours
<u>Total</u>	\$4,538,927	\$1,461,330	\$1,585,413	\$79,702,769	\$7,970,276	617,099 hours

* Funding removed from halfway house line represents ancillary and electronic monitoring services. No halfway house beds were cut.

** 89.9% of offenders in community correction programs are felony levels 3, 4 and 5 or misdemeanors.

*** Taxes paid based on 10% tax bracket

August 2008 Data