

THE PROGRAM for Offenders, Inc.
Alcohol and Drug Treatment
Annual Report
Year 2021

THE PROGRAM for Offenders, Inc. provides Alcohol and Drug treatment to individuals involved in the Criminal Justice System. The Program Center (TPC) provided services to women in Allegheny County in 2017 up until the facility permanently closed on March 26, 2017. On March 27, 2017 all the clients at TPC were officially moved to the West Homestead Center (WHC) and treatment officially began at WHC. The services that were provided at TPC and are now being provided at WHC and are designed to meet individual needs and include individual and group therapy sessions as well as psycho-educational lectures. The Treatment license became effective at TPC on March 16, 2012 and was transferred to WHC on March 27, 2017. On July 20, 2017, WHC added a Transitional Living Facility (TLF) component to its treatment license with the space for 12 beds.

All information presented in this report will be from the first day of the year, January 1, 2021 until the end of the year. There were 16 residents who had completed their intake in 2020, but were released from the facility in 2021. Those individuals' information will be included in the sections regarding discharges, whether or not they were contacted post TX, had partaken in schooling/job training and employment, but not in the new enrollments, choice of drugs, whether or not they had a GED or High School Diploma as they were noted on the 2020 report for these categories.

During the year of 2021, 76 residents were enrolled into treatment at WHC. Out of the 76 residents enrolled, 2 (3%) residents were Washington County residents through the VBH contract, 5 (6%) residents were self-referrals through the community, 25 (33%) residents were Diversion clients and the remaining 44 (58%) were Allegheny County Jail clients. The breakdown for new enrollments was as follows: 52 (68%) residents reported Caucasian, 18 (24%) residents reported African American, 4 (5%) residents reported being bi-racial and 2 (3%) residents reported Other. WHC is currently an all-female facility.

The breakdown for choice of drugs among WHC enrollments for 2021 was as follows: 45 (59%) residents reported Opiates, 15 (20%) reported Cocaine/Crack Cocaine, 11 (14%) reported Alcohol, 0 (0%) reported Marijuana, 4 (5%) reported Benzodiazepines, and 1 (1%) reported Methadone.

WHC discharged a total of 79 clients from treatment in 2021. Of these 79 discharges, 14 (18%) were successfully discharged to a lower level of care, 23 (29%) were released on parole, 12 (15%) left AMA, 8 (10%) were revoked to the Allegheny County jail, 12 (15%) escaped, 9 (11%) were successfully discharged from treatment as Diversion clients and 1 (1%) was discharged administratively. Upon intake, the clients agreed to allow us to contact them 30 days after their discharge to note their progress. Thirty-two clients were reached and were able to give an update on their situation and whether they were stable with improvement in their lives or if they were in need of additional resources or referrals. The rest were unable to be contacted either due to their nature of discharge or for other various reasons including disconnected phone lines, address changes or incarceration/escape.

With regards to employment, 50 residents at WHC were tested and assisted with Job Readiness/Job Search in 2021. Seventeen (34%) residents gained employment. Nineteen (25%) new residents reported not having a GED or High School Diploma. Five (10%) residents in 2021 were in school / job training.

It is important to note that due to the emergence of the COVID19 pandemic in early March 2020, our inpatient services were severely affected in regard to admissions, treatment completion, client capacity, accessing community resources, etc. Prior to the outbreak, the WHC facility had a capacity of 56 beds with 44 of them being reserved for inpatient clients and 12 being reserved for Transitional Living Facility (TLF) clients. However, to maintain compliance with CDC recommendations, the facility dropped its capacity to allow for social distancing, beds specific for quarantine or positive COVID19 cases, etc.

Further, resources within the community that assisted with job readiness, employment, training, etc. were put on hold to minimize the amount of exposure the WHC clients had with the COVID19 virus. This impacted how many individuals were assisted with job readiness, obtained employment, and participated in schooling activities. Finally, many clients were successfully discharged prior to completing the program early on within the pandemic as they were deemed medically compromised due to medical conditions, age, or other factors. This is a factor in the outcome measures described above as most of these individuals were not able to reach certain phases within the program that would allow for outside resources under normal circumstances, let alone during the pandemic.

THE PROGRAM for Offenders, Inc. generated an income of \$6,703,479 and total expenses of \$3,880,136 for the fiscal year 2021.