



**FY2008 RECOMMENDATION/FY08-BP44 OFFENDER RELEASE ASSESSMENT
COUPLED WITH SERVICES**

Status: Implementation Complete

Actions/Updates

2016 UPDATE

The Department of Corrections reports that it has implemented the Colorado Transition Accountability Plan, including the Ohio Risk Assessment Scales to enhance case planning and community transition for each offender.

2012 UPDATE

As of January 2012, the anticipated CCJJ Data Sharing/ID Task Force had yet to be created. Therefore, this recommendation has yet to be addressed further.

2010 UPDATE

Implementation underway. The Department of Corrections reports that it has contracted with LSI trainers to work with prison intake staff, certain case managers including those at the Youthful Offender System, supervising officers, and the Parole Board. This training will allow the DOC to accurately assess and develop a strategic case plan for each offender. The Department of Corrections reports the training will be completed within the current (FY2011) fiscal year.

In addition, the Department is actively participating in the multiagency training initiative (called Evidence Based Practices Implementation for Capacity, or EPIC) described in BP-16 which includes training of case managers and supervising officers on evidenced based correctional supervision.

2009 ACTION/IMPLEMENTATION

The Department of Corrections reports that fulfilling this recommendation would require a revision of the total case management system from the point of prison intake, through incarceration and community corrections, to parole supervision.

DOC submitted to the Commission a partial implementation plan that focuses specifically on the LSI-R. The Commission requests that DOC develop other possible strategies to assess offenders and provide services in the areas of medication, mental health services, addiction treatment and related programs. In addition, the Commission requests that DOC develop a plan to ensure assessed needs are matched with services in the community.

2009 IMPACT

Updates from DOC regarding its efforts to implement the LSI-R will be included in future Commission reports.

2009 BARRIERS

The Department of Corrections reports that barriers include staffing, funding, a need for technical assistance, and timing/sequencing. DOC states that \$20.3 million would be needed to implement this plan (this includes 47.5 FTE).

Description

Using the Level of Supervision Inventory-Revised (LSI-R) and other tools as appropriate, DOC shall conduct a comprehensive risk/needs assessment of each offender prior to release for the development of a case plan. This plan will form the basis of providing vouchers (or other approved mechanisms) that assist the offender in accessing immediate services, including housing, medication (for example, insulin), mental health services, addiction treatment, and related programs.

Agencies Responsible

Department of Corrections

Discussion

Research suggests that implementation of this recommendation would maximize the reduction of recidivism and signal systemic correctional reform. Its full implementation is critical to the efforts of the Commission, as specified in C.R.S. 16-11.3-103(1).