



Juvenile Group Reporting Project

An Alternative Supervision Strategy for Low-Risk Juvenile Offenders

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MISSION STATEMENT

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Lake County

The mission of the Circuit Court of Lake County is to serve the public.

It accomplishes this mission by providing a fair and efficient system of justice, committed to excellence, fostering public trust, understanding and confidence.



SUPPORTING STATEMENT

Division of Juvenile Probation & Detention Services

The Division of Juvenile Probation and Detention Services supports the mission of the Court by serving a juvenile justice system that ensures public protection from further acts of juvenile delinquency, and assisting in the accountability and rehabilitative needs of youthful offenders.



Eight Evidence-Based Principles for Effective Interventions

- 1. Assess Actuarial Risk/Needs**
- 2. Enhance Intrinsic Motivation.**
- 3. Targeted Interventions.**
 - a. Risk
 - b. Need
 - c. Responsivity
- 4. Skill Train with Directed Practice**
- 5. Increase Positive Reinforcement.**
- 6. Engage Ongoing Support in Natural Communities.**
- 7. Measure Relevant Processes & Practices**
- 8. Provide Measurement Feedback.**



Comprehensive Assessment Process and Continuum of Evidence-Based Interventions



Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI)

- Legal History
- Family Issues
 - School
- Community & Peers
- Alcohol & Drugs
- Mental Health
 - Attitudes
- Skills (Social/Cognitive)
- Employment & Free Time

Targeted Interventions

- Risk – Prioritize supervision and Treatment Resources for higher-risk offenders
- Need – Target interventions to criminogenic needs
- Responsivity - Be responsive to temperament, learning style, motivation, culture & gender when assigning programs & services

Measure Processes & Outcomes

- SMAART Performance Management Process
- Balanced Scorecard
- Research & Evaluation



Rationale for Low-Risk Group Reporting

- Placing low-risk offenders in more intense correctional interventions exposes them to higher-risk offenders
- Lower-risk offenders tend to have good school experiences, positive family relationships and are invested in pro-social activities
- Younger or naive low-risk offenders may be manipulated by more sophisticated, higher-risk, predatory offenders



The development of programs and supervision techniques that are based on the risk level of the offender can assist in maintaining those protective factors and pro-social supports that contribute to their being “Low-Risk.”

Juvenile Group Reporting Project Modeled after a Similar Approach in Adult Probation Services

- Maximize existing resources
- Utilize community services
 - Trained Volunteers
 - Educational Resources
- Provide meaningful information & self-help skills
- Reduce pressures on Juvenile Justice Complex
- Reduce costs to Lake County
- Facilitate compliance with court-ordered conditions

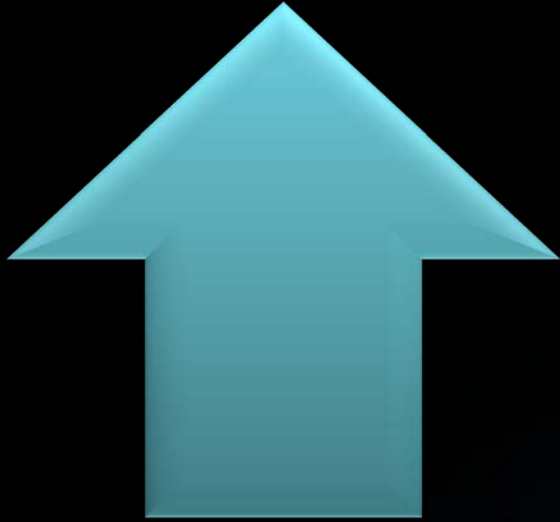
Division of Adult Probation Services
Group Reporting Project - Research Findings (2009)

Group Reporting	Comparison Group
94.4% Successful Completions	89.6% Successful Completions
12.8% Rearrested During Probation	23.2% Rearrested During Probation
18.9% Rearrested 3 yr After Probation	37.7% Rearrested 3 yr After Probation
\$231,183 Net Cost-Saving (2009)	
97.5% Participant-Rated Value	

Juvenile Group Reporting Project SMAART Balanced Scorecard Measures



Juvenile Group Reporting Project Cost Analysis 2012



Group Reporting Project

- 1 Probation Officer + Volunteers
- \$88,648 Program & Staff Costs
- \$283,777 Estimated Net Savings



Traditional Supervision

- 5 Probation Officers
- \$372,425 Program & Staff Costs

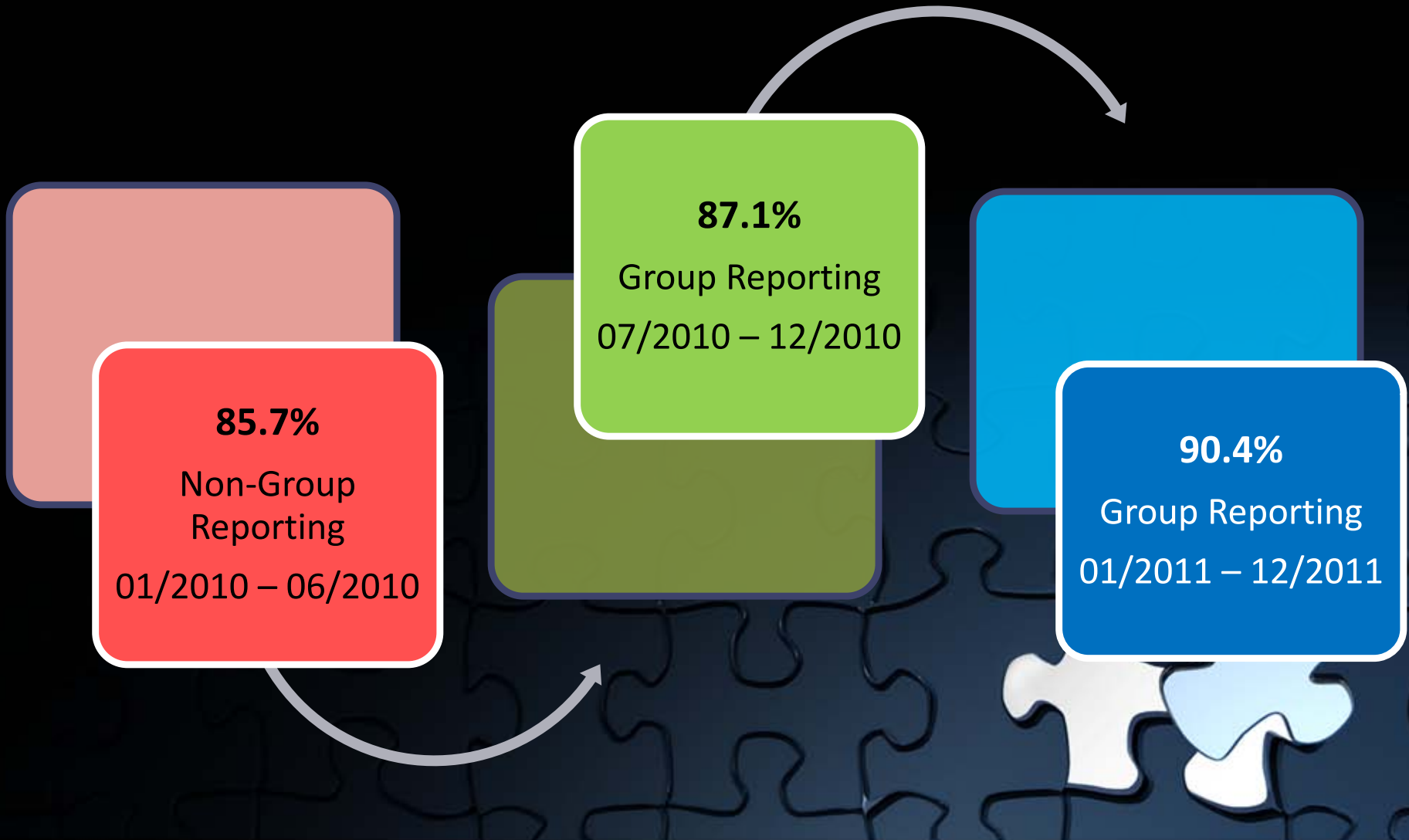
Juvenile Group Reporting Project Client Survey Results 2011



Percent Agreement

	Group Reporting	Standard Probation
1. Overall, I was satisfied with the services I received as a client.	90.8%	54.1%
2. When I first reported, a staff person clearly explained the rules and what was expected of me.	93.8%	83.8%
3. When I first reported, a staff person clearly answered all of my questions.	98.5%	80.6%
4. I believe that I have a good relationship with this staff person.	82.5%	65.7%
5. I believe that this staff person treats me fairly.	95.2%	83.3%
6. I believe that this staff person treats me with respect.	98.4%	77.8%
7. I believe that this staff person wants to help me with my problems.	93.8%	82.9%
8. I believe that this staff person wants to help me succeed on supervision	96.9%	80.0%
9. When I have a question, I believe that this staff person will answer it clearly.	96.9%	82.9%
10. When I have a question, I believe that this staff person will answer it honestly.	95.3%	77.8%

Juvenile Group Reporting Project Successful Completion of Probation



SMAART Performance Management Reports

Youthful Offender Job Readiness Program – Division of Juvenile Probation & Detention Services

Women's FIRST Program – Division of Psychological Services

Research Activities Policy – Administrative Office of the Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois

Juvenile Group Reporting Project – Division of Juvenile Probation & Detention Services

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