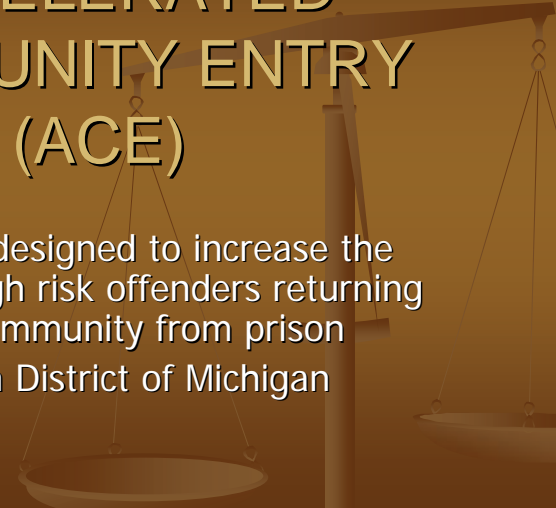


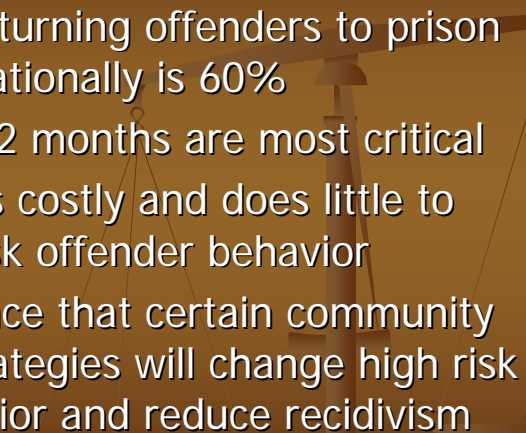
ACCELERATED COMMUNITY ENTRY (ACE)

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A program designed to increase the success of high risk offenders returning to the community from prison

Western District of Michigan

WHY?

- Statistics for returning offenders to prison after release nationally is 60%
 - The first 6 to 12 months are most critical
 - Incarceration is costly and does little to change high risk offender behavior
 - There is evidence that certain community supervision strategies will change high risk offender behavior and reduce recidivism
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- Changing the way post conviction supervision is successfully accomplished by incorporating evidence based practices
 - Using the community supports
 - Using rewards to change behavior
 - Using sanctions in a timely and proactive way
 - Holding offenders accountable for behavior change
 - Creating a unified court environment that encourages success

ACE

ACE is a problem solving court serving high risk offenders returning to specific communities, a reentry court program

- ACE is a collaboration between
 - U.S. District Court
 - U.S. Probation Office
 - U.S. Attorney's Office
 - Federal Defender's Office
 - Federal Bureau of Prisons
 - local community service providers

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- The roles for the ACE team are defined for each member and the group acts as a team working toward the same goal of long term success for the offender

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- Court hearings conducted by a magistrate judge and a district judge
 - Each participant addresses goals with the court
 - Rewards and sanctions for behavior are addressed
 - Goals for next month are made with participant

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- Participant Selection – Mandatory
 - Residence
 - to involve the community and resources where the offender lives (one officer provides consistency)
 - Risk prediction- high (RPI 6 to 9)

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- Participants earn a monthly reward when they have made significant strides toward goals set with the judge and the team at each hearing.
- Twelve monthly rewards earn graduation to a more “traditional” supervision.
- After an additional year of success, early termination of supervision is sought.

ACE

- Participants are expected to create and maintain law abiding self sufficient lifestyles
 - Abide by all conditions of release and treatment programming
 - Involve their support system in the program
 - Be gainfully employed
 - Provide suggestions for goals
 - Communicate effectively with the Court and the probation officer
 - Complete the program no matter how many attempts (as available by law)

By-products of ACE

- Court involved in successful outcomes, not just supervision failures
- Community and family involvement in the supervision of offenders
- All are learning about the strategies most effective in the behavior change in the high risk offender
- Increased collaboration and understanding among parties involved with offender