

Arrowhead Regional Corrections

ARC Sex Offender Placement Report

2005-2007

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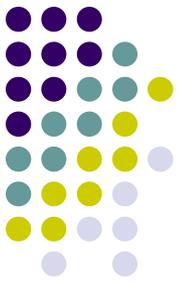
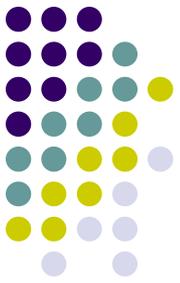


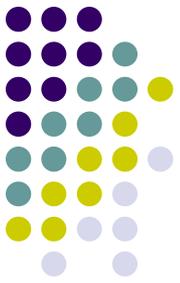
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Definitions/Acronyms

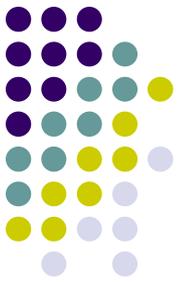


- ARC – Arrowhead Regional Corrections
- CSTS – Court Services Tracking System
- MSG – Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines
- MSGW – Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Worksheet
- ISH – Institute for Psychological and Sexual Health
- RMH – Range Mental Health
- F – Felony
- GM – Gross Misdemeanor
- M – Misdemeanor
- VOP – Violation of Probation
- CSC – Criminal Sexual Conduct
- SR – Supervised Release (Parole)
- LSI-R – Level of Service Inventory-Revised
- YLS/CMI – Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory
- ALOS- Average Length of Stay
- DOC-Days of Care
- STABLE/STATIC 99- Sex Offender Specific Risk Assessments



Sources of Information

- CSTS
 - Sex offender sentences
 - Sex offender demographics
 - Re-offense information
- BCA
 - State wide recidivism information
- MSGC: “*Sentencing Practices CSC Offenses sentenced in 2007*”
 - Departure information
- Pre-Sentence Investigation Forms
 - Plea Negotiation information
- DOC Report
 - “*Sex Offender Recidivism in Minnesota 2007*”



Summary of Findings

- This report covers all criminal sexual conduct offenders sentenced in ARC with an offense date between January 1, 2005 through December 31st 2007.
- **Totals:**
 - **134 sex offenders were convicted in the ARC region.**
 - **In addition, 48 convicted sex offenders were accepted for supervision due to transfers in and supervised releases from prison.**
 - **Detail:**
 - Transfers in from other counties: 14
 - Supervised releasees: 34

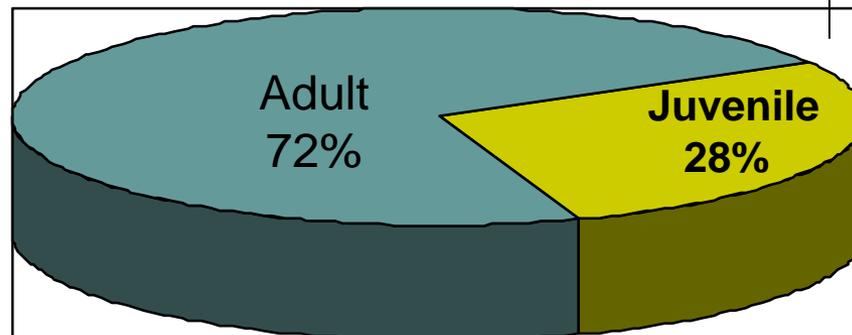
Sex Offenders	Sentenced in ARC	Transfers in ARC
2002-2004	177	58
2005-2007	134	48

* Clients sentenced and transferred in has declined



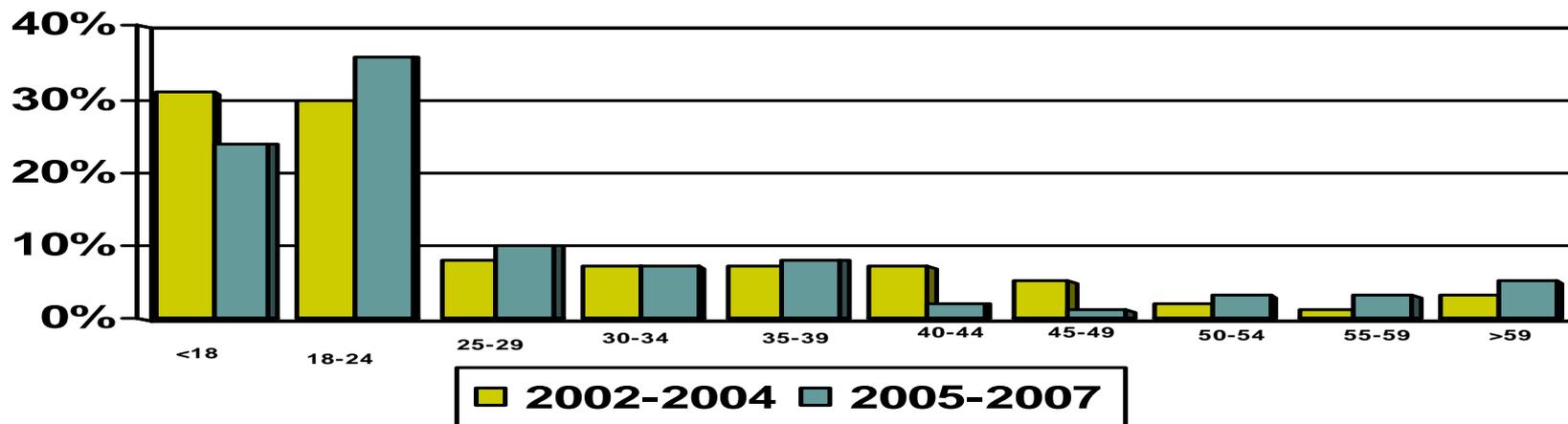
Demographics: Age

- Average Age: 26
 - Juveniles 28%; Adults 72%
- *Decrease in under 18; Increase in 18-24, 25-29, 35-39 and >59.*
- Five Juveniles were under 18 at time of offense, adjudicated (sentenced) when over 18.



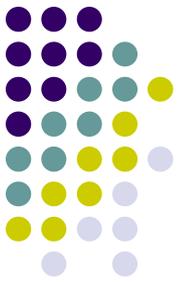
■ Juvenile ■ Adult

Age Groups for Juvenile and Adult Sex Offenders

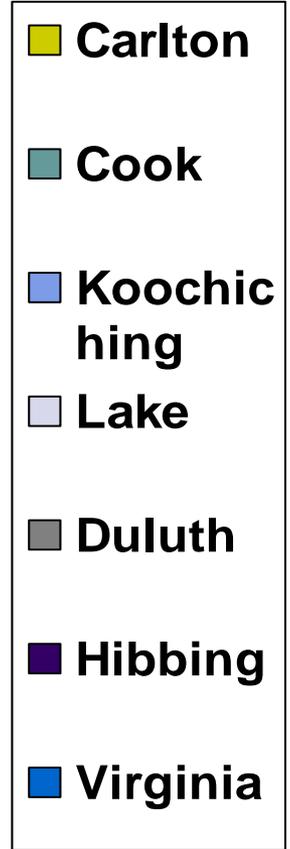
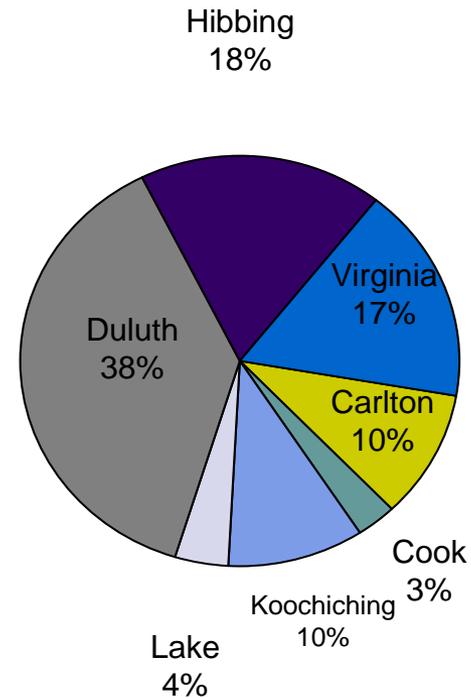


Demographics

Where are Sex Offenders being sentenced?



Region	#	%
N=134		
Duluth	51	38%
Hibbing	24	18%
Virginia	23	17%
Carlton	14	10%
Koochiching	13	10%
Lake	5	4%
Cook	4	3%

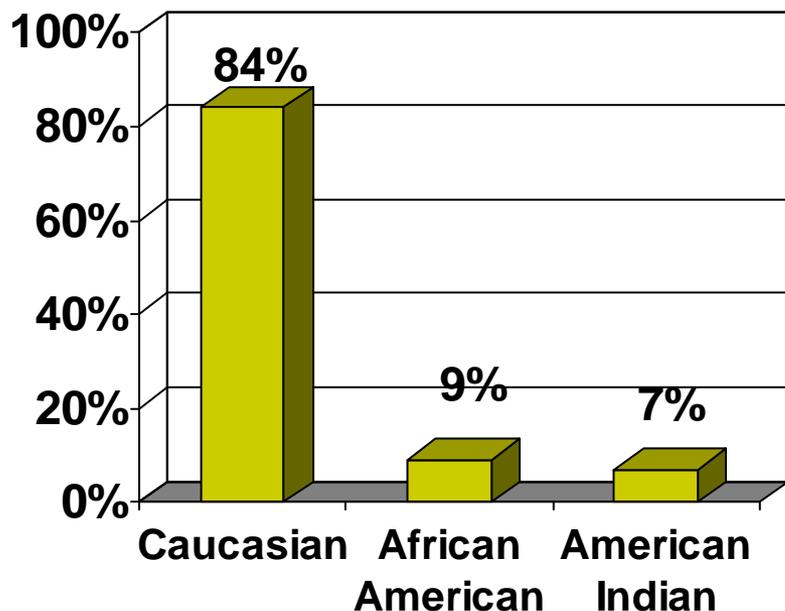


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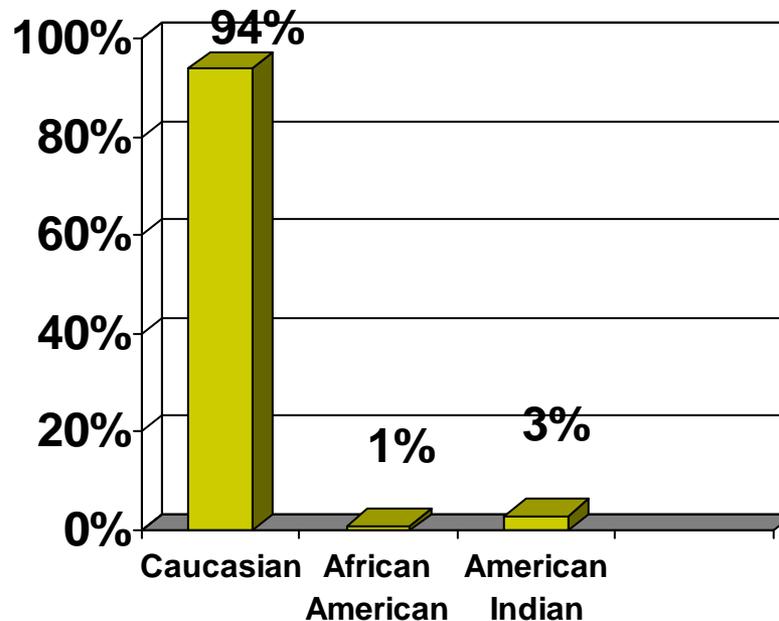
Race: Caucasian was the largest represented race for CSC in the ARC Region



Sex Offenders Convicted in ARC



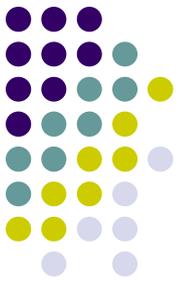
Demographics of ARC: 2007



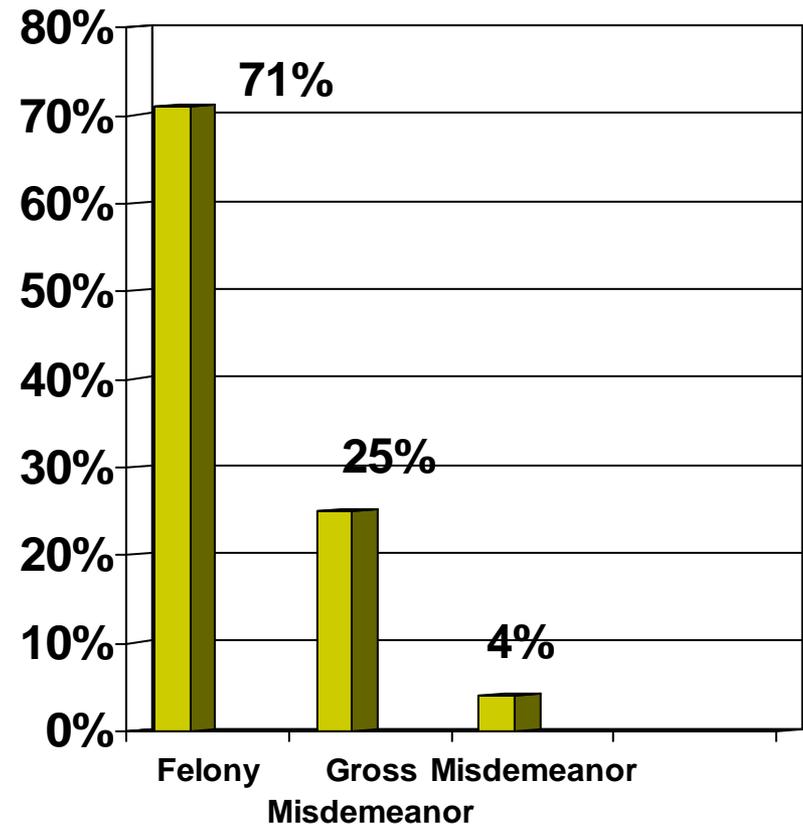
*Data derived from U.S. Census Bureau

Offense Characteristics

Offense Levels: 71% of Convicted CSC were Felony Level:
- Similar findings in 02-04 study; 70% Felony level



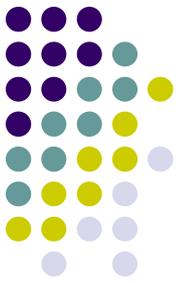
	#	%
Felony	95	71%
Gross Misdemeanor	34	25%
Misdemeanor	5	4%



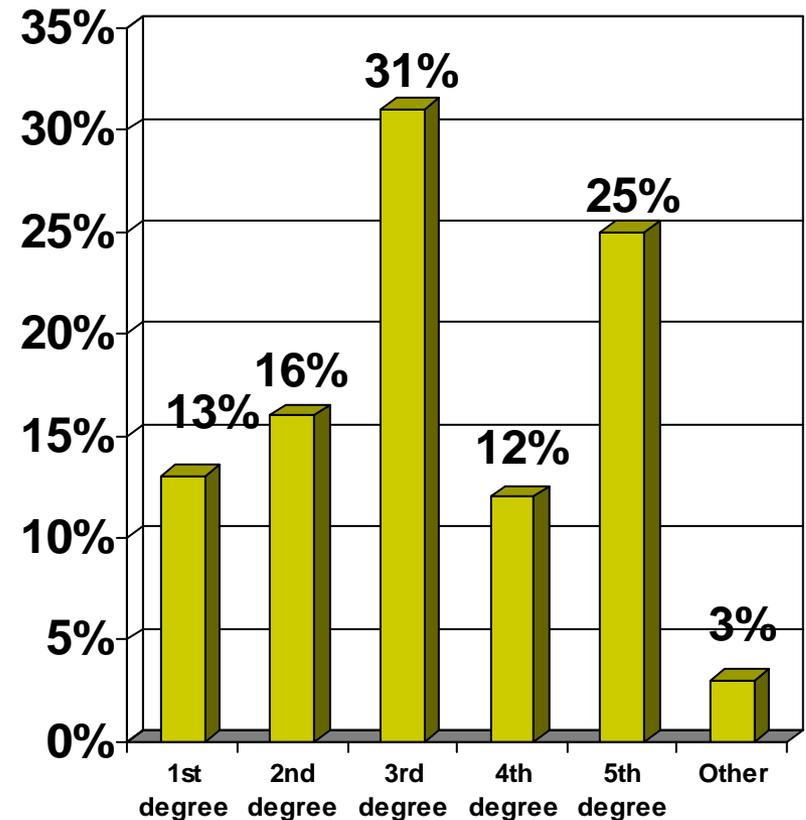
Offense Characteristics:

3rd degree was the most prevalent conviction

- 5th degree most prevalent in 02-04 report



	#	%
1 st Deg	17	13%
2 nd Deg	21	16%
3 rd Deg	42	31%
4 th Deg	16	12%
5 th Deg	34	25%
Other: Indecent Exposure	4	3%

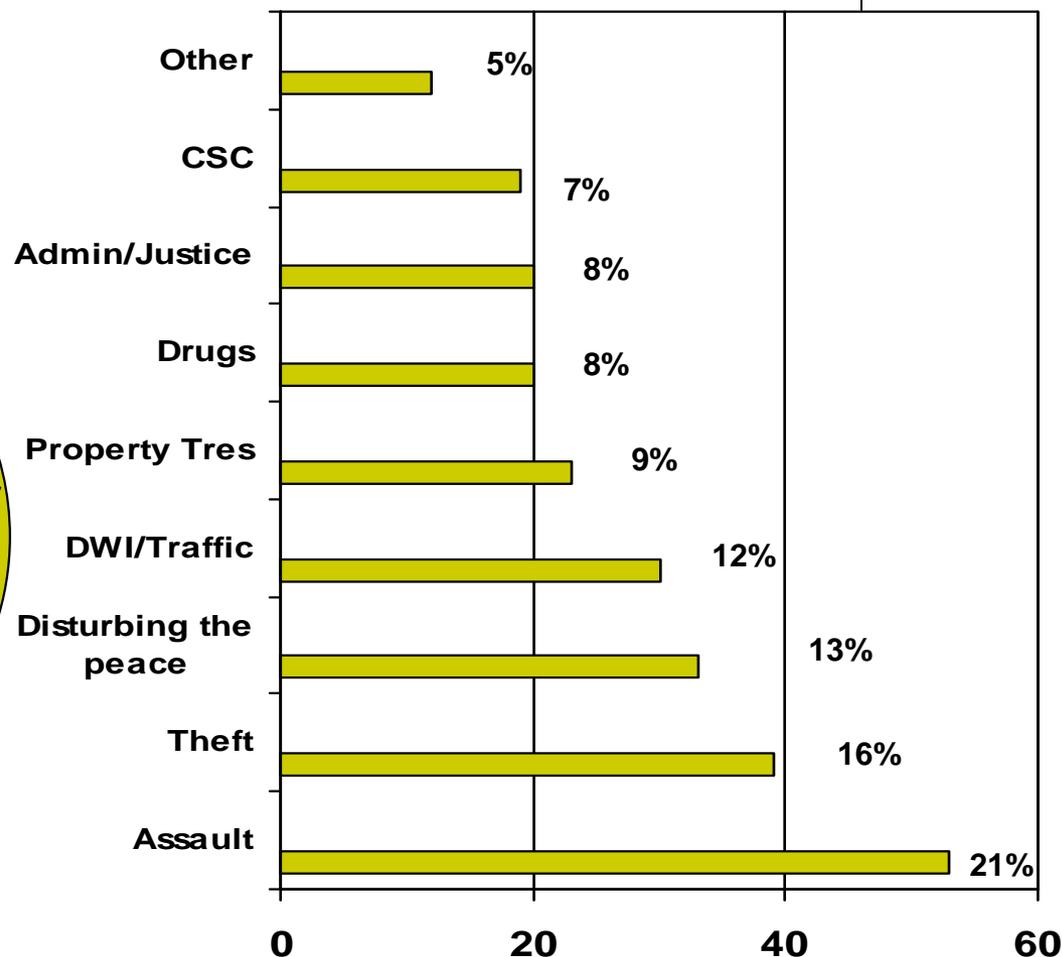
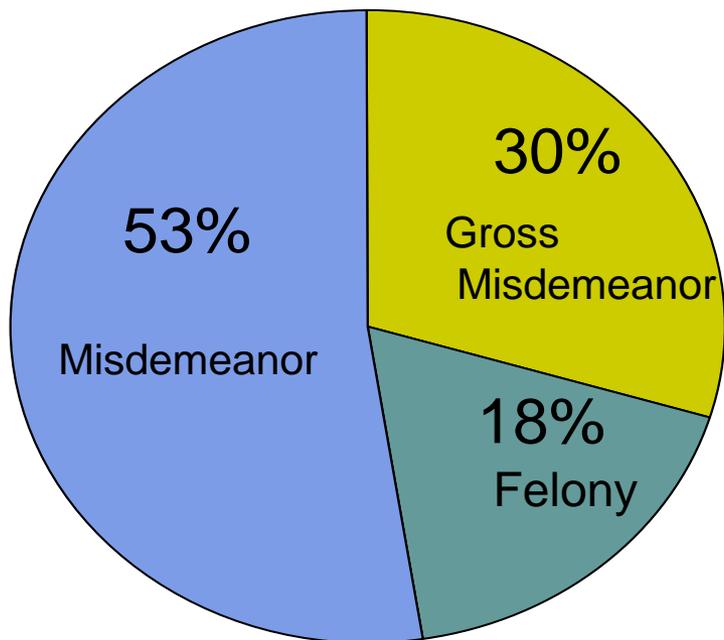




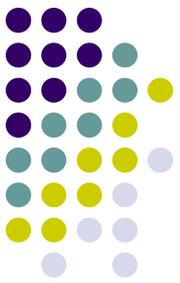
Prior Offense Characteristics:

Prior Offenses: 91 clients(68%) had a prior criminal record in CSTS. Increase since previous report, only 41% had a prior record in 2002-2004 study.

Prior Offense Level



Other includes: weapons, conservation crime and escape



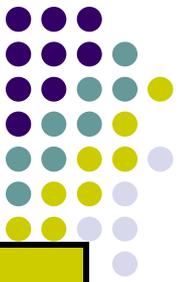
YLS: Risk Assessment

- The YLS risk assessment is not a sex offense specific tool, however, research has shown it to be effective in identifying those at risk of re-offending criminally. State and National reports have suggested that sex offenders in general are at higher risk of re-offending criminally than they are sexually. This report reflects those findings.
- Of those juvenile sex offenders with a current YLS in the ARC region, the majority were moderate to low risk of re-offending. Only 17% rated high risk for re-offense.

YLS Scale	
0-8	Low
9-22	Moderate
23-34	High
35-42	Very High

Juvenile Sex Offenders YLS N=24		
Low (0-8)	8	33%
Moderate (9-22)	12	50%
High (23-34)	4	17%

LSI-R: Risk Assessment

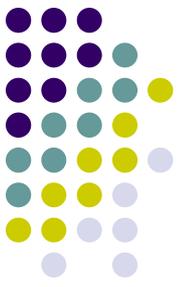


- The LSI is an assessment tool used initially with adult sex offenders in ARC. As with juveniles, the majority of offenders rate in the medium to low risk of re-offending criminally. Only 7% rated high risk of re-offense.

LSI Risk Level Scale	
Low	0-13
Low Medium	14-23
Medium	24-33
Medium High	34-40
High	41+

- Other risk assessments specific to sex offenders is discussed further on in this report.

Adult Sex Offender LSI Risk Levels N=60		
Low	14	19%
Low Medium	18	25%
Medium	23	32%
Medium High	12	17%
High	5	7%



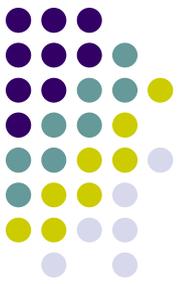
Risk Assessment: STATIC 99

- STATIC 99 is an assessment measuring risk factors that do not change overtime. It is administered once, at the time of PSI.

- 10 Questions:

- Age, lived with loved one, violent convictions, prior sex offenses, unrelated victims, stranger victims, male victims
- 2007 MN Sex Offender Recidivism Study found several factors related to an “**increase**” of chances for re-offense: “Prior sex crimes, stranger victims, male child victim (under13), failure to complete prison based Tx” pg. 2

STATIC 99 Total Score n=48	
0-1	Low 23%
2,3	Moderate Low 40%
4,5	Moderate High 31%
6 plus	High 6%

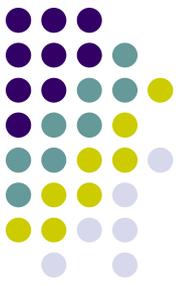


Risk Assessment: STABLE

- STABLE is a risk assessment used to evaluate adult sex offenders risk factors for reoffending sexually.
- Low and Moderate risk for offenders in the ARC region. None were classified as high risk.

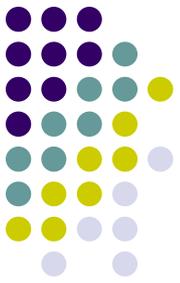
STABLE Results: ARC N= 27	
0-4	Low 56%
5-8	Moderate 44%
9-12	High

How are sex offenders being sentenced in ARC?

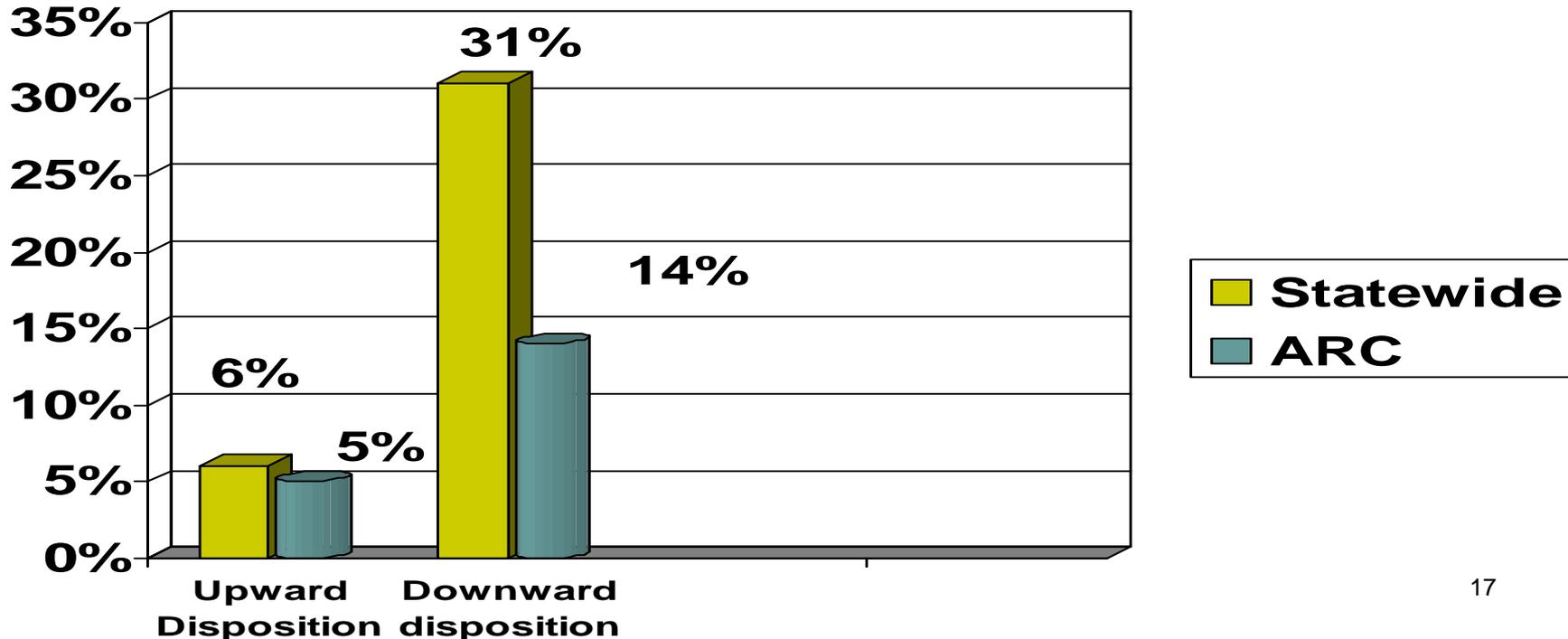


- “A new sex offender grid was adopted by the commission and went into effect for offenses committed after August 1, 2006. In addition to longer recommended sentences for offenders with criminal history scores greater than 0, the modified guidelines compute criminal history differently for sex offenses than for other offenses. The weights assigned to some prior sex offenses were increased, and repeat sex offenders who commit a sex offense while on probation or supervised release for a sex offense receive an extra custody point.” pg 6, *MSGC: Sentencing Practices: CSC Offenses Sentenced in 2007*
- This change has increased the number of clients eligible for imprisonment.
 - *i.e. 2002-04 report by Jared Hoy, indicated “6” commitments to the commissioner of corrections. This report shows a decrease in number of clients sentenced, but a drastic increase , three times the number of commitments to “20”.*
 - *Also, felony convictions between the two time periods has remained almost identical; 70% in 2002-04 and 71% in 2005-2007.* Strong correlation to sentencing guidelines practices.

MSGW Findings



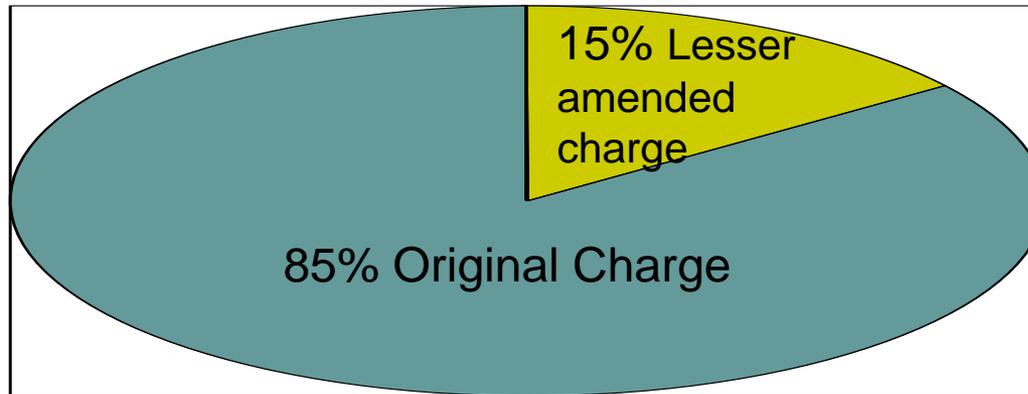
- **Disposition** (Prison or Local sanctions) and **Duration** (Length of time served) can depart or vary from the recommended sentence.
- Of the 64 individuals mandated to have a MSGW; only 3 had an **upward dispositional departure** 5%. These individuals were sentenced to prison when the guidelines suggested a “stay” of local sanctions.
- More common, was a **downward dispositional departure**; 9 individuals were sentenced to a “stay” of COC and ordered to serve local sanctions rather than prison. (14%).
- The majority **81%** were sentenced within the suggested disposition and duration of the Minnesota Sentencing Guideline Worksheet.



Plea Agreement Rates

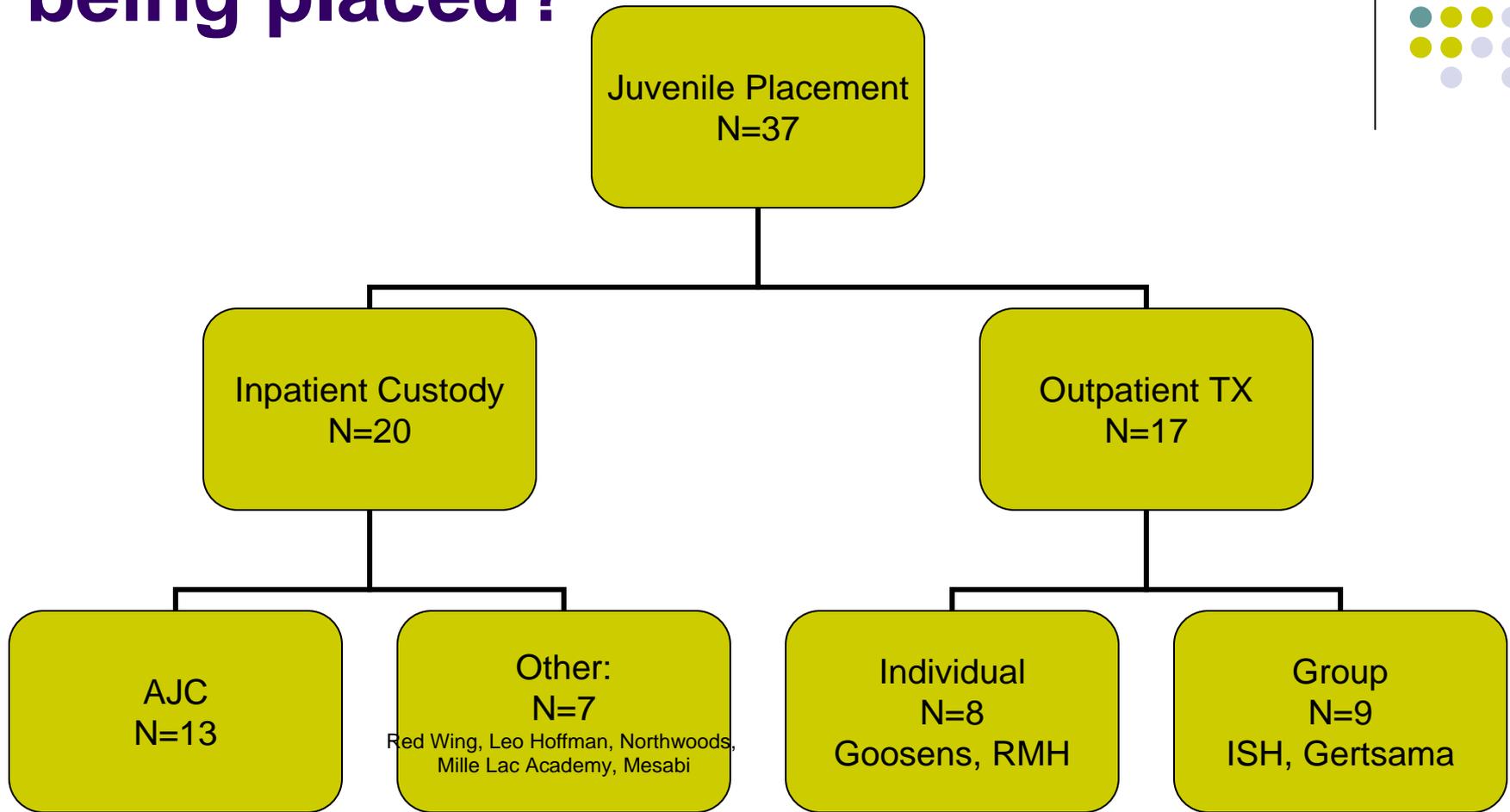
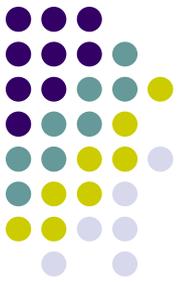


- **20 of the offenses were pled down (15%)**
 - In 2002-2004 report 45 (25%) of the offenses were plead down.
- **42 offenders (31%) had additional counts dismissed**
 - 41 offenders (23%) had additional counts dismissed in the 2002-2004 report.



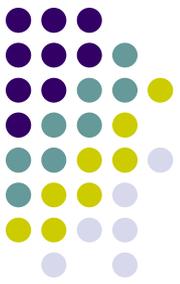
- The number of offenses pled down has *decreased* from 25 % to 15% from previous reports. And the number of counts dismissed has *increased* from 23% to 31%. ***Less cases pled down; more likely for additional charges to be dropped.***

Where are juvenile sex offenders being placed?



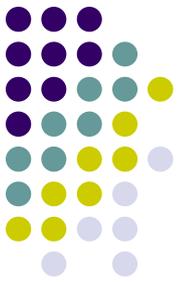
AJC had the largest number of placements per category. 54% received treatment in custody. 46% received treatment while remaining in the community and attending groups or individual counseling. Juvenile offenders sentenced to inpatient treatment at similar rate as outpatient treatment.

Recidivism: Juvenile Placements



- Largest juvenile placement was to AJC. Thirteen individuals in this report, are analyzed compared to other programs.
- Same amount of VOP's, double the amount of new convictions for other placements.

Placement	# of Clients	Av. Length of stay	Range Days of Care	New Conviction	Violation of Probation (VOP)
AJC	13	190	120/406	2	5
OTHER	24	UA	UA	4	5

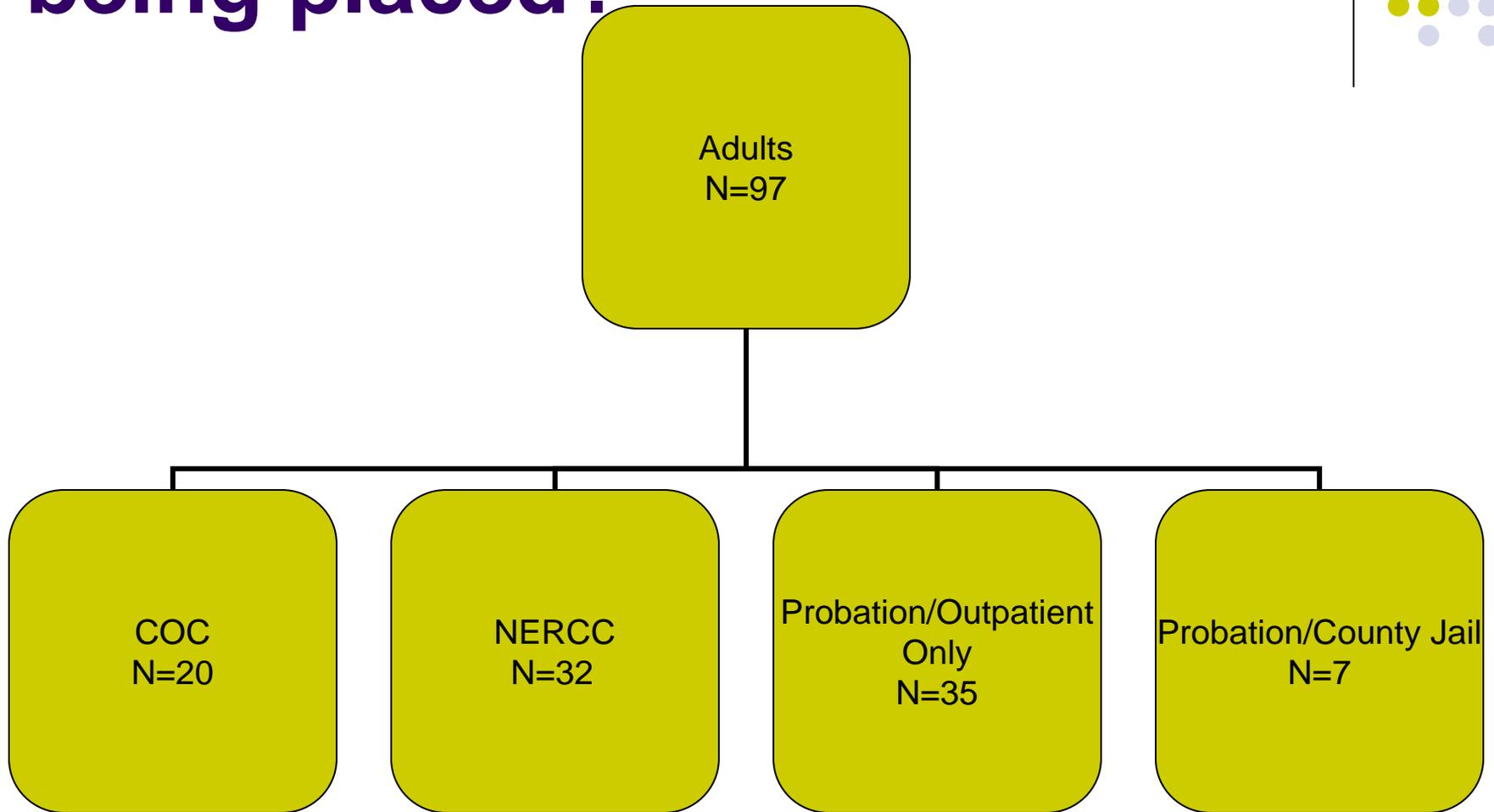
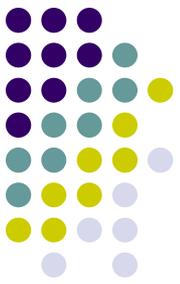


AJC SO Program: Aftercare

- All clients left AJC on probation.
- All completed cognitive programming such as thinking for a change and offense scenario's specific to each client's behavior patterns.
- Aftercare transition programming are detailed to the right. Some individuals may have been referred to more than one program. i.e. ISH and individual counseling. Each placement is reflected.

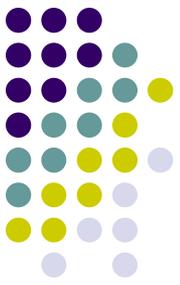
Placement	#	%
ISH	12	80%
RMHC	1	7%
Upper Mississippi	1	7%
Eau Claire Academy	1	7%

Where are Adult Sex Offenders being placed?



21% of Adult CSC clients were sentenced to prison; 79% were sentenced locally.

*3 individuals were not sentenced to probation, and received time to serve in jail. 22



Recidivism: Adult Placements

- Thirty-two clients participated in the NERCC Sex offender program. In reference to recidivism, these clients are compared to other programs below.
- NERCC clients had “0” new convictions and less violations of probation than other programs.

Placement	# of Clients	Av length of stay	Range Days of Care	New Conviction	Violation of Probation
NERCC	32	164	39/286	0	10
OTHER	45	UA	UA	7	16

* Probation, Jail, Outpatient TX

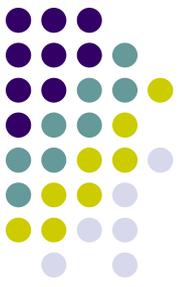


NERCC SO Program: Aftercare

- All clients left NERCC on probation.
- Most completed cognitive programming such as thinking for a change (81%) and offense scenario's (90%) specific to each client's behavior patterns.
- Aftercare transition programming is detailed to the right. Some individuals may have been referred to more than one program. i.e. ISH and individual counseling. Each placement is reflected.

Placement	#	%
SG	15	41%
ISH	12	32%
Individual	3	8%
RMHC	1	3%
*No aftercare	5	14%
LSS	1	3%

* No aftercare includes jail, appealing conviction, working with P.O.



NERCC: Program Evaluation

- Due to various lengths of time in the program (39 days to 286 days) a Likert Scale conducive to how each client progressed in the program is examined.
- 1=successfully complete;
2=progress, non-completion;
3=compliant, non-completion;
4=not compliant, non-completion and 5= terminated from program.
- Progress, non completion largest group represented.
- MN Research findings state factors that **decrease** chances of recidivism are linked to “successful participation” and “completion of sex offender treatment” Pg. 4.

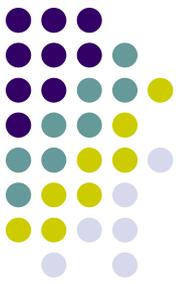
Level	#	%
Successfully complete	1	3%
Progress, non completion	17	53%
Compliant, non-completion	12	38%
Not compliant, non-completion	1	3%
Terminated	1	3%



Recidivism: New Convictions

- Both juvenile and adult sex offenders had various lengths of time to remain crime free. (1 yr to 4 yrs). *Similar to 2002-2004 report*
- Recidivism is defined as, “*from the date the client is discharged to the end of the reporting period.*”
- 21% (20) of adult clients were sentenced to prison. Due to the length 18m-120 months sentenced; these clients are not included in recidivism rates.
- Only one client has been convicted of a new Sex offense, 1%.
- *Decrease for recidivism in most areas!*

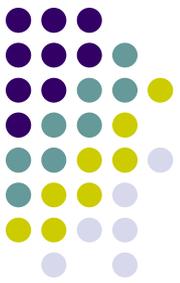
Recidivism Comparison	2005-07 #	2005-07 %	2002-2004 %
Felony	6	5%	8%
F,GM,M (All Levels)	13	11%	14%
F,GM,M & VOP	50	42%	40%
Same or Similar	1	1%	3%



Recidivism: State and Local

- MN Study followed 3,166 Sex Offenders for a minimum of 3 yrs; maximum of 16 years. The numbers below reflect outcomes of a three year study compatible to this reports timeframe.
- MN study found that over time, the longer a client was in the community; the less likely they were to re-offend. Most did so in the first five years. In ARC, no new convictions after 2 years post conviction.

Recidivism Comparison	2005-07 ARC	2002-04 ARC	State 3 yr
F,GM,M (All Levels)	11%	14%	24%
Same or Similar: Sex Offense	1%	3%	7%



VOP: Categories

- Adult and Juveniles Cases:
- Only 2 clients per category for new charges & multiple charges
- Majority of violations were special conditions:

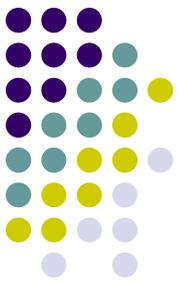
(Failure to complete Tx
and use of chemicals)

*-Most common reason for
Special Violations*

* Same findings in 2002-2004 report: Failure of Tx and use of chemicals

Violations of Probation N=37	
Viol New	2
Viol Rule	9
Viol Multiple	2
Viol Special	25

Recidivism: New Offense Timeline (post conviction)

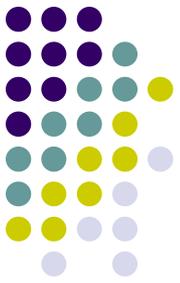


- Thirteen clients were charged and convicted of a new offense.
- Timeline represents time from conviction to new offense date.

“Of those that recidivated”

Time	#	%
0-6 months	4	31%
6m-1yr	4	31%
1yr-2yrs	5	38%
2yr-4yrs	0	0%

Recidivism: Timeline (post conviction)

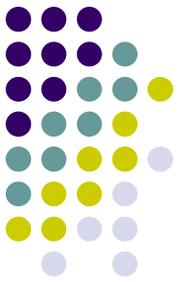


- Adding VOP's
- Timeline represents ALL VOP's and Convictions
“Of those that recidivated”

Time	#	%
0-6 months	17	34%
6m-1yr	19	38%
1yr-2yrs	14	28%
2yr-4yrs	0	0%

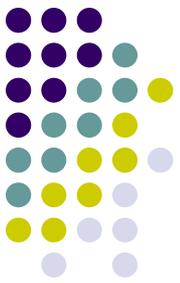
Comparison :2002-04 & 2005-07

Findings



Increase		
Number having previous charges	2005-07 68%	2002-04 41%
Offense level convictions	2005-07 3rd degree	2002-04 5th degree
Number of clients sentenced to COC	2005-07 20	2002-04 6
Overall recidivism	42%	40%

Decrease		
Percent of new Felony convictions After sentencing	2005-07 5%	2002-04 8%
Percent of new Felony, GM,M convictions	2005-07 11%	2002-04 14%
Downward Disposition	2005-07 14%	2002-04 21%



Recommendations

- Continue round table discussion with providers in the ARC region to discuss successes and challenges in serving the offense specific population in the area.
- Monitor length of time for residents at NERCC's SO program. Should there be a specific length of time mandatory for each participant.
- Follow a control group of clients for recidivism purposes *before* the 2006 MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission changes and a similar group after. Do these sentencing practices effect recidivism.