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## **OC Probation Sees Positive 10-Year Impact of Day Reporting Centers**

SANTA ANA, CA- (April 29th, 2025)- The Orange County Probation Department (OC Probation) is pleased to announce the significant decline of re-conviction rates of Day Reporting Center (DRCs) program participants.

In 2012, OC Probation opened a DRC in the city of Santa Ana. After a few successful years, a second DRC opened in Westminster in 2017 to serve a larger population in the county. Both DRCs are operated by The GEO Group, Inc. (GEO), who is committed to providing leading, evidence-based rehabilitation programs to individuals while in-custody and post-release into the community.

In data provided by GEO, OC Probation found a positive trend in reduced re-conviction rates between 2014 and 2021 for the individuals who completed the program. Essentially, individuals who successfully completed the DRC programs had a marked decline in their chances of reoffending. This stands as a true testament to OC Probation's focus on rehabilitation guided by EBP. Additionally, data revealed indicators that OC Probation's DRCs work. Participants who completed the DRC program had a re-conviction rate of 13%, which dropped to just 3% by 2021. In contrast, those who started the program, but didn't finish had a re-conviction rate of 42% in 2014, which decreased to 13% in 2021. Finally, participants with a neutral discharge in 2014 had a 32% re-conviction rate, but this dropped to 6% by 2021.

The significant decrease in re-conviction rates for offenders at the DRCs demonstrates the effectiveness of EBP in supporting offenders to turn their lives around.

## **About the Orange County Probation Department**

As a public safety agency, the Orange County Probation Department serves the community using effective, research supported rehabilitation practices and collaborative partnerships to successfully resocialize justice involved individuals. The Probation Department is proud to serve the Orange County community. It is dedicated to continuous improvement, searching out and applying "effective and research supported practices" to assist justice involved youth, their families, and adults to successfully navigate and successfully complete probation. Further, the Probation Department assists the criminal court system through investigations, probation reports and community supervision of thousands of adult and juvenile clients on court-ordered probation or in diversion programs. The Department operates the Orange County Juvenile Hall, and two camps for youth. In addition, the Department operates a Youth Reporting Center serving all of Orange County.

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