

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
of LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Division of Adult Probation Services

**Implementing Evidence-Based Practices
in Adult Probation Services**

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MISSION STATEMENT

Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Lake County, Illinois

**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 Adult Probation Services

**The Division of Adult Probation Services
supports the mission of the Court by
serving the Court and reducing offender
recidivism in a manner that enhances the
fairness and integrity of the Court's
decisions, promotes accountability and
responsiveness in its enforcement of the
Court's orders, and advances public trust
and confidence in the justice system.**

THE INTEGRATED MODEL

Implementing Evidence-Based Policy and Practice



PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER

Creating a Culture Of Quality

Organizational Development

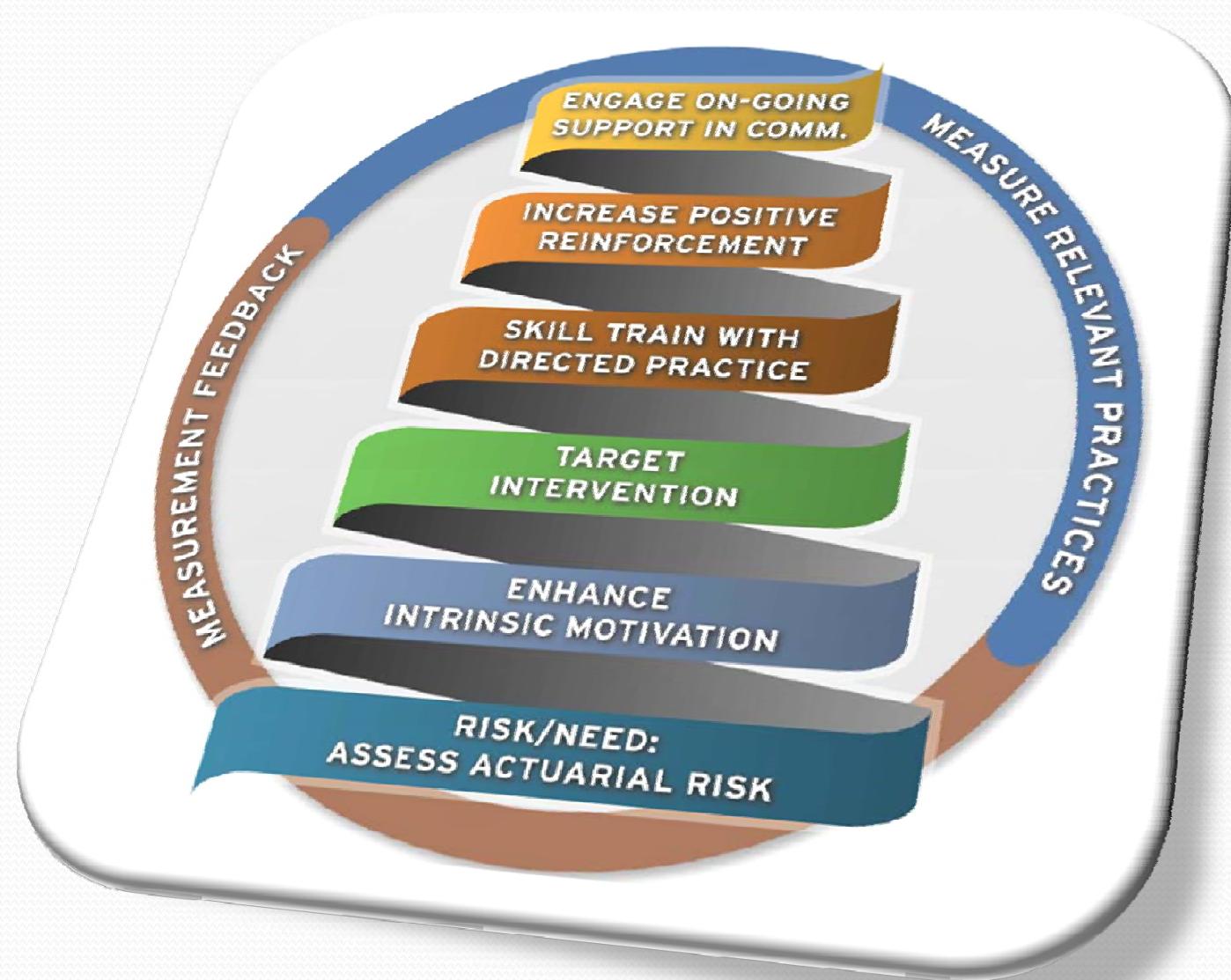
- *Strategic Planning*
- *SMAART Performance Management Program*
- *Employee Engagement*
- *Technology Leadership*

Collaboration

- *External Communications*
- *Community Justice Initiatives*
- *Transparency and Accountability*
- *Public Trust and Confidence*

EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

Eight Guiding Principles

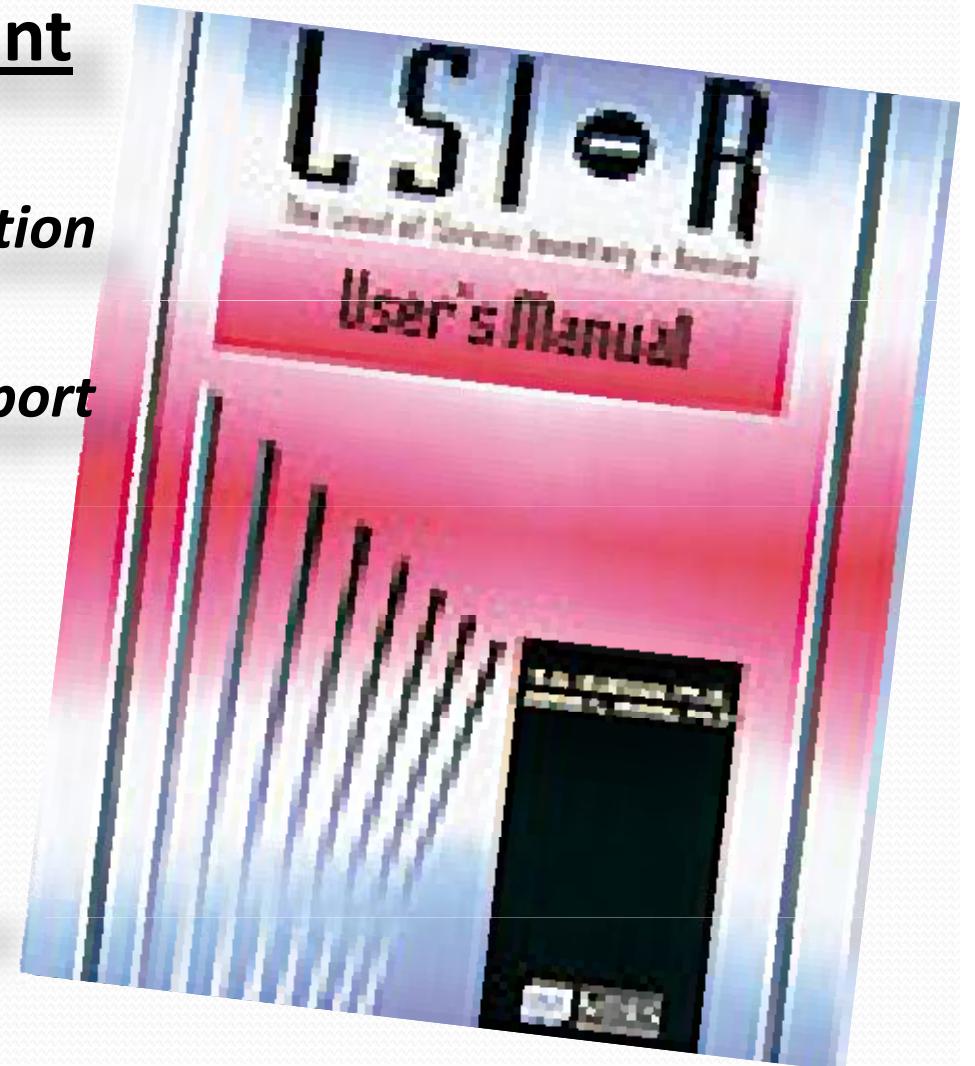


RISK / NEED ASSESSMENT

Level of Service Inventory - Revised

Criminogenic Risk Assessment

- *Criminal history*
- *Employment history & education*
- *Financial status*
- *Family relationships and support*
- *Companions*
- *Leisure/recreation*
- *Living accommodations*
- *Addiction issues*
- *Mental health history*
- *Emotional/Personal stability*
- *Attitudes towards crime*



PROBABILITY OF RECIDIVISM

Administrative Office of The Illinois Courts, 2006

LSI-R Score	Supervision Level	Re-arrest Rate
0 - 13	Low	11.3%
14 - 23	Moderate	21.6%
24 - 33	High	28.7%
34 +	Maximum	39.6%



TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

Risk, Need and Responsivity

Risk

Prioritizing supervision and treatment resources for higher risk offenders

Need

Provide services according to individual deficits – e.g., social skills, thinking errors, vocational training, misuse of leisure time, drug and alcohol abuse, etc.

Responsivity

Developing interventions that are sensitive to the learning styles and psychological needs of all program participants

IMPLEMENTING THE TREATMENT PRINCIPLE

“Thinking for a Change” – The T4C Curriculum

- 1. Focus on present circumstances and risk factors that are responsible for the offender's behavior.**
- 2. Treatment is action-oriented. Offenders do something about their difficulties, rather than just talk about them.**
- 3. New pro-social skills are taught through modeling, practice and reinforcement.**

THE COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL SEQUENCE

Events → *Thoughts* → *Behavior*



Becoming a Self-Change Agent

- Social Skills Development
- Cognitive Self-Change
- Effective Problem-Solving

COG PROGRAM OUTCOME STUDY

19th Judicial Circuit – Adult Probation Services, 2008

Cognitive Outreach Group

62.5%
Successful Completions

40.8%
Re-arrested during probation

43.8%
Re-arrested after probation

Comparison Group

25.8%
Successful Completions

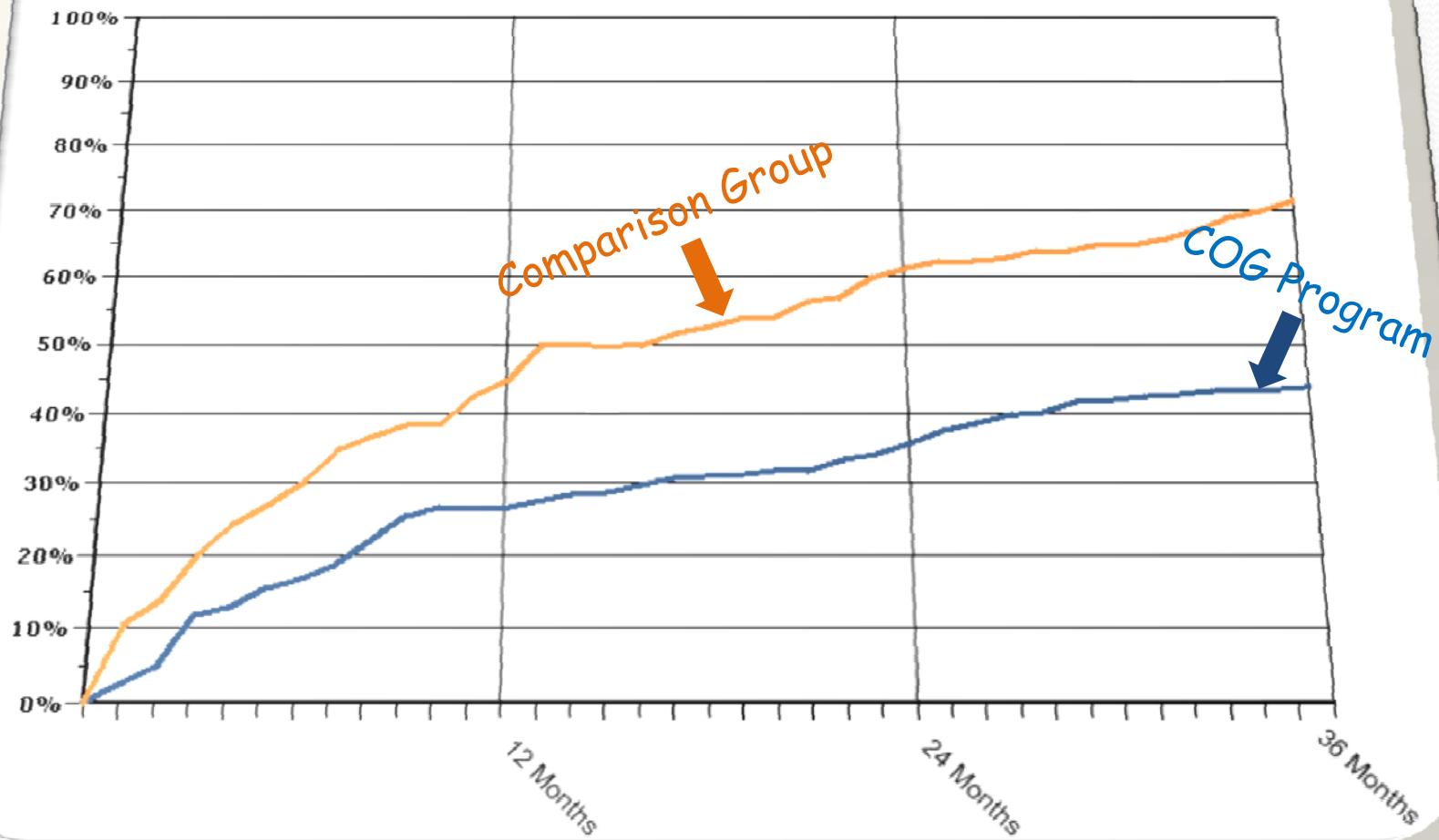
65.8%
Re-arrested during probation

71.8%
Re-arrested after probation

COGNITIVE OUTREACH GROUPS

Observed Re-arrest Rate After Supervision

Cumulative Re-Arrest 36 Months following Termination of Supervision



LAKE COUNTY GROUP REPORTING PROJECT

A Structured Alternative to Supervising Low-Risk Probationers

Maximizes the existing resources of the Division of Adult Probation by facilitating large groups of low-risk probationers at one time, in one place, with minimum staff time.

- **Fully utilizes services within the community, including trained volunteers and community educational resources.**
- **Provides meaningful information and self-help skills to probationers**

GROUP REPORTING PRESENTATIONS

Life Skills Topics for Low-Risk Probationers

- **Healthy Lifestyles**
- **Substance Use**
- **Employment & Education**
- **Social Skills & Problem-Solving**
- **Relationships & Parenting**
- **Changing Behavior – COG Concepts**
- **Building Safer Communities**

GROUP REPORTING PROJECT OUTCOME STUDY

19th Judicial Circuit – Adult Probation Services, 2009

Group Reporting

94.4%
Successful Completions

12.8%
Re-arrested during probation

18.9%
Re-arrested after probation

Comparison Group

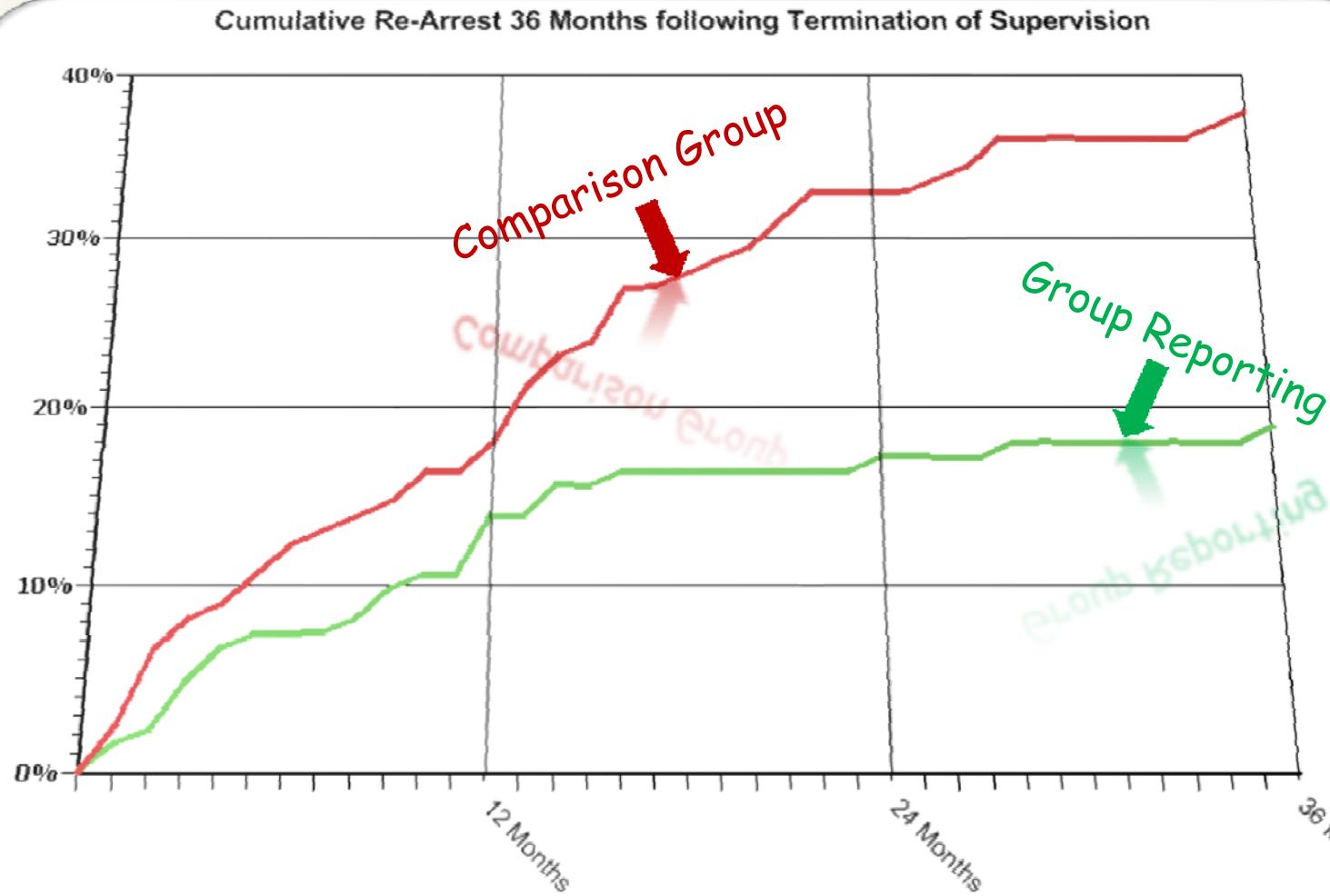
89.6%
Successful Completions

23.2%
Re-arrested during probation

37.7%
Re-arrested after probation

GROUP REPORTING PROJECT

Observed Re-arrest Rate After Supervision



CHECK US OUT!!!

19th Judicial Circuit
Court of Lake
County

- [http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us](http://www.19thcircircuitcourt.state.il.us)

Division of Adult
Probation Services

- http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/Organization/Pages/adtprob_home.aspx

SMAART Performance
Management Program

- http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/resources/Pages/smaart.aspx#smaart_reports