

**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*

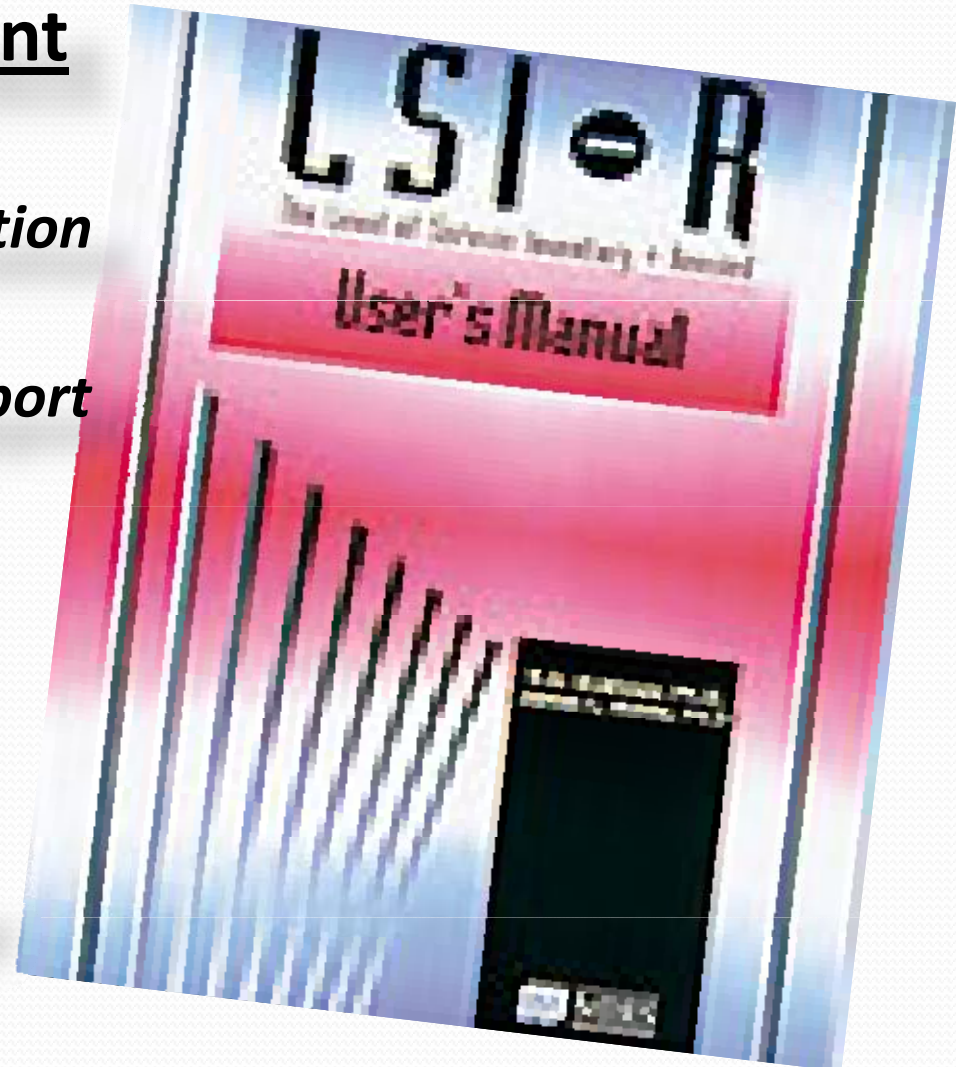


# **RISK / NEED ASSESSMENT**

## *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**

*19<sup>th</sup> 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

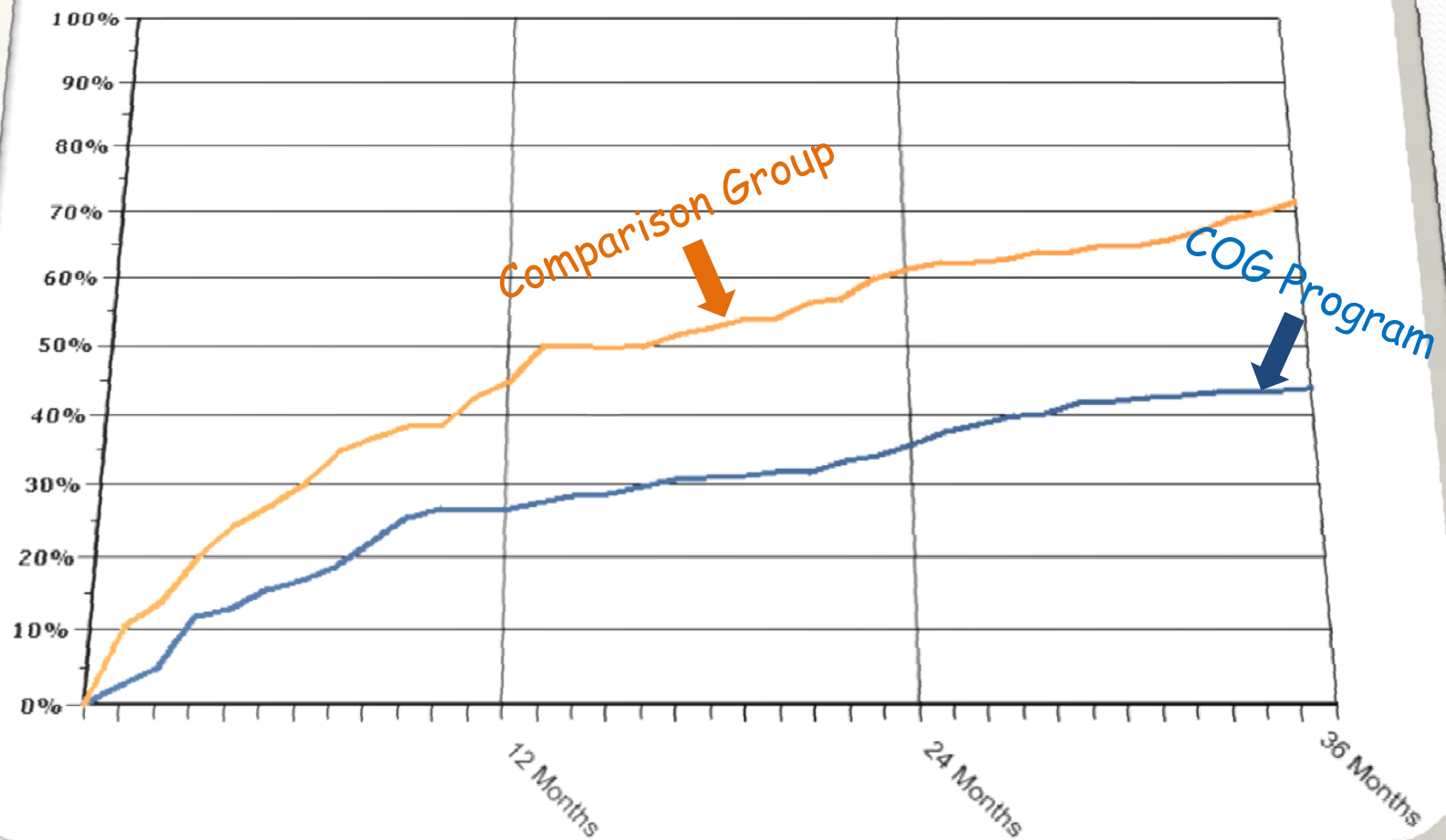
**65.8%**  
Re-arrested during probation

**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*

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

# **GROUP REPORTING PROJECT OUTCOME STUDY**

*19<sup>th</sup> 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%**

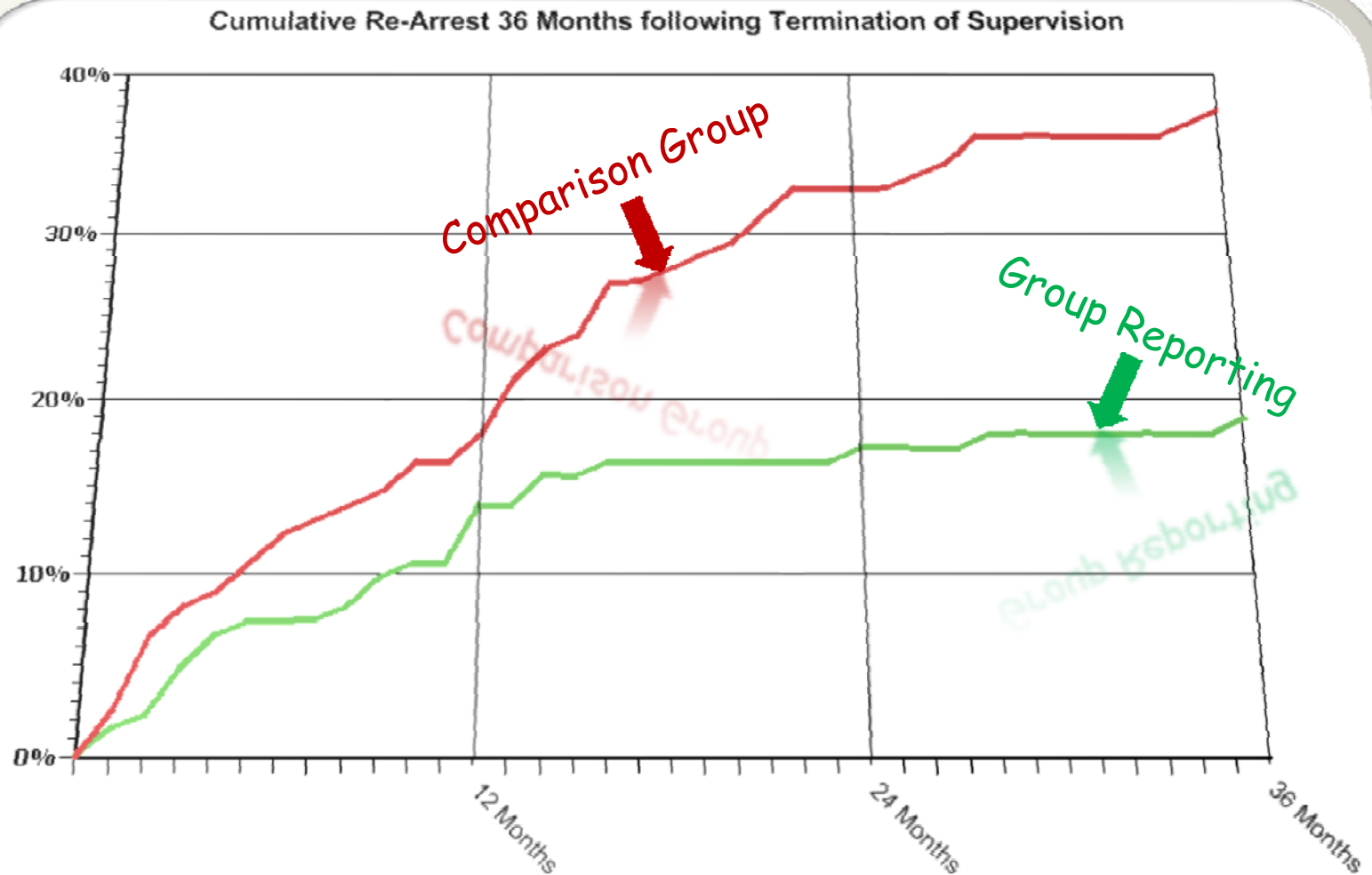
**Re-arrested during probation**

**37.7%**

**Re-arrested after probation**

# GROUP REPORTING PROJECT

## *Observed Re-arrest Rate After Supervision*



# CHECK US OUT!!!

**19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit  
Court of Lake  
County**

- <http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us>

**Division of Adult  
Probation Services**

- [http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/Organization/Pages/adtprob\\_home.aspx](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](http://www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/resources/Pages/smaart.aspx#smaart_reports)