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Testimony on Program Updates  
to  
The Joint Committee on Corrections & Juvenile Justice Oversight

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- KDOC Approach to Programming
  - Evidence-based
    - Targets risk areas
    - Delivered with fidelity
    - Evaluated for impact
  - Skills-building with robust curricula (not lecture hall nor talk therapy)
  - Dose targeted to level of risk/need (more hours of group/classroom work for higher risk)
  - Delivers programs through internal program providers as well as contract providers
  - Partner with service systems in the community for programming after release
- Thinking for a Change (T4C) Cognitive Programming
  - Over 30 modules of skills-building in problem solving
  - Changing criminal thinking to pro-social behaviors & problem solving
  - Delivered by internal program providers with co-facilitation by unit team staff, volunteers, and mental health staff (for those with mental illness)
  - Served 942 offenders in FY 2012
- Job Readiness (OWDS)
  - Over 24 modules of preparing for employment, including skills assessments, mock interviews, addressing felony history with potential employers
  - Delivered by internal program providers with co-facilitation by unit team staff and volunteers
  - In select geographic areas, Job Specialists in parole offices and workforce centers follow up with individual support for job placement/retention
  - Served 991 offenders in FY 2012

- Vocational Training
  - Market-relevant vocational training
  - WorkReady assessment/certification (assessment used by employers to determine aptitude with levels of certification related to proficiency)
  - Certification in manufacturing skills and other vocational skills
  - Served 483 offenders in FY 2012
  
- Education
  - Self-paced instructor-led preparation for GED and testing/certification
  - Includes skills-building and education-support components, to increase success in obtaining GED and preparing offenders to use GED in employment
  - Delivered by three different contractors
  - Served 470 offenders in FY 2012
  
- Parenting
  - Cognitive-based interactive skills-building parent management training for offenders
  - Includes communication, problem solving, monitoring, positive reinforcement, non-violent discipline techniques
  - Work individually with parents to create plans for child visits
  - Provide feedback to inmates and problem solving after visits with the child or child's caregiver
  - Delivered by internal program providers
  - Served 432 offenders in FY 2012
  
- Substance Abuse
  - Chemical Dependency Recovery Program (CDRP)
    - Delivered by internal program providers at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility
    - Served 118 offenders in FY 2012
  - Substance Abuse Recovery Program
    - Delivered by a contractual provider at Topeka Correctional Facility
    - Served 57 offenders in FY 2012
  - Substance Abuse Program
    - Contract provided cognitive-based skills-building programming for moderate-high and high-risk offenders
    - Focuses on those most likely to be revoked for drug/alcohol abuse after release
    - Offered at Lansing, Hutchinson, El Dorado, and Wichita Work Release
  
- Mentoring4Success
  - Mentors provide a pro-social model and accountability
  - 1156 mentors matched with offenders leaving prison since July 2011