Our Success to Date

Compared with recidivism rates from FY2004 when strategic planning began:

- ↓ The prison recidivism rate is generally lower, stabilizing at around 30% to 32% for the past six years prior to the FY2016 reporting year, where it increased to 34%. Prior to then the recidivism rate ranged between 34% and 36%.
- Women offender reentry efforts have helped cut recidivism rates by 7.6% for this group.
- African-American offender reentry efforts have helped end decades of disparity in recidivism rates for this group. For the past four years there has been no statistically significant difference in recidivism rates for African-American offenders compared with White Non-Hispanic offenders.

Current return rates are for FY2013 releases tracked through FY2016.

Looking Forward

Over the next several years, the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Initiative is assisting realization of these strategic priorities and goals through the following:

- ♣ Involvement of multiple agencies in the Statewide Reentry Task Force
- ♣ Pre-Release planning and policy
- Workload formulas based on evidence-based practices and staff core competencies
- Job classification and staff core competencies
- **4** Training plan
- Quality Assurance and ContinuousQuality Improvement

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2017 - 2021 Strategic Plan

Offender Success is our goal.

Reentry is our process.

Evidence Based Practices are our tools.

Staff is our most important asset.

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Mission

Creating Opportunities for Safer Communities

Strategic Priority 1

Focus resources toward individuals most likely to reoffend.

Strategic Priority 2

Focus on evidence-based and research-informed practices for improved offender reentry.

Strategic Goals

- Incarcerate only those who need it.
- Staff in correlation with a person's risk
- Expand effective community supervision.

Strategic Goals

- Invest in program models that reduce recidivism.
- Expand continuous quality improvement processes.
- Seek housing options for geriatric and seriously mentally ill individuals.
- Expand collaboration with other agencies/organizations.

Desired Outcomes

- Safer communities
- Accountability for those who have broken the law
- Quality services
- Responsible use of taxpayer dollars