

DEPARTMENT FOR CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

**Increasing Public Safety, Reducing Re-Offending
and Improving Offender Reintegration**

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DCS Strategic Plan 2008-2011

Our Vision:

- A safer community by protecting the public and reducing re-offending

Our Mission:

- We contribute to public safety, the reduction of crime, and the protection of victims through the effective, safe and humane management of offenders under our supervision and the provision of opportunities for rehabilitation

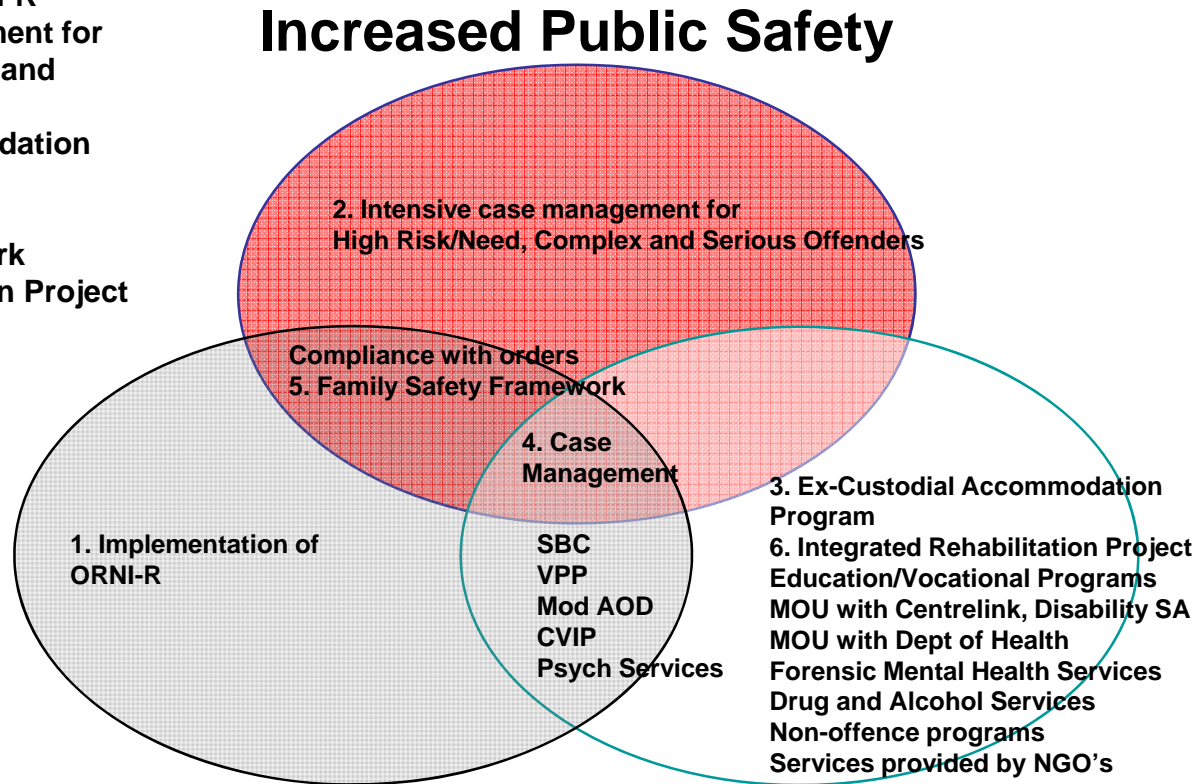
Public Safety, Re-Offending and Offender Reintegration

- In 2007-08 DCS implemented a number of Throughcare initiatives aimed at:
 - **Increasing Public Safety**
 - **Reducing Re-offending**
 - **Improving Offender Reintegration**
- Improving Offender Reintegration, Reduces Re-offending and thus Increases Public Safety

Improved Reintegration for Prisoners and Offenders

Throughcare Initiatives

1. Implementation of ORNI-R
2. Intensive case management for High Risk/Need, Complex and Serious Offenders
3. Ex-Custodial Accommodation Program
4. Case Management
5. Family Safety Framework
6. Integrated Rehabilitation Project



Reduced Re-offending

Improved Reintegration

DCS Throughcare Related Projects

DCS Definition of Throughcare

- An integrated and seamless approach to the delivery of programs and services for offenders and persons on remand from initial to final contact with the Department

DCS Definition of Rehabilitation

- The process of planned intervention, which involves assisting prisoners and offenders to develop skills, attitudes, values and behaviours to reduce re-offending

IMPROVED ASSESSMENT

Offender Risk Needs Inventory-Revised (ORNI-R)

- ORNI-R is an actuarially based assessment tool for risk/needs, to inform Individual Development Plans (IDPs) and Case Plans and to identify and prioritise intervention recommendations across Custodial Services and Community Corrections
- Improved assessment allows for better targeting of Intervention resources

Intensive Case Management for High Risk and Serious Offenders

- South Australia's Strategic Plan 2007- to reduce victim reported crime by 12% by 2014
- DCS Strategic Plan - to implement long term strategies for Serious/High Risk prisoners and offenders
- DCS implemented a multi-agency integrated service delivery model for prisoners and offenders
- A multi-agency approach is critical to the provision of a proactive, integrated and effective service response
- The development of the DCS model has been adapted from the UK Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) model

Intensive Case Management for High Risk and Serious Offenders

DCS Principles for the Management and Reintegration of Serious, High Risk, High Needs Prisoner/Offenders with Complex Issues

- Risk management and public protection approach
- Assessment of risk incorporated into the service delivery strategy
- Consistent and accountable case management practices
- Facilitate sharing of information
- Development of clear referral pathways
- Incorporating multi agency approach to reintegration
- Incorporating review and evaluation of service delivery strategy

Ex-Custodial Accommodation Program

Social Inclusion Board funded program for 60 transitional housing placements for people exiting prison

Target Group

- Prisoners with sentences 12 months or less (who have histories of housing instability and/or homelessness)
- Remandees, where homelessness and history of housing instability may preclude the person from receiving bail
- In addition, where complex support issues exist (for example Mental Health, Substance Use, Intellectual Disability)

Ex Custodial Accommodation Program

Outcomes

MAA between DCS and Housing SA

- Provision of housing outreach services by Housing SA to South Australian correctional facilities
- Tenancy and Property Management provided by Housing SA

Funding Agreement/Support Services

- The non-government sector provide tenancy support services

Review of Case Management Practices and Procedures

- The Case Management Society of Australia (2004, p 6) defines Case Management as

“a collaborative process of assessment, planning, facilitation and advocacy for options and services to meet an individual’s [health] needs through communication and available resources to promote quality cost-effective outcomes”.
- The South Australian DCS defines Case Management as

“The individualised and planned management of offenders based on assessed need, implementation of case plans and progress reviews” (SA DCS, 2005).

Review of Case Management Practices and Procedures

The Specific Needs Form and Prisoner Interview Form now incorporate

- Information regarding parenting, housing needs, mental health, ANCOR, ORNI-R, ASSIST, and Prisoner Stress Screen Form improvements

Integrated Rehabilitation Programs and Services Project

- To develop recommendations for a model of integrated rehabilitation service provision inclusive of the identification of replacement programs for current Core Programs

Family Safety Framework

This Framework has been approved by Cabinet and is supported by Legislation:

Integrated Service Response

- *Coordinated, appropriate, consistent responses aimed at enhancing victim safety, reducing secondary victimisation and holding abusers accountable for their violence' (Mulroney, 2003).*

Common Elements

- Family Safety Agreement
- Information Sharing
- Common Risk Assessment
- The Family Safety Meeting
- Monitoring and Evaluation

