



SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

SAFERSD

REENTRY INITIATIVE



Mission Statement

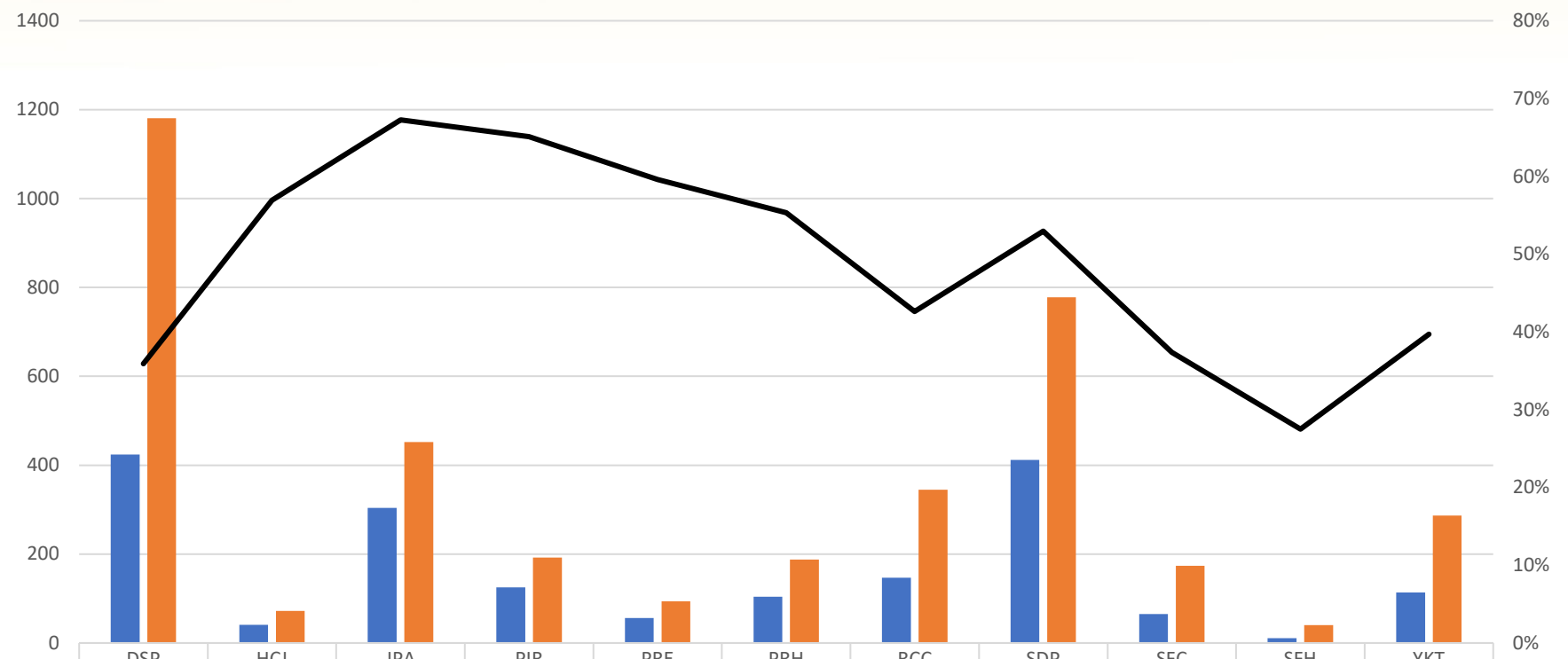
The mission of our reentry initiative is to promote a **Supportive Approach for Fostering Education and Reentry (SAFER) South Dakota**. We believe in providing a comprehensive model for reentry that focuses on creating a safe and supportive environment for individuals transitioning back into society.





High Reentry Needs Population – Facilities

Facility Comparison of High Reentry Needs Population vs. Total Population



High Reentry Needs are offenders who:

- Have elevated OARS-PIT Scores
- Classified as SMI
- Been in Special Management

High Reentry Needs	DSP	HCI	JPA	PIR	PRE	PRH	RCC	SDP	SFC	SFH	YKT
Total Offenders	424	41	304	125	56	104	147	412	65	11	114
Percent High Reentry Needs	1181	72	452	192	94	188	345	778	174	40	287
	36%	57%	67%	65%	60%	55%	43%	53%	37%	28%	40%

Comparison of each facility's total population to the number of individuals who have been assessed and identified as having high reentry needs. The black line represents the percentage of the total population identified, highlighting high-volume facilities like DSP and SDP, and facilities with higher proportions like JPA and PIR, as of July 7, 2025.



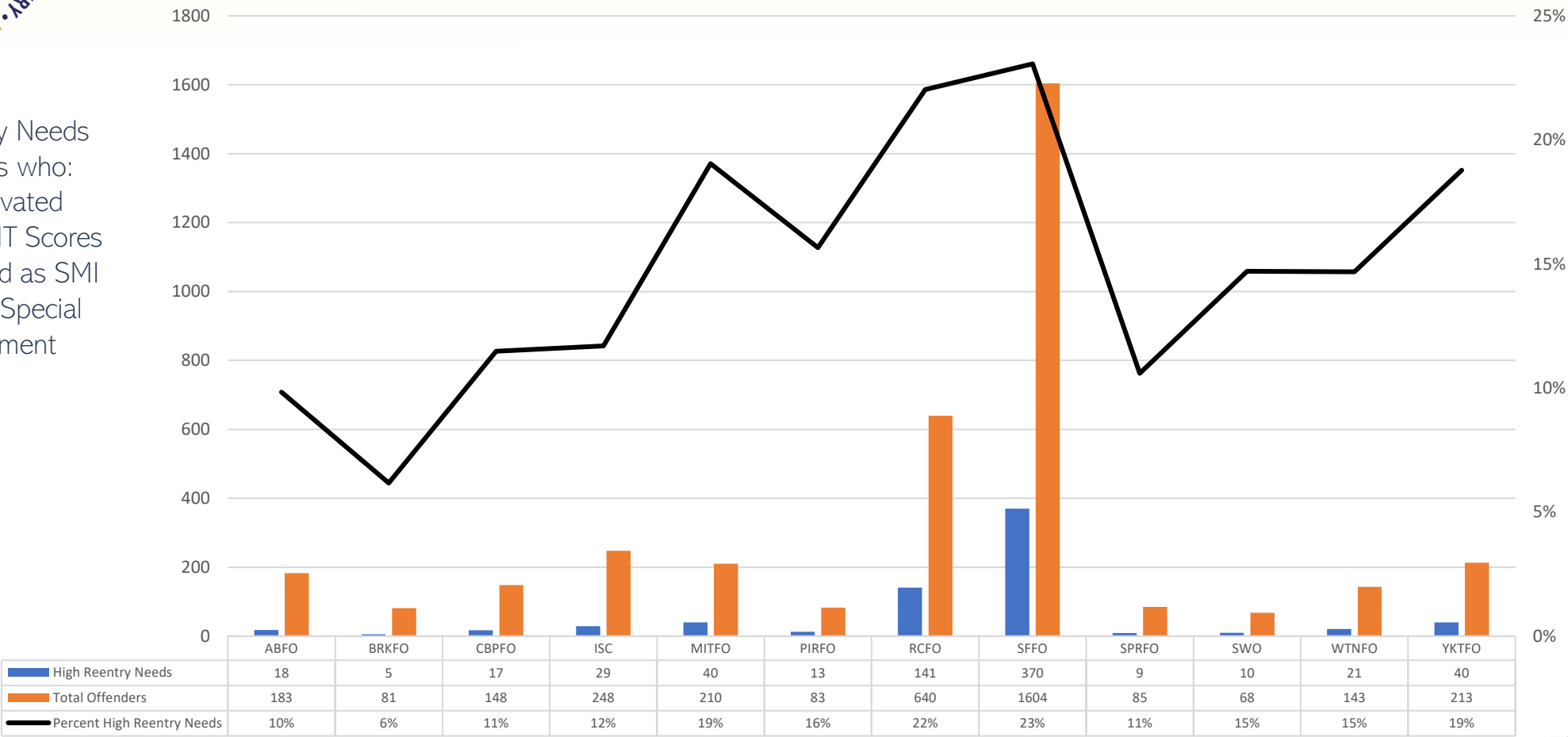


High Reentry Needs Population - Parole

High Reentry Needs are offenders who:

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Field Office Comparison of Reentry Service Participation vs. Total Parole Population

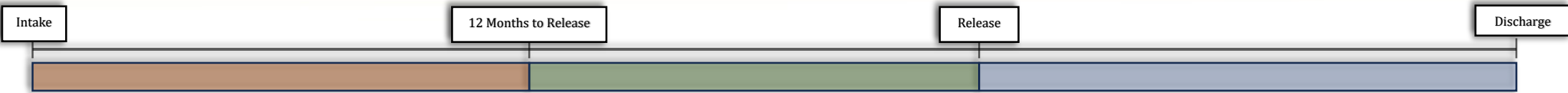


This chart shows the number of individuals assessed and identified as having high reentry needs within each parole field office, compared to the total supervised population. The black line represents the percentage of individuals identified for services, helping illustrate where reentry planning has begun to take shape. As of July 7, 2025





Offender Reentry Model Overview



Programming to Support Reentry

Programming that has been added to help support reentry in the last year:

START NOW	MORE	MET	Anger Management for SUD and MH	Anger Management	Adaptive DBT
ICBT	Straight Ahead	DBT for SUD	Wellbriety	Parenting Inside Out	Matrix
Matrix Lite	A New Direction	Breaking the Cycle	Helping Women Recover	Beyond Trauma	

Existing programming:

GED	Auto Body	Auto Mechanic	Basic Carpentry	Resilience
Common Sense Parenting	Construction Tech Novice	Credit Where Credit is Due	DBT	T4C
ICAP Motor Controls	ICAP Grounding, Bonding	ICAP Motors and Transformers	ICAP Residential Wiring	Moving On
WDTC Plumbing	Welding	WORD	PreP	STC Welding
Domestic Violence - Pattern Change	CBISA	DOT Flagging	MRT	CBISA Pre-Treatment
CBISA Native American				





Reentry Team

Staff Role	Sioux Falls	Pierre	Yankton	Rapid City	Springfield
Transitional Parole Agent	3	1	1	1	1
Reentry Coach	1	1	1	1	1
Transition Case Manager	1	1	0	1	1
Resource Coordinator	3*	0	0	0	1*
Reentry Specialist	1*	0	0	0	0
Program Manager	2*	0	0	0	0

**Provided statewide Coverage*

In addition to working on multidisciplinary teams to staff high-reentry-need cases, these staff work with offenders released with individual reentry barriers, facilitate reentry programming, and meet with all released offenders to prepare Reentry Portfolios.



Reentry Portfolios

- Every offender released will receive a portfolio that contains:
 - Vital Documents
 - Resume
 - Appointment Sheet
 - Program certificates/GED
 - 211 Card
 - Release Documents
 - Reentry Readiness Checklist





Comprehensive Release Planning

28 Case Managers work **collaboratively with offenders** to develop release plans for **all** offenders being released.

Uses **structured contacts** at 12 months, 6 months, and 90 days before release for individualized planning.

Key Contacts

- One-Year Meeting: Introduces release planning and identifies needs.
- Six-Month Meeting: Matches services and adjusts goals.
- Ninety-Day Meeting: Finalizes the plan with the offender, case manager, and parole agent.

Core Features

- Personalized, goal-driven plans **based on offender needs**.
- Coordination between reentry staff, parole agents, and community partners.
- Emphasis on **education, employment, healthcare, housing, and positive supports**.





Scope of First Year Efforts

- With SAFER SD DOC, in addition to document access, year one efforts focused on **building structure and consistency** in the **release preparation process**.
- Staff implemented **standardized reentry portfolios** and **readiness checklists** to guide conversations and ensure comprehensive planning.
- Transitional Team Meetings brought together staff from **multiple disciplines** to finalize plans, close gaps, and coordinate **support for high-need cases**.

Vital Documents Obtained

1,616 Birth Certificates

1,494 Social Security
Cards

1,246 State ID's

514 Transitional Team
Meetings with
offenders to address
complex reentry needs

More than **2,784**
Reentry Portfolios have
been prepared to help
releasing offenders

Met with **1,717**
offenders for their
Reentry Readiness
Checklists





Opportunities with Reentry

- With reentry, we are always bringing new opportunities to offenders to augment program offerings.
- Great example – **Family Reunification**
- **Family Reunification** events were a new concept in the spring of 2024. DOC Operational and Reentry staff have collaborated to host over **63 events in FY'25** for offenders and their families.
- A family reunification event is **a planned occasion** where individuals returning from incarceration and their family members come together to **reconnect, rebuild relationships**, and **support the transition** back into the community.
- These events help restore **family bonds** that were strained or disrupted by incarceration and are a **crucial part of the reentry process** to improve stability and promote successful reintegration



Family Reunification



- On October 25th, the Sioux Falls Minimum Center hosted a pumpkin painting Family Reunification event.



SAFER SD: Key Takeaways

- Starts planning at intake – not just at release.
- Applies holistic, needs-based approaches at every phase.
- Uses clear ownership and data tracking to ensure accountability and follow-through.
- Strengthens coordination across institutions, parole, and community providers.
- Represents a unified, statewide framework that builds on prior efforts and aligns with recognized best practices.

Meaningful change doesn't happen all at once—it's the result of **identifying one barrier**, taking **focused action**, building the **right supports**, and then **capturing those successes**, step by step.





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