

# D&A RIP RESEARCH

**618** D&A RIP PROGRAM COMPLETIONS ACROSS **37** PARTICIPATING PA COUNTIES

MEAN TIME TO COMPLETE **321 DAYS**

**14%** RECIDIVATE

**86%** SURVIVAL RATE

OFFENSE TYPE

**54%**

DRUGS

**46%**

DUI

THE AVERAGE OFFENDER COMPLETING D&A RIP IS A **SINGLE, WHITE MALE WITH 0 CHILDREN, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 21 AND 40, HOLDING A DIPLOMA/GED OR LESS.**

RECIDIVISM

AS A RESULT OF DIVERSION →

**131,160** DAYS OF PRISON BEDS OPENED

**10X** DRUG OFFENDER LIKELIER THAN DUI OFFENDERS

AT A PRISON COST AVOIDANCE OF

**\$9.55** MILLION

## ABOUT THE PROGRAM

D&A RIP is a treatment-based program for Level 3/4 drug and/or alcohol dependent offenders. Eligible offenders are sentenced to receive treatment in D&A RIP as a diversion away from serving either County or State incarceration. D&A RIP funding is provided through Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency grants.

## ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research study analyzes a sample of D&A RIP offenders intaken between 08/2010 and 07/2011 to understand offender outcomes, particularly recidivism following D&A RIP treatment completion. Uncovering these outcomes help inform our understanding of the D&A RIP program and sets the stage for future research opportunities.

## KEY FINDINGS

Preliminary findings indicate that D&A RIP produces a 4:1 Completion to Termination outcome among diverted offenders. As a result of diversion, 131,160 days of prison beds were opened, translating into a \$9.55 million prison cost avoidance. Additionally, over 86% of the sample survived the risk of recidivism following treatment completion.

## SIGNIFICANCE

Evaluating the success of the D&A RIP program has significant statewide policy and budgeting implications as it is a core component of Governor Corbett's Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) strategy.