

**Practice Impact:**

**Operationalizing the TCU Assessment System  
to Improve Treatment Efficacy**


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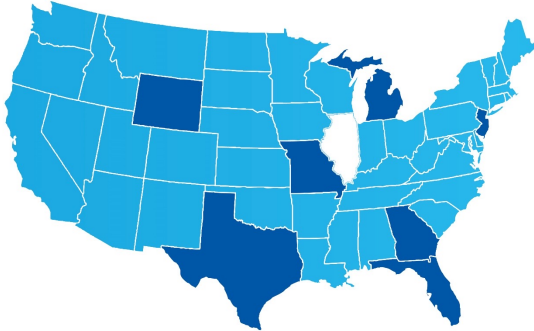
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**Gateway Corrections  
FY23 Service System**



**7 States**  
The Corrections Division currently services justice-involved clients in FL, GA, MI, MO, NJ, TX & WY

**90+ Service Locations**  
Gateway provides in-prison treatment, assessments and psycho-education services, and community corrections treatment and supervision in 90+ service locations.

**Clients Served**  
The combined capacity allows Gateway to serve over 12,000+ clients every single day through Corrections Division programming.

**600+ Employees**  
Gateway's Corrections Division has approximately 600+ employees, all of whom work every day to ensure our clients receive the best possible care!

Locations in Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Texas and Wyoming

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**Does Treatment Work?** Gateway Foundation | Corrections

Historical Perspective:  
Anecdotal Proof

*“Look at John...he’s doing well now*

*– see, our program works!”*



But what worked? And why?  
And can it be replicated?



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**Research to Practice** Gateway Foundation | Corrections

Historically research was **descriptive...**

*“we studied your groups and this is what happened”*

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## Research to Practice


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– But what if it could be **predictive...**

as to who succeeds...



...and who may be left behind.



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## Yes. Treatment Works...

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No longer do we question *if* it works...

*...but what works best?*


*the right treatment, at the right time, in the right dosage,  
for the right individual risks and needs*

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## Key Principles of Adaptive Treatment



- Match Treatment to Identified Risks/Needs
- Our view of “assessment” has evolved –
  - from **Static Event**
  - to **Dynamic Process**
- Risks and Needs Change over time...
 


yes, even *during* treatment
- Interventions with “outliers” individualizes services

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## Internal Evaluation Protocol Sample Administrations




TCU ASSESSMENTS INCLUDED	FORMS	ADMIN 1 (Intake)	ADMIN 2 (30-45 days)	ADMIN 3 (4-6 mos.)	ADMIN 4 (Discharge)	ADMIN 5 (Early DC)
Drug Screen V	TCUDSII	X	--	Copy from Admin 1	--	--
Criminal History Form	CRHSFORM	X	--	Copy from Admin 1	--	--
CJ-Client Evaluation of Self & Treatment Forms (by domain)	MOTFORM	X	X	X	X	X
	PSYFORM	X	X	X	X	X
	SOCFORM	X	X	X	X	X
	ENGFORM	--	X	X	X	X
Criminal Thinking Scale	CTSFORM	X	X	X	X	X
Health Form	HLTHFORM	X*	--	--	X*	X*
Trauma Form	TRMAFORM	X*	--	--	X*	X*

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## Impacts on Quality




- **Client-level data collection**
  - to target treatment for each individual
    - we use predictive analysis to target interventions
- **Programmatic-level data collection**
  - to help programs become more effective as a whole
    - we use aggregate data for system-level assessment and redesign where necessary

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## How do you define “Success”?

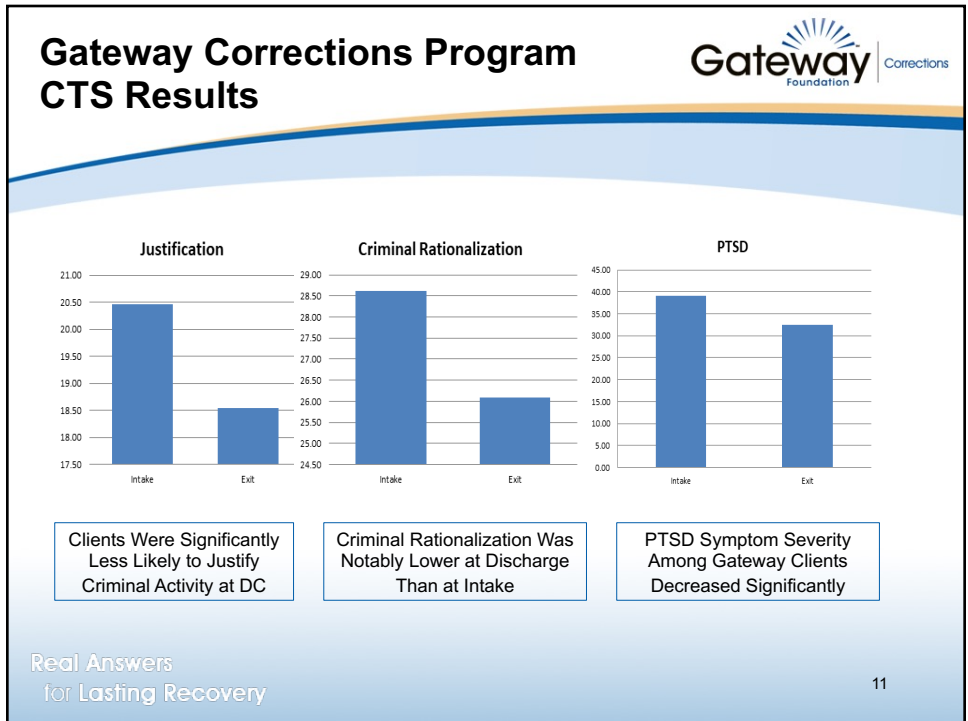


- **Completion Rates?**
  - But does “completing” matter
- **Outcomes? Recidivism Reduction?**
  - What if you can’t complete follow ups?
  - What if you don’t have the time/resources to measure longitudinal rearrest or reincarceration data?
- **Otherwise...you can measure what the literature says matters?**
  - Client Engagement – Retention in Treatment
  - Counselor Rapport
  - What does the client believe?

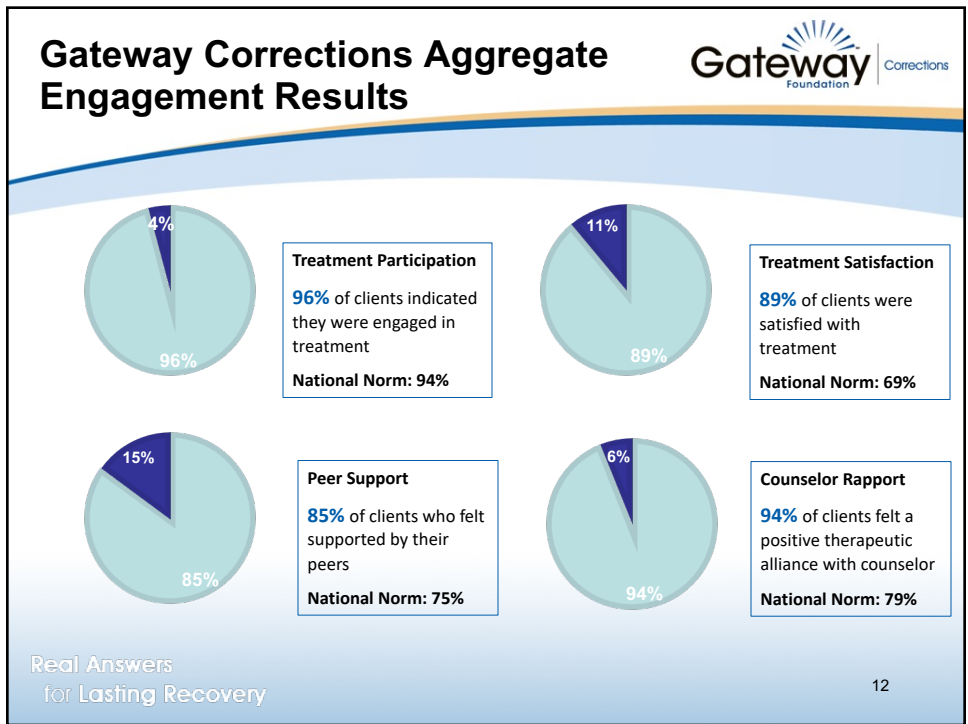
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## A Case Study on "Success"



75%  Successful Completions


25%  Unsuccessful and/or Administrative Discharges

*What about the 25%??*

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