
Project : Elevate

A Modern Model for Empowered Women

Community Corrections Services at Tooley Hall
SAFEHOUSE Committee Presentation
November 3, 2021

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Action Item

Request to approve a contract (21-1251) with The Empowerment Program in amount of \$1,350,000.00 beginning January 2022 through December 2024.

Services at Tooley Hall

- Competitive Solicitation Request for Information (RFI) in May 2020 and subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) in October 2020 resulted in no service provider being selected.
- Dept. of Safety Evaluated Options – Moved forward with City operated/community partner hybrid model (RFP) issued in Spring 2021 and provider identified.
- Renovation of site Design Phase Completed 1Q 2021.
- Renovation Phase Construction Target Completion 1Q 2022.
- Women’s Programming begins 1Q 2022.

The Empowerment Program

Mission: Holistically helping individuals build healthier lives from the inside out.

Vision: Empowering participants to make healthy and safe decisions through trauma, gender, and culturally responsive holistic behavioral health services.

Values: Anti-Oppression*Accountability *Collaboration in Service* Dignity, Respect and Worth of the Person

Tax Status: 501(c)3

Serving Our Community Since 1985

Empowered and Empowering

The Empowerment Program shows its dedication to diversity and inclusion by carefully selecting staff with identities that mirror those of participants. This diverse and skilled team provides trauma informed, gender responsive services.

Great People

- 30% have histories of incarceration
- 30% in recovery from substance misuse
- 16% have disabilities
- 15% have been involved in prostitution
- 7% are living with HIV
- 35% are African American, Latinx or Native American

Great Services

- Behavioral Health Treatment Services
- Vocational and Employment Services
- Supportive Housing
- HIV Outreach, Testing and Care
- Wellness Services
- Community Initiatives/Project Bedtime Story

The Premise

Research tells us that women enter the criminal justice system differently than men do.

A woman's path could be any one of the following, however many of these are interrelated:

- Prior or Current Experience of Abuse
- Mental Illness
- Substance Abuse/Misuse
- Economic and Social Marginality
- Homelessness
- Relationships

Community Corrections Launch Pad

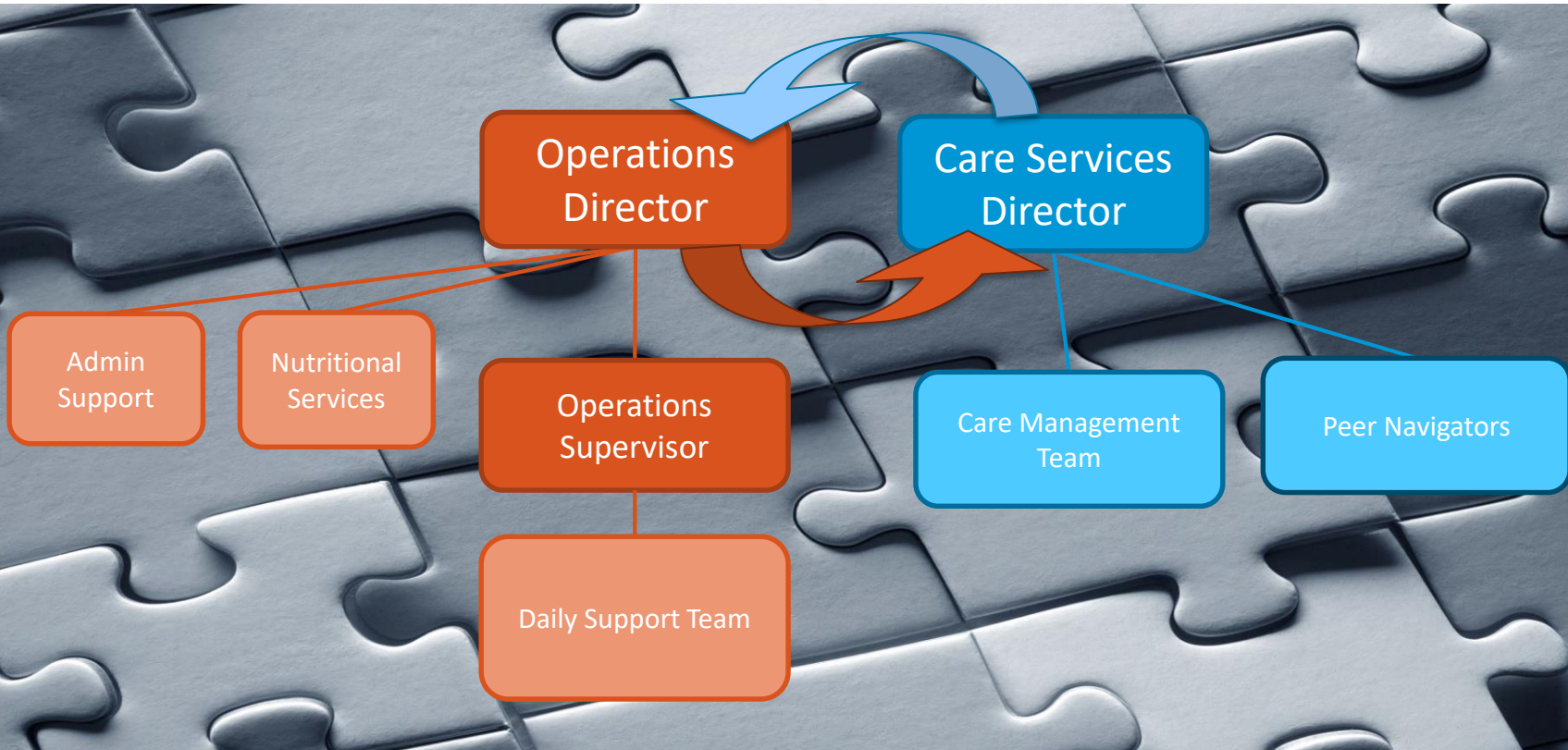


- Meeting basic needs
- Relationships matter
- Reduce new trauma, heal old trauma
- Homelike environment
- Safe supportive space
- Meeting individualized goals
- Appropriate length of stay
- Bringing *community* to community corrections

The Client Case Plan Model

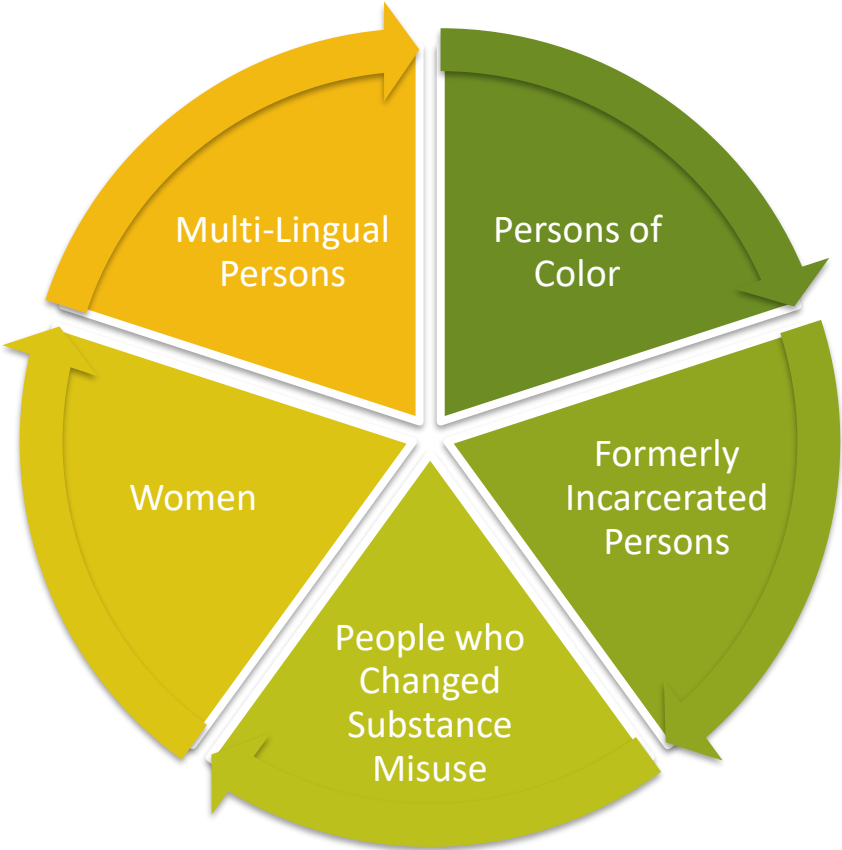


Two Organizations, One Experience

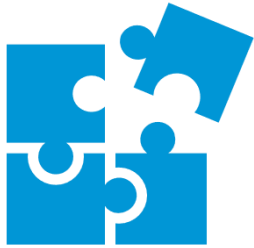


All Positions-Collaborative Input on Staff Selection

Staff Selection



A Better Model for Better Outcomes



Fully Integrated Partnerships



Success, Not Just Supervision



Trauma Informed Program Design



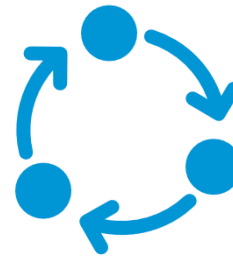
Integrated Family & Natural Community Services



Staff Mirror Client Identities



Local Management, Immediate Response



Recruitment & Retention Advantages



Continuous Quality Improvement

Advisory Team

Formerly Incarcerated Person(s)

Person(s) Representing Diverse Cultural Perspectives of Client Population

Leadership from Community Providers

Current and Former Program Participants



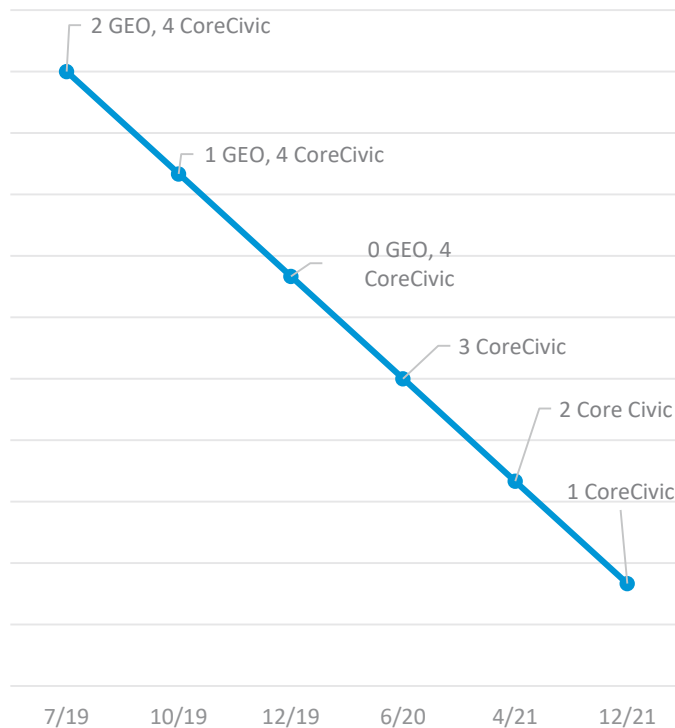


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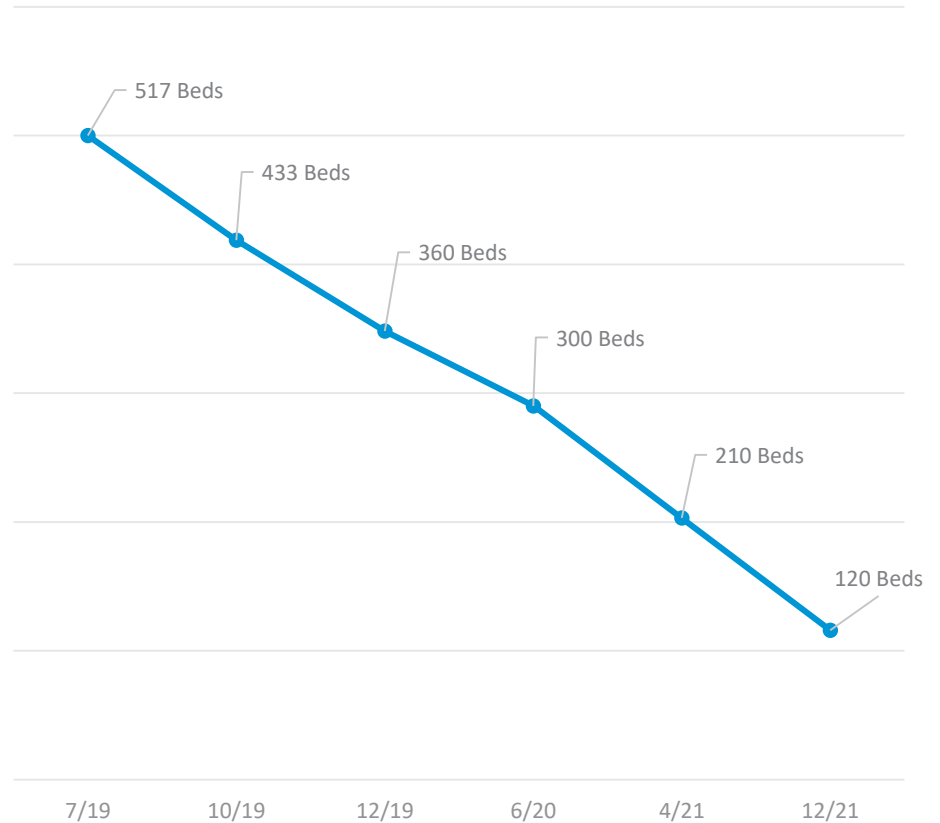
Capacity Update
November 2021

GEO and CoreCivic Transition and Reductions in Denver 2019-2021

**Combined 84 % Reduction for GEO & CoreCivic Facilities
7/19-12/21**

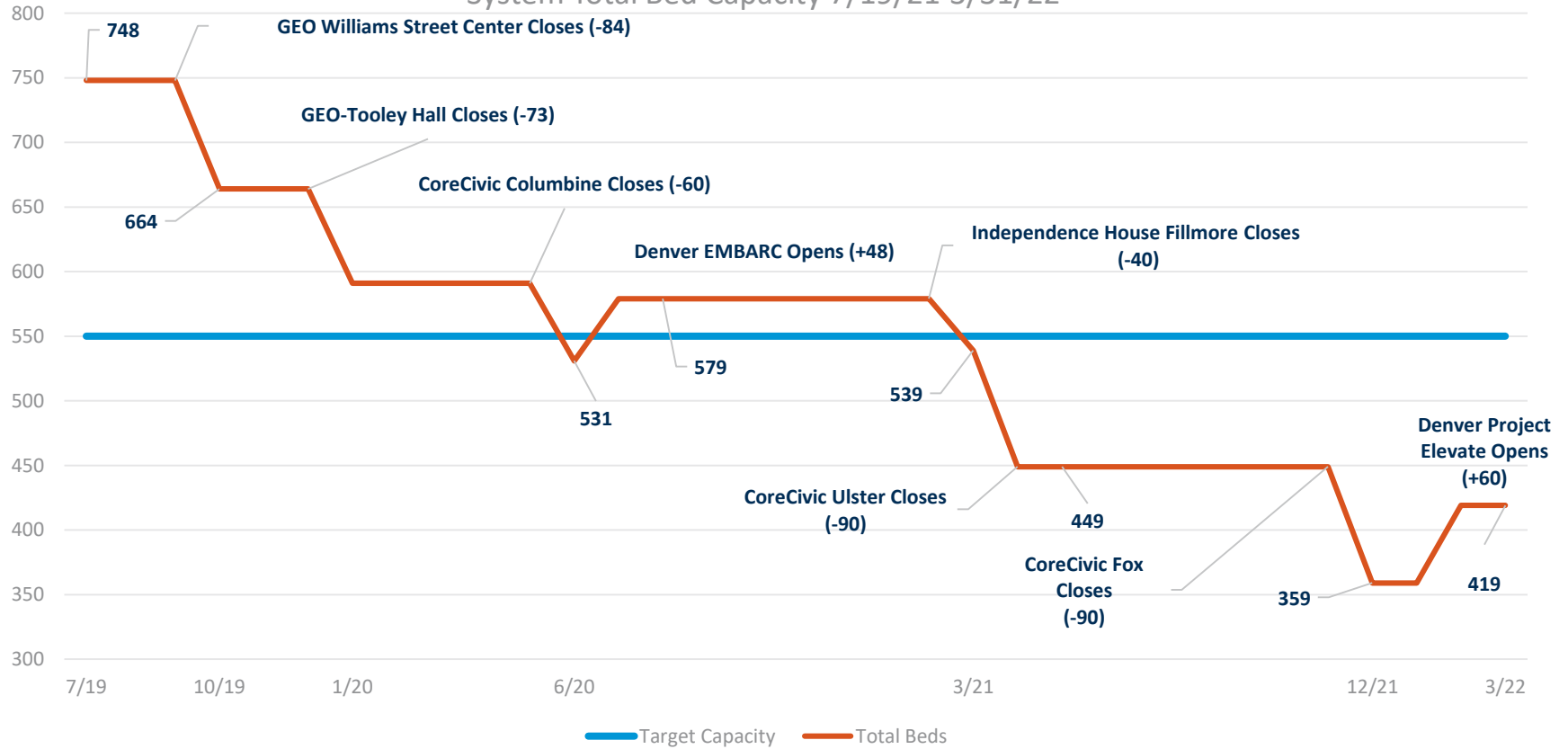


**Combined 77 % Reduction for CoreCivic and
GEO Bed Capacity 7/19-12/21**



Denver Community Corrections Capacity 2019-2021

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System Total Bed Capacity 7/19/21-3/31/22



10 facilities

9 facilities

8 facilities

7 facilities

5 facilities

6 facilities

Questions?