



Denver Community Corrections

SAFEHOUSE Committee Update April 28, 2021

Denver Community Corrections Goal & Values

Goal Statement

Our goal is to advance the City's community corrections system ensuring safe, equitable, client-centered strategies and focusing on improving client outcomes.

Values

- Supportive Geography/Location
- Varying Program Size
- De-emphasis of Institutional Living
- Trauma Informed/Gender Responsive
- Staff with Lived Experience
- Individually Tailored & Client Voice
- Mentorship
- Diverse, Equitable, & Culturally Relevant
- Client and Facility Engagement in Community

Denver Community Corrections Residential Reentry Continuum

Intervention 1- Higher Intensity

- Specialized Services
 - Therapeutic Community
 - Residential Dual Diagnosis
 - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions/Aftercare
 - Intensive Residential Treatment
 - Sex Offender Management
- Services for Higher Need Individuals
- Increased structure and programming
- Longer Term Placements 6 or more months

Intervention 2- Intermediate Intensity

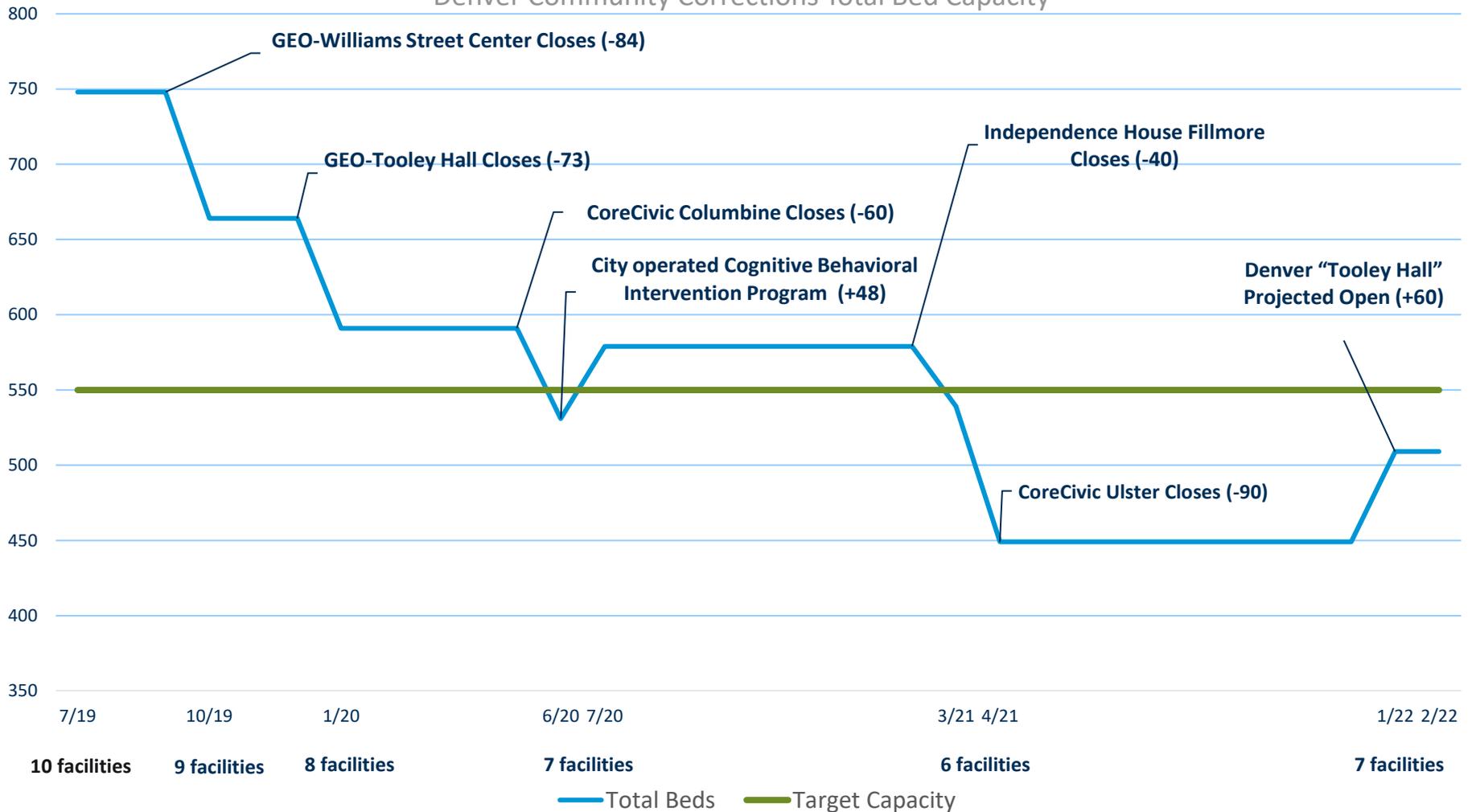
- Transitional Services
- Placement can be shorter in length of stay 90-120 days
- Focusing on stabilization services including housing and employment
- Services generally targeted for Moderate Need Individuals

Intervention 3- Lower Intensity

- Normalized Environments
- Intentional Living Communities
- Non-institutionalized settings
- Smaller program design
- Targeting step-down services and lower need individuals

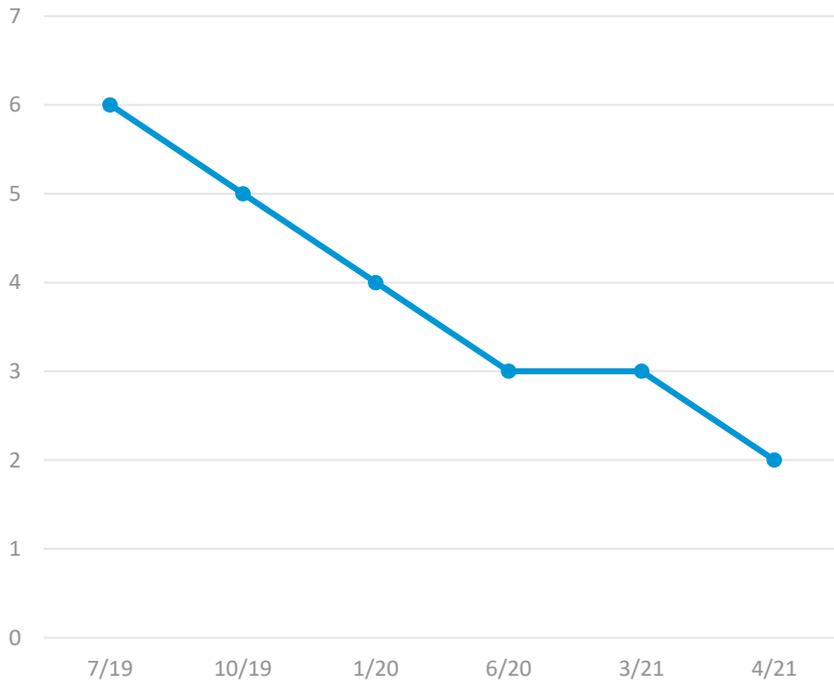
Denver Community Corrections Capacity Transitions 2019-2021

Denver Community Corrections Total Bed Capacity

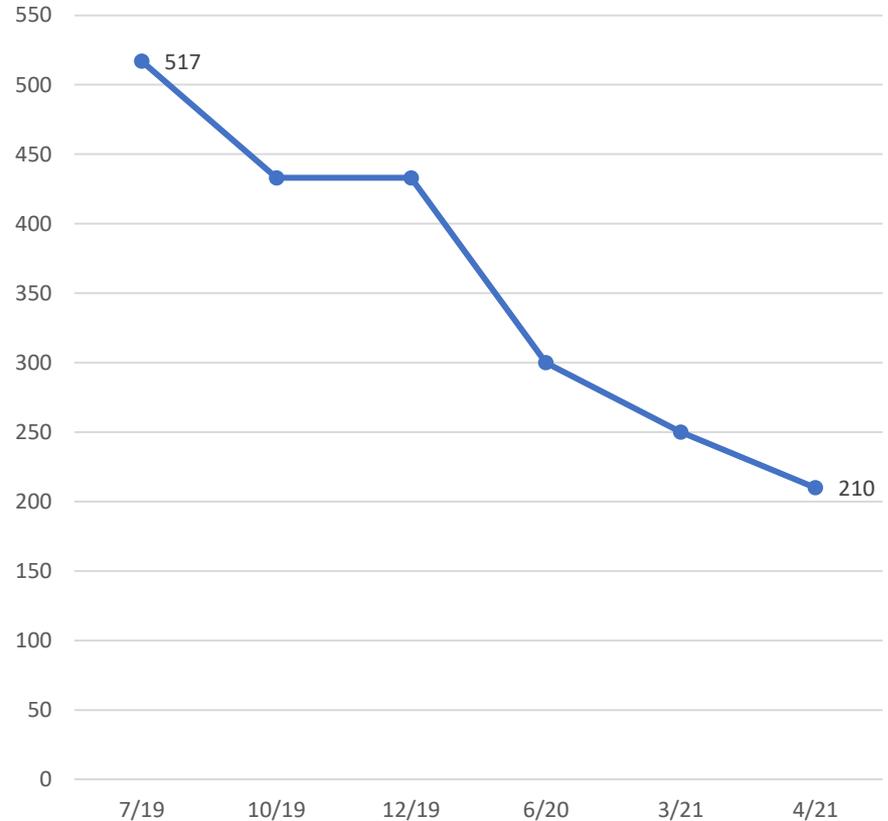


GEO and CoreCivic Reductions in Denver 2019-2021

67 % Reduction in number of GEO & CoreCivic Facilities



60% Reduction of CoreCivic & GEO Denver Bed Capacity



Tooley Hall Update

- 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.
- Review Committee membership
 - i. Individual with experience with justice involved programs and community partnerships*
 - ii. Representative of the Department of Corrections*
 - iii. Representative of the Denver District Court Probation Department*
 - iv. Representative from a county operated community corrections program*
 - v. Representative of Denver Community Corrections Board*
 - vi. Representative of Denver Community Corrections*

Tooley Hall Update

- Dept. of Safety Evaluated Options – Moving forward with City operated/community partner hybrid model
- Seeking integrated partnership with community- based provider
- Renovation of site Design Phase Completed 1Q 2021
- Renovation Phase Construction Target Completion 4Q 2021
- Women’s Programming begins 1Q 2022

Property Acquisition Update

CCAG Recommendation #03. Feasibility of lease or purchase and identification of additional service providers

The City should explore the possibility of leasing or purchasing one or more CoreCivic community corrections zoned properties.

The City should also explore opportunities to identify additional service providers including promising or emerging operators expressing an interest in the provision of community corrections services.

Status as of April 2021

- Efforts continue to evaluate feasibility including identification of available funding source/s.

Residential Services Update

Competitive Solicitation RFI (May 2020) and subsequent (RFP) in October 2020

- 5 respondents/proposals
- 4 moved forward by review committee
- Review Committee membership
 - i. Representative from a community- based program serving justice involved populations*
 - ii. Representative of the Department of Corrections*
 - iii. Representative of the Denver District Court Probation Department*
 - iv. Representative from a county operated community corrections program*
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Residential Services Update

Status of proposals moved forward

- Contracts awarded December 2020 (University of Colorado-Addiction Research and Treatment Services & Independence House) for a (3) year term.
- On-going contract negotiation with community -based organization
- Corecivic proposal was moved forward by evaluation panel.

Action Item

Request to approve (21-0465) approving a contract with Corecivic in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 beginning July 2021 through June 2023.

Corecivic operates specialized services including Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT) which was awarded through state RFP and services for individuals convicted of a sexual offense.

Contract request is for a 24- month term (services can be terminated earlier based upon system need)

Projected placements:

- Intensive Residential Treatment 24 beds
- Individuals convicted of a sexual offense 12-24 beds
- GP placements focused on HR/HN and Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (EMBARC Aftercare) 72-84 beds

Impacts

If contract is not extended:

- Loss of available system bed capacity
- Reduced opportunities for sentencing alternative for Courts
- Reduced opportunities for transitioning returning citizens
- Increase in jail beds
- Loss of in-county services for Intensive Residential Treatment placements
- Loss of in-county services for Offenders convicted of a sexual offense placements

If extended:

- Provides for continued placement options while concurrently seeking and building new options
- Offers stability for employees and clients currently placed or seeking placement
- Maintains necessary flexibility and placement options as needed
- Funding only provided if services are provided
- Aligns with City vision to strategically transition away from private prison providers for community corrections services