

Men Overcoming Obstacles Re-Entry (MOORE) Center

Denver Community Corrections

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Background

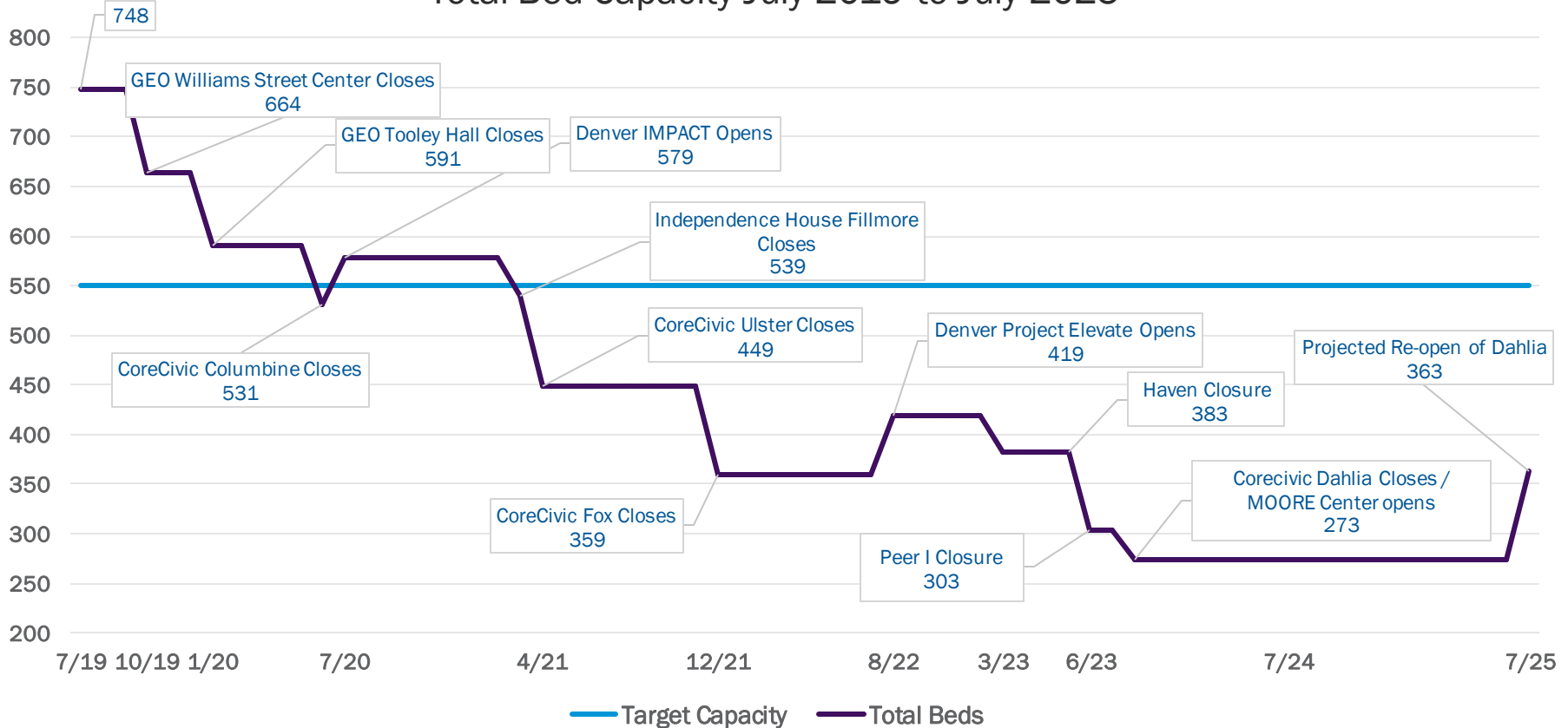
Community Corrections provides safe alternatives to incarceration for individuals transitioning from prison and jail placed in a staffed 24/7 residential setting. Individualized case plans are developed for participants to include employment, substance misuse and mental health treatment. Participants gradually progress in the program earning more access to the community.

Denver's community correction program began in the 1970's relying on services from for-profit private providers. In 2019, City Council took action that required a transition away from for-profit, private organizations as community corrections providers. Denver Community Corrections commenced a thoughtful, responsible transition strategy in 2019:

- Williams Street Center (GEO) closed October 2019
- Tooley Hall (GEO) closed December 2019
- Columbine (CoreCivic) closed June 2020
- Ulster (CoreCivic) closed April 2021
- Fox (CoreCivic) closed December 2021
- Dahlia (CoreCivic) projected closure June 2024

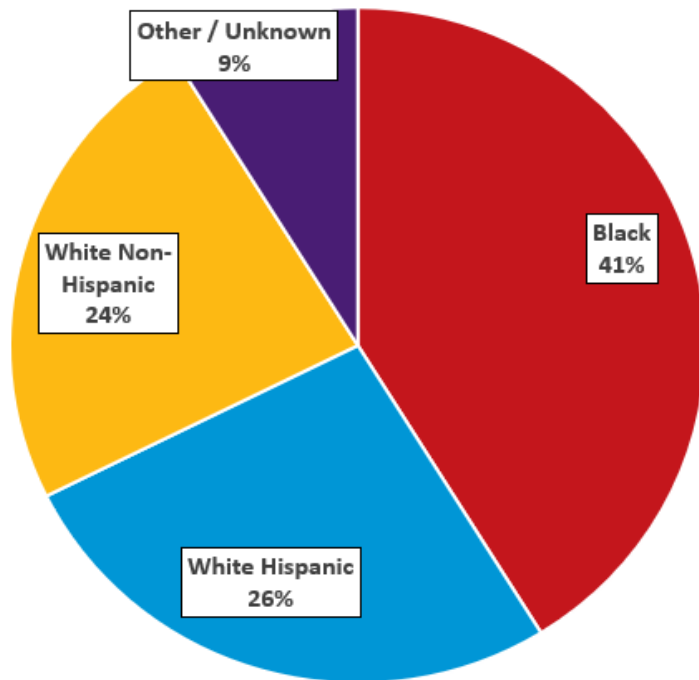
Community Corrections Bed Capacity

Denver Community Corrections System
Total Bed Capacity July 2019 to July 2025



Consequences: Reduced Opportunities Community Corrections

Race/Ethnicity for persons in Denver Jails awaiting
community correction placement: 4/26/24



As of 4/26/24

Direct Sentence Waitlist

34 individuals

DOC Transition Waitlist

88 individuals

Average Time to Placement

4-6 months

**>50% Reduction in Referrals
Processed CY2023 as Compared to
CY2018**

Planning for Change

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Property Acquisition Update

Status as of June 2024

- 4280 Kearney Street - Purchased from Geo 2019
- 4511 East 46th Avenue - Purchased from CoreCivic 2024
- 570 West 44th Avenue – Lease agreement 2024-2034



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Moving Forward: Project: Elevate

Denver Community Corrections has developed sustainable community-based programming.

In 2022, Project: Elevate opened in partnership with The Empowerment Program:

- May 2020 – Competitive Request for Information (RFI)
- October 2021 – Competitive Request for Proposals (RFP)
- Ongoing in 2021: Renovations & construction
- Women’s programming began August 2022
 - Gender responsive
 - Trauma informed

*“I’ve never had this want, this urge to do right and this program gets you there. It makes you want to do something with your life,” Gutierrez said. “You get the feeling like hey, they care...I just want to see everyone get it because I’m getting it this time. I want to share that with whoever I can, whoever wants to listen to me.”**

*Mathurin, D. (2023, January 5). Project: Elevate, Denver’s new residential reentry program, is focused on individual experiences and care. *Denverite*. Retrieved March 1, 2023, from <https://denverite.com/2023/01/05/project-elevate-denvers-new-residential-reentry-program-is-focused-on-individual-experiences-and-care/>.

Moving Forward: IMPACT Center

The IMPACT Center* opened in January 2023 providing services to men. It replaced the EMBARC Program, a pilot program focused on cognitive-behavioral interventions.

- The IMPACT Center is located on the Denver County Jail campus but is separated from secure areas of the jail.
- It is civilian staffed and operated, with no Denver Sheriff deputies assigned.
- Completed renovations in 2022 to reduce institutional environment.
- Operational practices are normalized to support re-entry efforts with community partners involved.

**Intentional Men Practicing Accountability Compassion and Trust (IMPACT)*

***Enhancing Motivation By Achieving Reshaped Cognition (EMBARC)*

Moving Forward: Men Overcoming Obstacles Re-Entry (MOORE) Center

- MOORE Center will replicate the service model at Project: Elevate.
- Promising model to have community-based partner on-site and involved in daily decisions.
- Proposed partner: Second Chance Center awarded contract after Request for Proposal (29171) solicitation in Q1 2024.
- Projected Certificate of Occupancy: June 3, 2024
- Projected movement of Dahlia participants: June 17 and 24, 2024

Second Chance Center



- Provider established in 2012 offering reentry services
- 501 © nonprofit organization
- CY 2023 served 4,392 adults
- Approximately 68% of staff identify as BIPOC and 50% have lived experience

Vision

Our goal is to help formerly incarcerated people transition to lives of success and fulfillment. We provide the formerly incarcerated, and their network, with education, resources, and support to successfully re-enter the community and cultivate a rewarding life.

Mission

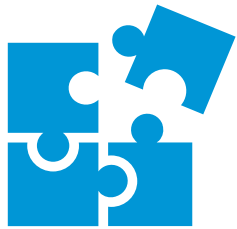
We are determined to reduce recidivism rates and protect future generations from the continuing cycle of incarceration. We aim to transform the futures of formerly incarcerated people and how they are viewed in our country by reversing the negative impact of incarceration on communities and encouraging life-changing habits.

Two Organizations, One Experience



All Positions-Collaborative Input on Staff Selection

A Better Model for Better Outcomes



Fully Integrated Partnerships



Success, Not Just Supervision



Trauma Informed Program Design



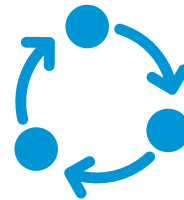
Integrated Family & Natural Community Services



Staff Mirror Client Identities



Local Management, Immediate Response



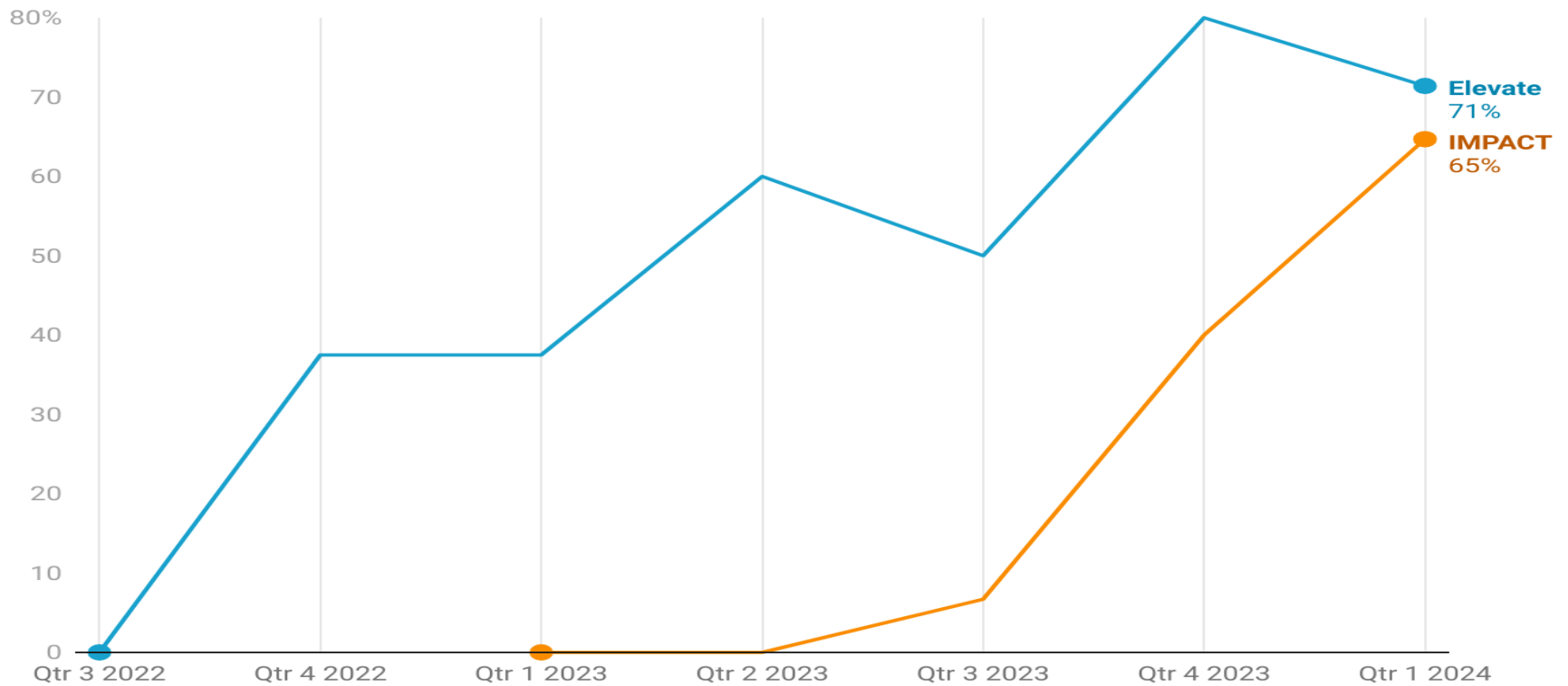
Recruitment & Retention Advantages



Continuous Quality Improvement

Project: Elevate and IMPACT Success Rates

Success Rates increase significantly in the first year of operations. For new programs, initial outcomes are volatile and success is low. Over first year of operation, success rates rise and stabilize.



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