

Community Issue Performance Evaluation

1. State Agency: Department of Corrections

2. State Program (or Type of Program): The program is a Short-Term Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program specifically designed for the criminal justice population. The length of the program is six (6) months. Offenders must be court ordered to participate in the program. Florida Statutes 944.026 authorizes these community-based diversionary programs.

3. Project Title: Adult Substance Abuse Prevention, Evaluation and Treatment Services Line 775

4. Recipient name and address: Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACCO, Inc.)
4422 E. Columbus Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

Location county/counties: Circuit 13, Hillsborough County, FL

5. Is the recipient a governmental entity, a private non-profit entity, or a private for-profit entity:
Private non-profit entity

6. <u>FUNDING:</u> FY 2012-13 Recurring General Revenue	FY 2012-13 Recurring Trust Funds	FY 2012-13 Recurring TOTAL FUNDS	GAA Specific Appropriation Number (ch. 2012-118, L.O.F.)
\$600,000.00	\$0.00	\$600,000.00	Specific Appropriation 775

7. FY 2012-13 GAA proviso specifically associated with the project (if any): From the funds in Specific Appropriation 775, \$600,000 in recurring general revenue funds are provided for the Drug Abuse Comprehensive Coordinating Office, Inc. (DACCO) in Hillsborough County.

8. Project Purpose/Description: The purpose of this project is to fund additional residential substance abuse beds in an area that has one of the highest number of offenders on supervision and prison admission rates. It funds approximately 32 beds in a Short-Term Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program specifically designed for the criminal justice population. The length of the program is six (6) months. Offenders must be court ordered to participate in the program.

9. Number of years this project has received state funding: Nine (9) years; FY 04-05 through FY 12-13.

10. Does this project align with the core missions of the agency or the program area in which it is funded? (Explain): Yes, the appropriation aligns with the mission of the Florida Department of Corrections', Office of Re-Entry which is to provide inmates and offenders with comprehensive programs and services that will assist in the successful re-entry into the community, thereby reducing recidivism while enhancing public safety, and promoting post-release success.

11. Does the program meet a demonstrated need in the community that is not otherwise being met?

(Explain): Yes, it provides an additional thirty-two (32) Nonsecure (short-term) residential substance abuse treatment beds for offenders on community supervision in a circuit that has one of the highest number of offenders on supervision and prison admission rates.

12. What are the intended outcomes/impacts and benefits of the project?

The goal of the project is to provide a substance abuse treatment program that offers services and interventions to motivate and assist offenders in their personal recovery from substance abuse and assistance in re-entry/employment services for their reintegration into the community. This model allows the offender to remain in the community, gain and maintain employment while participating in residential substance abuse treatment. This community-based model assists in maintaining family ties and through the work component; the offender is paying taxes, restitution and managing a budget while receiving substance abuse treatment. The program offers the judiciary an alternative to incarceration.

13. What performance data does the agency/entity regularly collect and report that demonstrates the value of the program to the State of Florida? *The Performance data is collected on all funded beds for this provider/program, not just the beds funded by this specific proviso. In FY 11-12 DACCO had 77 nonsecure beds funded from other sources and 32 funded from this proviso for a total of 109 beds. This is the current number of funded beds.

☒ Output data (e.g., number of clients served, students educated, units produced); Enumerate: Number of clients served, client demographics, number of exits by fiscal year, length of stay, and supervision status.

☒ Outcome data (data on the effectiveness or quality of services, e.g., percentage of clients successfully completing treatment); Enumerate: Percentage of clients who successfully complete treatment, Percentage of clients who are unsuccessful, Commitment/Recommitment data to include: admission to prison for a new offense, return to prison for technical violation, admission to supervision for a new offense and return to supervision for a technical violation.

☒ Unit cost data (e.g., cost per unit produced); Enumerate: Cost per occupied bed, per day

☒ Other (Explain): Maintaining an active Department of Children and Families substance abuse residential license.

14. How is program data collected and has it been independently validated for accuracy and completeness?

Entry and exit program data is entered into the Offender Based Information System by community corrections department staff. Internal controls for accuracy and completeness exist. All data is compiled and analyzed by the Florida Department of Corrections, Bureau of Research and Data Analysis, this includes recommitment data. Program data has not been independently validated for accuracy and completeness by an outside entity.

15. Is there an executed contract between the agency and the recipient? Yes

16. If there is a contract, are the outputs, measures and costs specified in a contract between the agency and the recipient? Yes

17. How do the unit costs compare to those of comparable or alternative projects or services? (EXPLAIN AND SPECIFY): DACCO's unit cost is \$51.47 per day per occupied bed. This is the second highest rate in the state. The statewide average cost for a nonsecure bed is \$48.23. Statewide, the unit cost ranges from a low of \$45.00 to a high of \$55.80 per day per occupied bed.

18. Based on performance data, is this project meeting the expected outputs and having the intended outcomes? (Explain): Yes. The beds are being utilized and all funds are being drawn down. DACCO has consistently met contract performance measures.

19. Describe how the information upon which the answer above is based was obtained and validated: Bed utilization and spending patterns are reviewed on at least a monthly basis. Exit data is reviewed on a quarterly basis and analyzed annually based on fiscal year.

20. How much additional funding or matching funding from non-state sources is available for this project and what are the sources? There are no matching funds available.

21. List any audits or evaluative reports that have been published for this project (including website links, if available): None

22. Provide any other information that can be used to evaluate the performance of this project: The contract is monitored on an annually basis (Comprehensive Program Evaluation). In addition, the local contract coordinator conducts additional site visit in accordance with procedure.

23. CONTACT INFORMATION for person completing this form:

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Community Issue Performance Evaluation

1. State Agency:

Florida Department of Corrections

2. State Program (or Type of Program):

Web-based Education

3. Project Title:

Online High School Diploma Program

4. Recipient name and address:

**Smart Horizons Career Online High School, LLC
25 East 9 ½ Mile Road
Pensacola, FL 32534**

Location county/counties: **Statewide**

5. Is the recipient a governmental entity, a private non-profit entity, or a private for-profit entity:

Private for-profit

6. <u>FUNDING:</u> FY 2012-13 Recurring General Revenue	FY 2012-13 Recurring Trust Funds	FY 2012-13 Recurring TOTAL FUNDS	GAA Specific Appropriation Number (ch. 2012-118, L.O.F.)
\$500,000	\$	\$500,000	Ch. 2012-803, 287.057(1)(b)

7. FY 2012-13 GAA proviso specifically associated with the project (if any):

803 EXPENSES: FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND

8. Project Purpose/Description:

Establish a pilot online career education program to serve up to 400 inmates through an Advanced/SACS accredited online school district that offers career-based online high school diplomas designed to prepare adults for transition into the workplace. Inmates earn an 18-credit high school diploma and a credentialed career certificate in one, comprehensive online program. Inmates take online courses in supervised onsite learning labs that are available to them five (5) days per week. One academic teacher is provided by the Department of Corrections per program (2 total) to support the learning labs.

9. Number of years this project has received state funding:

Two years.

10. Does this project align with the core missions of the agency or the program area in which it is funded? (Explain):

Yes. The mission of the Florida Department of Corrections', Office of Re-Entry is to provide inmates and offenders with comprehensive programs and services that will assist in the successful re-entry into the community, thereby reducing recidivism while enhancing public safety, and promoting post-release success. This is aligned with Smart Horizon's intent to provide web-based education services to inmates transitioning from the custody of the Florida Department of Corrections.

**11. Does the program meet a demonstrated need in the community that is not otherwise being met?
(Explain):**

The Florida Department of Corrections has no existing contracts with service providers that provide an online high school diploma during incarceration.

12. What are the intended outcomes/impacts and benefits of the project?

Issuance of a standard high school diploma to every inmate who successfully completes the program in accordance with the Advanced/SACS accreditation requirements. The goal is to assist transitioning inmates by providing them with education and employability skills.

13. What performance data does the agency/entity regularly collect and report that demonstrates the value of the program to the State of Florida?

☒ **Output data (e.g., number of clients served, students educated, units produced); Enumerate: Goal of 400.**

☐ Outcome data (data on the effectiveness or quality of services, e.g., percentage of clients successfully completing treatment); Enumerate:

☐ Unit cost data (e.g., cost per unit produced); Enumerate:

☐ Other (Explain):

14. How is program data collected and has it been independently validated for accuracy and completeness?

Program data is collected from site monitoring and monthly reports. Information provided is compared to data entered into the Offender Based Information System (OBIS) and reviewed to ensure services are rendered as specified in the contract.

15. Is there an executed contract between the agency and the recipient?

Yes. The agreement date was March 20, 2012.

16. If there is a contract, are the outputs, measures and costs specified in a contract between the agency and the recipient?

Yes.

17. How do the unit costs compare to those of comparable or alternative projects or services? (EXPLAIN AND SPECIFY):

There are currently no comparables to the Online High School Diploma Program.

18. Based on performance data, is this project meeting the expected outputs and having the intended outcomes? (Explain):

Yes; however, additional time is needed for program evaluation. The program has been operational for less than one (1) year. As of December 2012, there were 97 participants in the program. Currently, there are 19 program completers. Of these, two (2) were released. There are plans to work with the Florida Education and

Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP) to collect data on graduates of the program. Through this partnership, employment and earnings of the students will be monitored. Please note that there is a one (1) to two (2) year delay in data from FETPIP after release so additional time is needed to determine the outcomes.

19. Describe how the information upon which the answer above is based was obtained and validated:
Program data is collected from site monitoring and monthly reports. Information provided is compared to data entered into the Offender Based Information System (OBIS) and reviewed to ensure services are rendered as specified in the contract.

20. How much additional funding or matching funding from non-state sources is available for this project and what are the sources?
There is currently no additional funding available.

21. List any audits or evaluative reports that have been published for this project (including website links, if available):
At this time, no reports have been published.

22. Provide any other information that can be used to evaluate the performance of this project:
Additional project implementation time is needed.

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