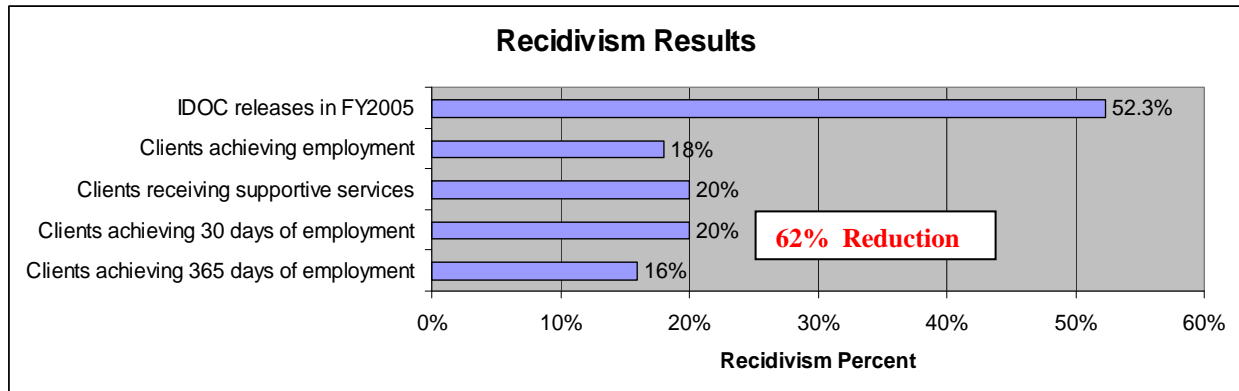


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## Safer Foundation Three-Year Recidivism Study 2008

Success may be measured by the lives Safer has touched, the families that have benefited, the communities that were impacted. However, one objective measure is the recidivism rate of Safer clients.



- Reentry services that help formerly incarcerated persons reintegrate into society have become increasingly important, not only for the benefit of individuals, but for the well-being of entire communities. Recognizing the crucial role that employment plays in the adjustment of formerly incarcerated persons, the Safer Foundation assists clients to seek and maintain gainful employment.
- For this year's study, all clients (6,943) who received an intake at all Safer's locations during FY2005 (7/1/2004 – 6/30/2005) or were released from the Sheridan Correctional Center or from North Lawndale or Crossroads ATCs in FY2005 were tracked for three years after intake or release to determine whether and when they were reincarcerated in the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC).
- The three-year recidivism rate for the entire cohort of inmates released from IDOC in FY2005 was 52.3%<sup>1</sup>.
- The recidivism rate for Safer clients who received Safer's employment services and achieved employment was 18%. In other words, among all Safer clients who received job starts, less than one in five returned to prison within three years of their release from prison after receiving the job start.
- The three-year recidivism rate for Safer clients who achieved 30-day employment retention was 20%, a 62% lower recidivism rate than the statewide recidivism rate of those released from prison during the same time period<sup>1</sup>. Among those who went on to achieve 360-day retention, only 16% recidivated in a three-year period.

<sup>1</sup> Recidivism percent (52.3%) based on the IDOC FY2008 recidivism percent for inmates released from IDOC and re-incarcerated within three years of release.