

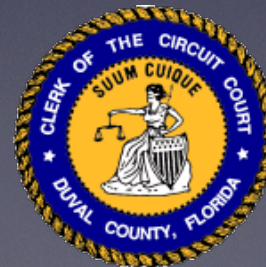


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Chronic Homeless Offender Program

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Purpose

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness and Associated Crimes

(homeless individuals committing habitual
misdemeanor/nuisance offenses)

Background

- Jail diversion
- Prevalence rates of serious mental illness among jail inmates and prisoners within the United States are estimated to be two to five times higher than in the general population.
- The average cost to the Jacksonville, FL community for jail time, emergency room visits, social services and other costs related to one person experiencing homelessness is \$50,000 per year.
- However, it costs between \$12,000 and \$24,000 to provide a permanent supportive housing solution for that same individual.

Program Summary

- Probationary program
- Criminal Justice system & Sulzbacher Center
- Restore homeless from criminal cycle to permanent housing and personal responsibility

Background

- **43** misdemeanor offenders (From 2009-2012)
- Arrested **560** times (average 13x)
- Cost to JSO **excess of \$400,000**

Participating Agencies

- **Sulzbacher Center**
- **Lutheran Services of Florida**
- **State Attorney's Office**
- **Public Defender's Office**
- **Salvation Army Correctional Services**
- **Clerk of the Court**
- **Duval County Judges**
- **Jacksonville Sheriff's Office**

CHOP Process Overview

Candidate Intervention:

- Selection
- First Appearance
- Acceptance
- Process Completion

Program Scope

Number of Participants: 12

Length: 1 Year

Requirements – Conformance to the Sulzbacher Center housing program rules, probation and lease

Violations – Reported to Salvation Army as a Violation of Probation

Services Offered – scattered site housing within 30 days. Drug and alcohol rehabilitation; wraparound services: job placement, peer specialist, and other supportive services.

Candidate Selection

CAU Analysis

- Number of Arrests
- Type of Arrests

CAU Referral

- Sends report to the Sulzbacher Center

The Sulzbacher Center

- Reviews and Selects Candidates
- Informs JSO
- JSO Pre-Trial Services notifies the Sulzbacher Center when candidate is arrested

Candidate First Appearance

JSO Pretrial Services Unit (Sergeant Pratt)

- Runs CAU CHOP report in CMIS
- Notifies Sulzbacher Center Representative

JSO Pretrial Services Unit

- Officer on Duty Notifies and Briefs: the Public Defender, State Attorney, and Judge on Rotation

Candidate → Client

- Reviews conditions with Public Defender
- If willing, accepts the terms of the agreement via a plea form, probation form, and Sulzbacher Center contract

Candidate First Appearance

Court Staff Process

- Judge reviews plea with Client → Clerk of Court
- Clerk of Court documents plea → Salvation Army CO Staff
- Salvation Army CO Staff prepares paperwork with client → Clerk of the Court

If the Candidate Declines...

- Client receives judge's sentence
- Remains eligible for CHOP program

Pre-Trial Detention Facility

- Process for release
- Notifies the Sulzbacher Center to escort client to Sulzbacher and begins the process

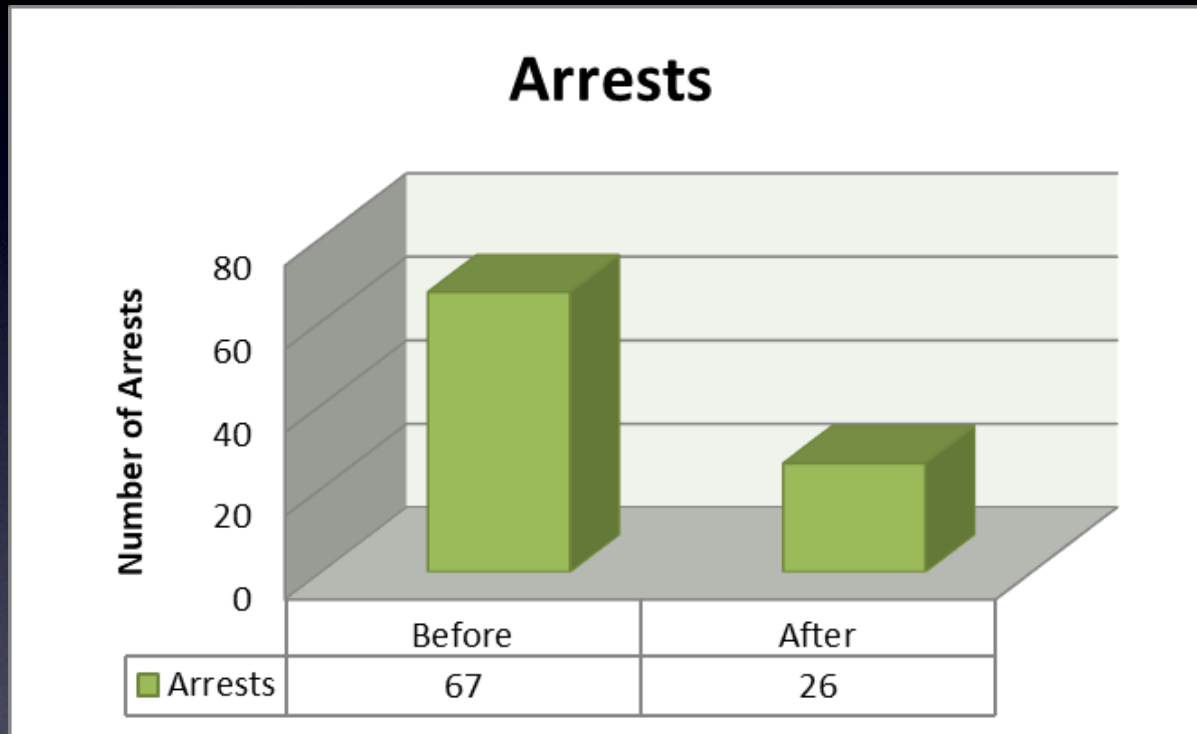
How it works

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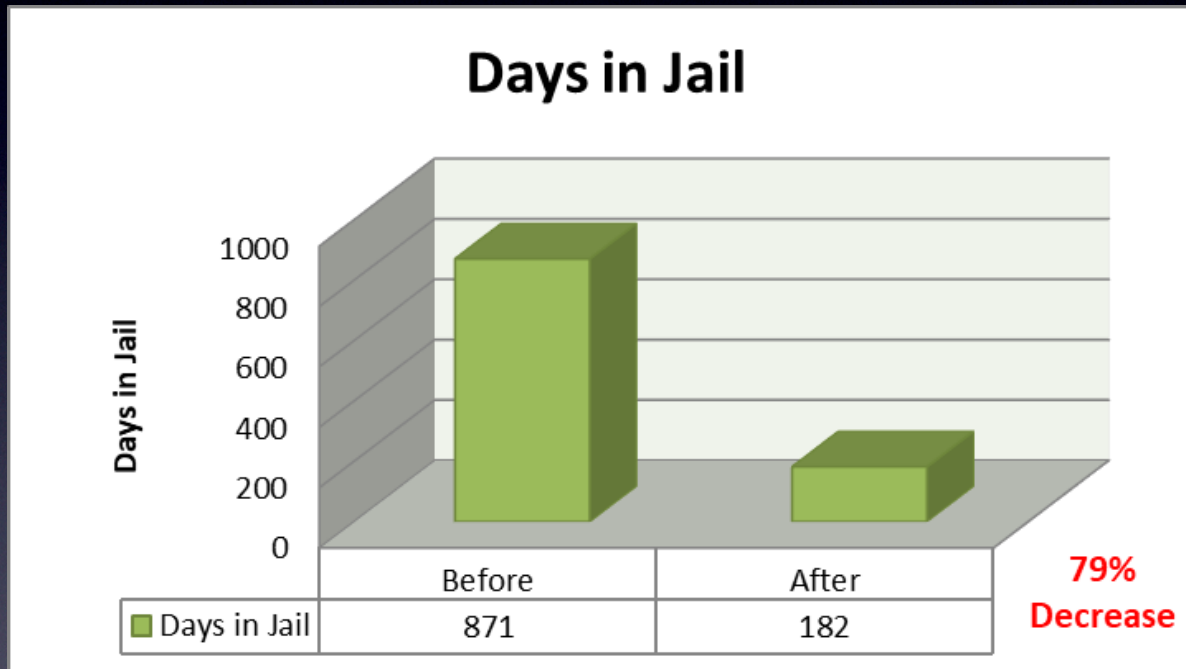
Measures of Success

- Taxpayer Savings
- Improved Criminal Justice System
Collaboration and Restoration for Chronic Homeless Misdemeanor Offenders
- Reduction of Homelessness and Crime Incidents
- Decrease in Recidivism (Housing First Model)

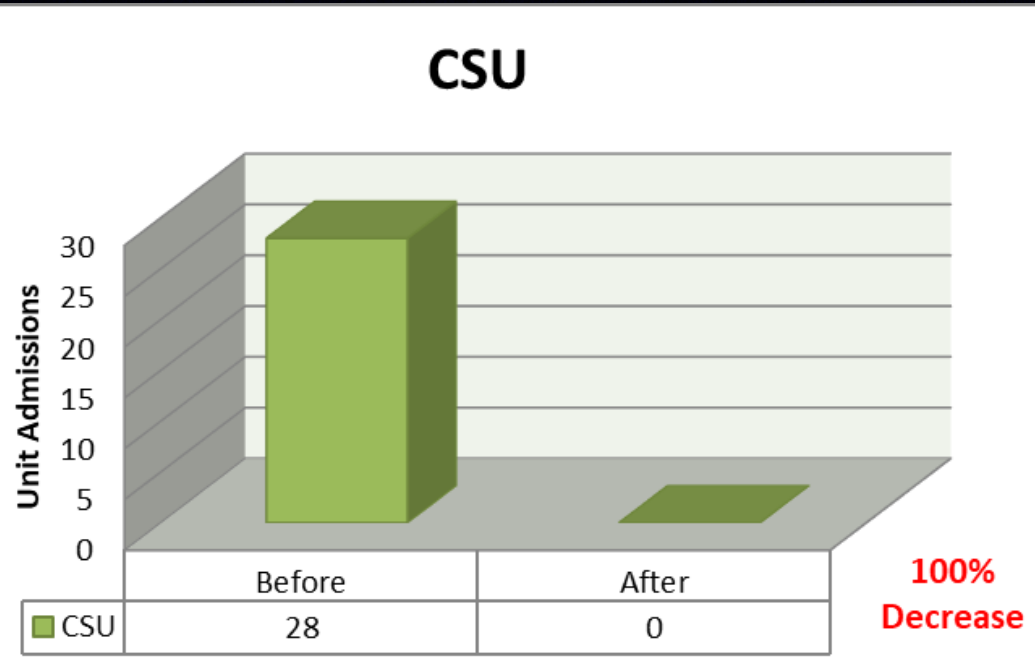
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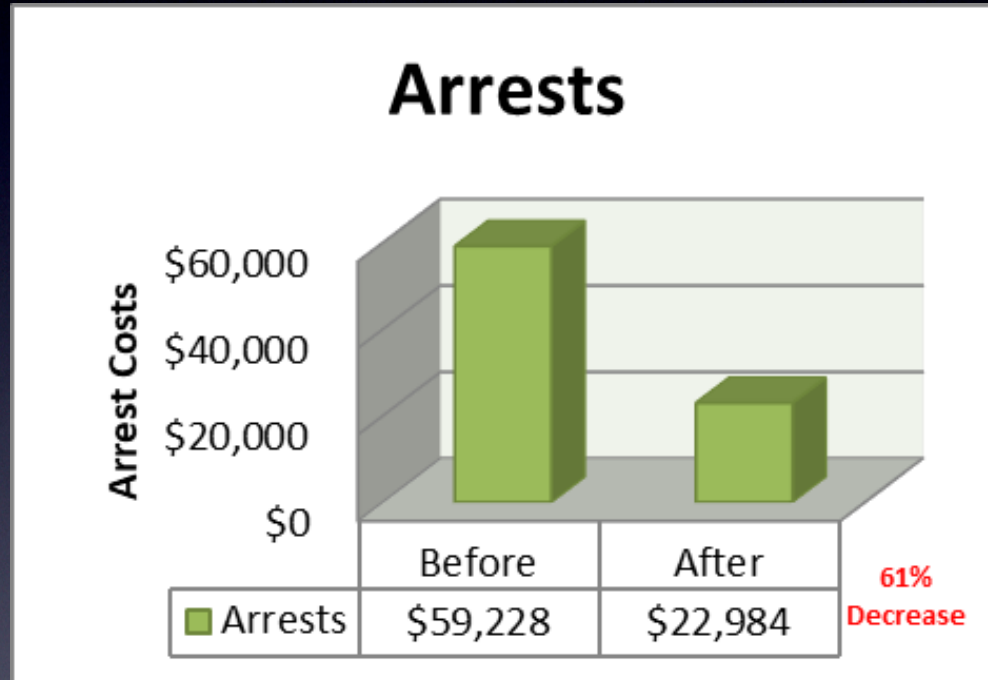
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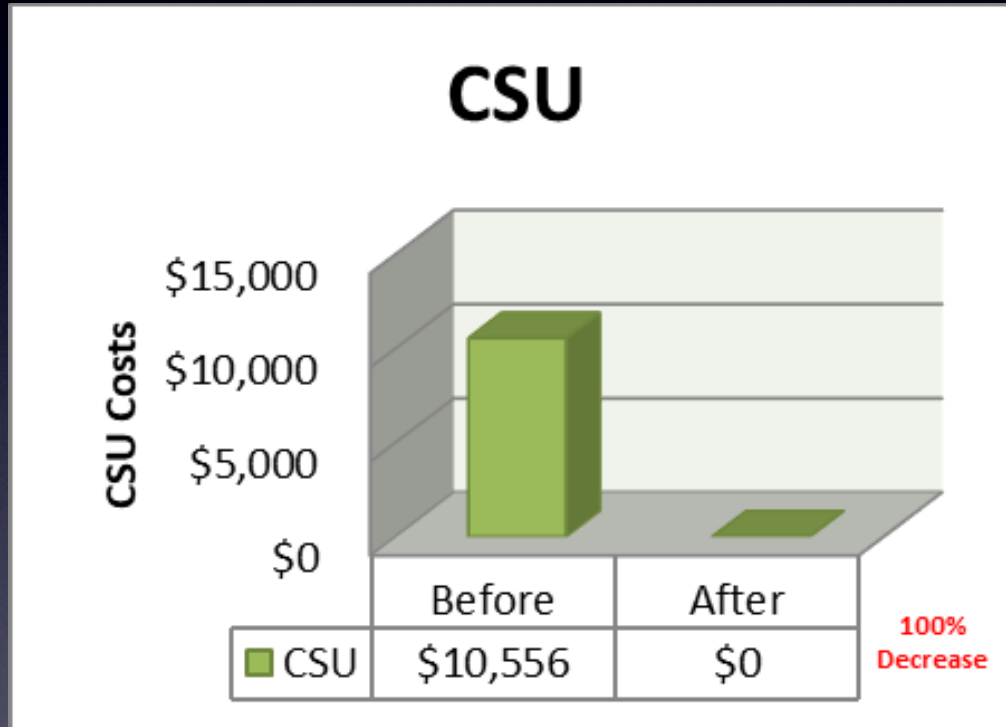
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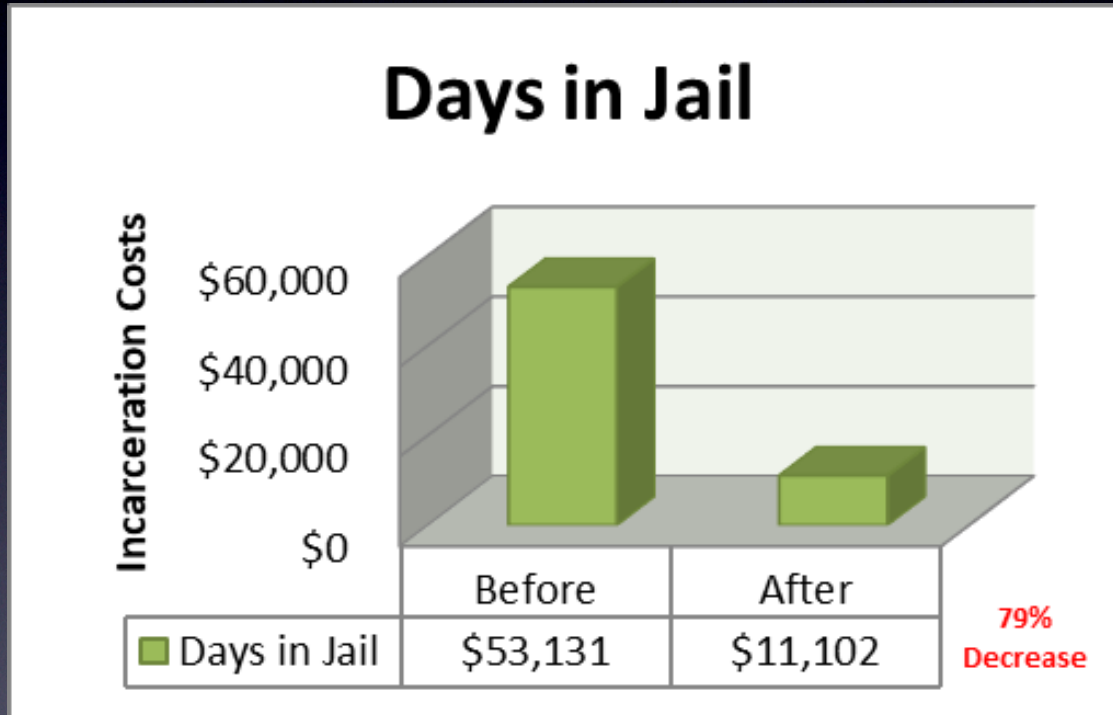
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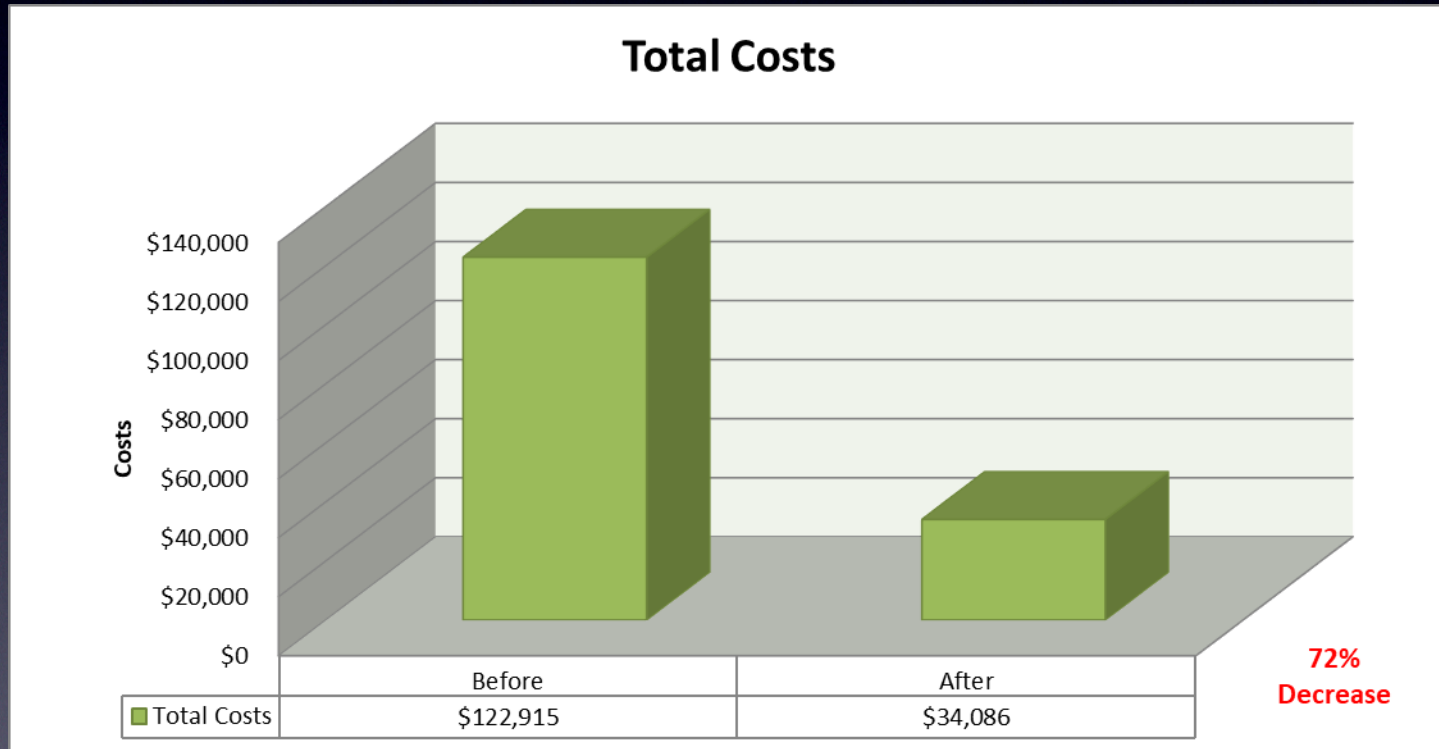
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CHOP in Action

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g2GOAzZlhQc&feature=youtu.be>

Summary

- 12 months pre and post
- 23 clients
- Arrests have dropped from 67 to 26 with costs dropping from \$59,228 to \$22,984.
- Days in jail dropped from 871 to 182 with costs dropping from \$53,131 to \$11,102.
- CSU visits dropped from 28 to 0 with costs dropping from \$10,556 to \$0 and total costs dropped from \$122,915 to \$34,086.

Questions?

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