

# **Kansas Results First Model**

## **Targeting Resources at Criminal Justice Programs that Work**



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# Kansas Results First Crime Model

- Kansas is one of 12 states participating in Pew-MacArthur Results First initiative
- Working to customize the Results First cost-benefit model to Kansas
- Washington State has used the model for 15+ years
  - help inform budget decisions; achieving better outcomes at lower costs

# How the Results First Model Works

1. Review the best national research to identify evidence-based programs that are effective
2. Estimate programs' impact on Kansas population characteristics
3. Use Kansas fiscal data to predict total costs and benefits for each program

**Result:** Predicted state-specific return on investment (ROI) for each program

# Policy Questions

- What does it cost to achieve a state goal such as reducing crime (and is it worth it)?
- How do different programs compare as taxpayers' investments?

# Kansas Consumer Reports Guide

Policy/Program	Cost (per participant)	Net Long- term Benefits	Cost- Benefit Ratio	ROI
Thinking for a Change (T4C)	\$318	\$5,794	\$18.27	184%
Offender Workforce Development Services (OWDS)	\$315	\$3,366	\$10.68	68%
SB 123	\$3,622	\$9,318	\$2.58	21%
Drug Treatment in Prison	\$3,345	\$7,924	\$2.37	25%
Sex Offender Treatment Program (SOTP)- in prison	\$3,370	\$7,009	\$2.08	20%
Correctional Industries**	\$0	\$3,752	-----	-----

# Important Considerations

- Estimates are subject to uncertainty
  - Relative ranking is key
- Program fidelity is critical to achieving predicted outcomes
  - Improper implementation can increase crime

# Utilization of Results

- Invest in programs that increase public safety at lower costs
- Iowa example
  - Corrections programming decisions
  - Sentencing simulations

## Next Steps

- Results are preliminary
  - The model is not fully customized until additional Kansas data are made available
- Includes only adult programming and offender data
  - Juvenile data is being compiled
- Information sharing