



St. Leonard's Society of Toronto

Day Reporting Centres; Bridging Accountability and Support

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Discussion Overview

- CDRC – An overview
- The CDRC 3 years later.....
- Profiles and Outcomes
- A look at DRCs nationally
- A look to the future



What is a Day Reporting Centre?

- Non-residential program offering enhanced supervision and support for higher risk/high needs offenders
- Enhanced services that may be considered as an alternative to a residency condition, means of removing a condition to reside, support for community re-stabilization, and enhanced support for those with multiple needs.
- Operates hours outside of the typical parole service
- Provides crisis counselling
- Provides a bridge to other community resources
- Is delivered by the voluntary sector in partnership with CSC



Crossroads Day Reporting Centre; An Example

- Almost 2 years of discussions and development
- October 8, 2008 CDRC opens its doors in Crossroads CRF
- Extensive marketing/outreach
- November 2009 moved to our Danforth site
- 262 referrals with an active client group average of 36



Crossroads Day Reporting Centre; An Example

Addictions

- Partnerships with residential/non-residential treatment providers
- Breathalyzer utilized on site

Housing

- Partnerships with housing providers that avoid long wait periods
- Partnership with city for a \$200 rent subsidy

Monitoring/Supervision

- Collaborative approach with CSC

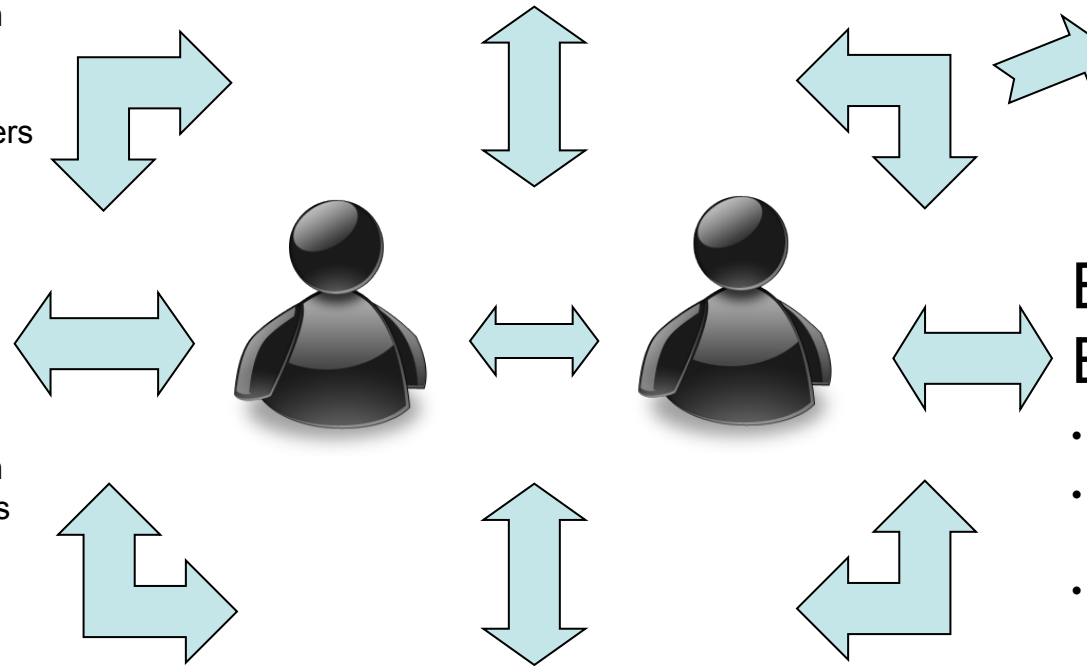
Community Referrals

Employment/Education

- Computers on site
- Vocational assessment completed
- Partnerships with agencies having volunteer opportunities
- Partnerships with local colleges

Counselling

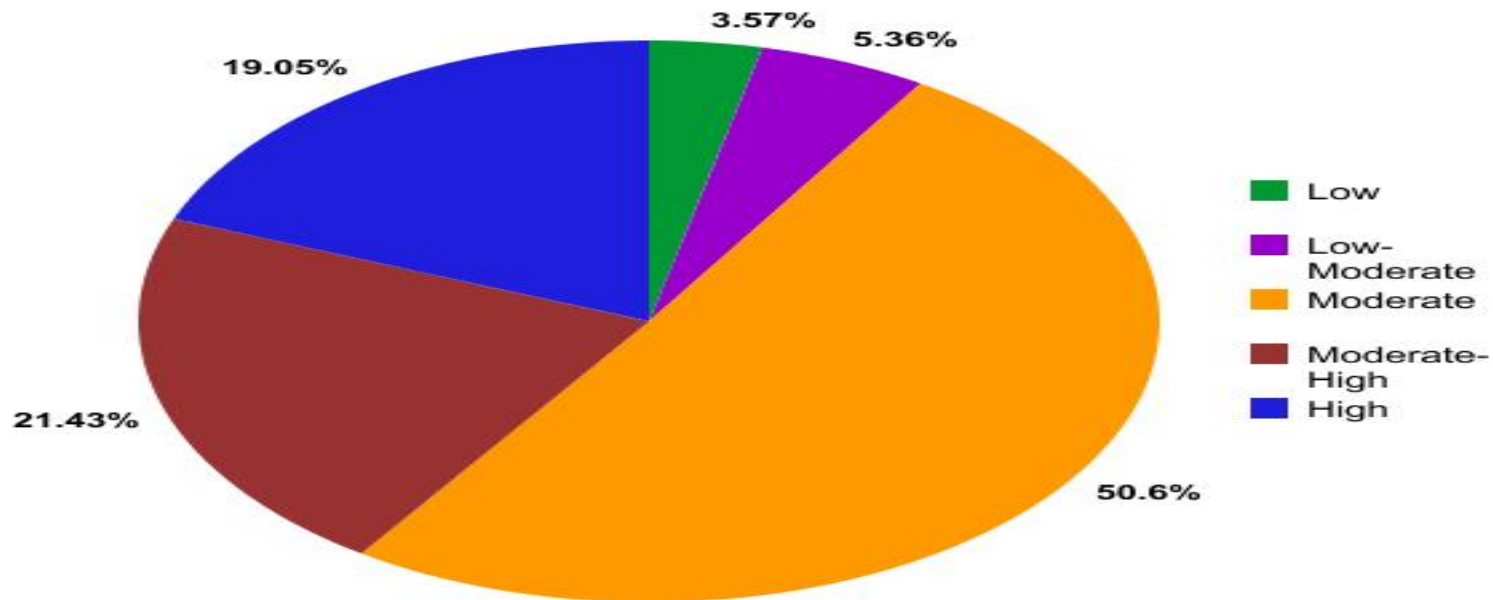
- Priorities determined following an LSI-R





The CDRC client profile

LSI Scores at Intake





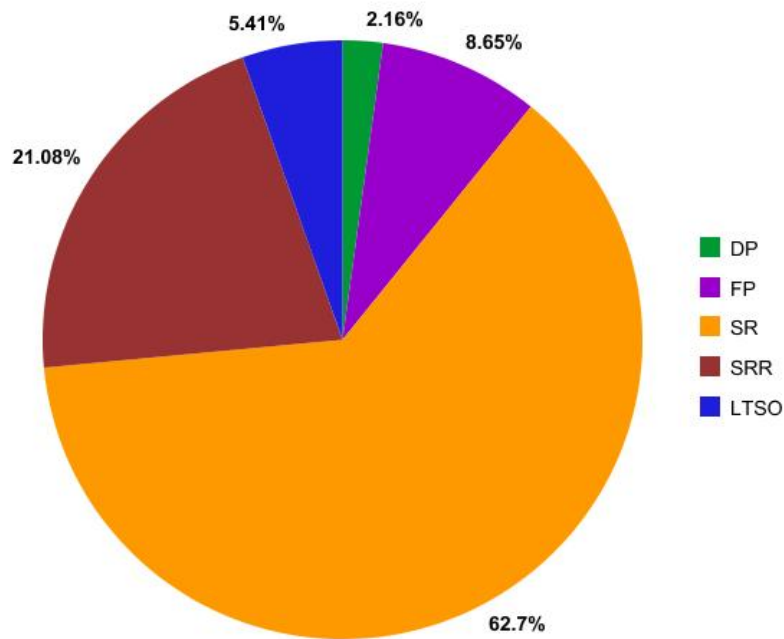
LSI-R Findings – Priority of Needs

Needs – Domain Areas	Percentage of Clients with Identified Need at Intake
Employment	60%
Relapse Prevention (Substance Abuse)	55%
Personal Counselling (Mental Health)	33%
Education/Skills Upgrading	23%
Housing	36%

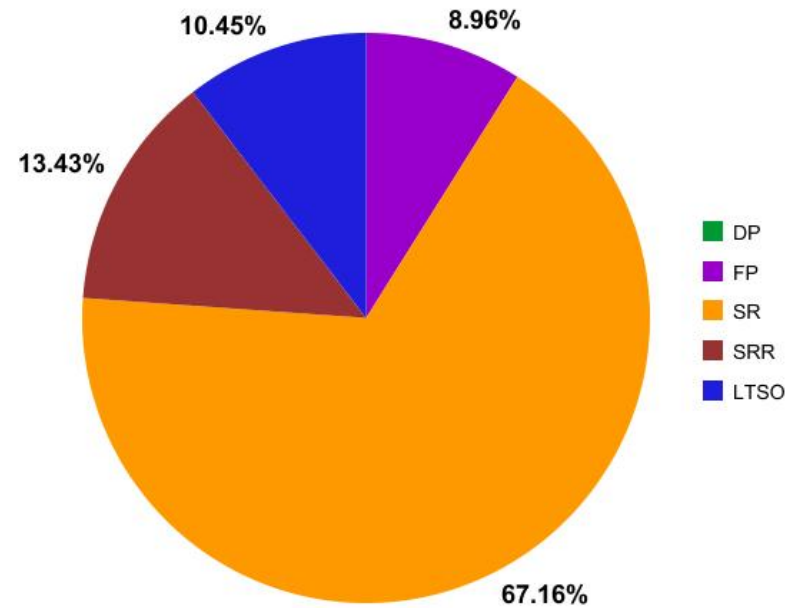


CDRC Release Profile

2009-2010



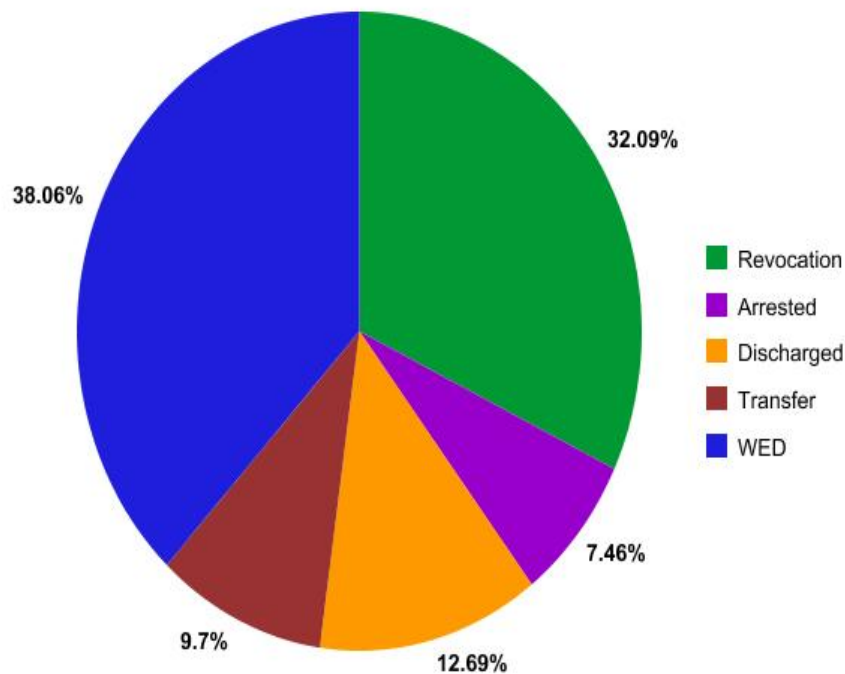
2010-2011



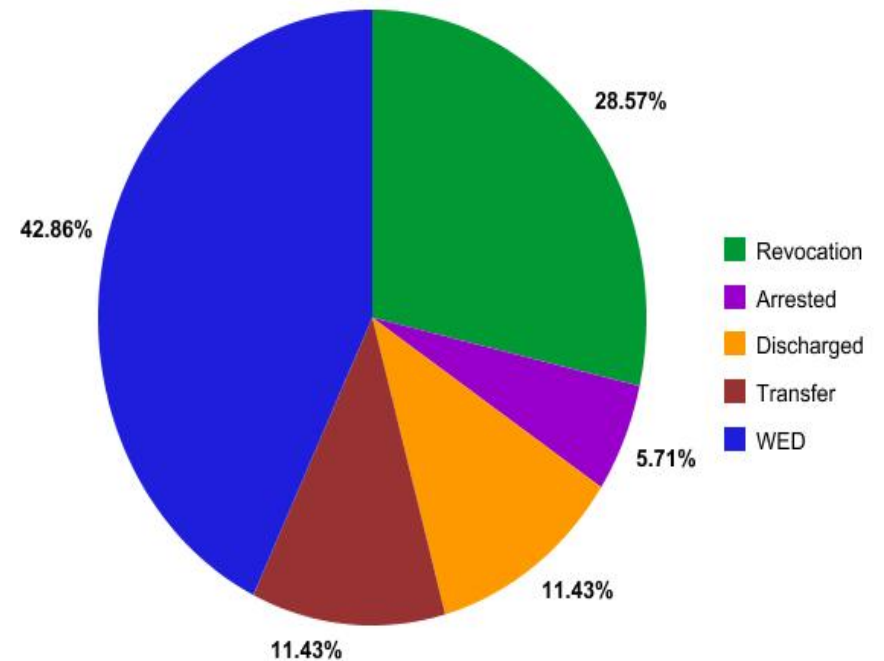


CDRC Outcomes

2009-2010



2010-2011





A Service Delivery Model Project

- Funding from Public Safety Canada
- Project objectives:
 - Provide a written summary of best practice model(s) for DRCs
 - Conduct an examination of how DRCs currently in operation in Canada are similar, or differ from those proven to be effective.
 - Provide a sound rationale for model implementation with a cost-benefit analysis for potential funders.
 - Develop draft terms of reference for a National DRC network



A Service Delivery Model Project - Findings

- Common & Divergent Themes
- Next Steps



A look to the future

CDRC

- On August 15, 2011 the CDRC hired a full-time Employer Engagement Specialist
 - 8 employment placements secured
 - Ongoing positive discussions with 9 large corporations
 - Partnership with RBC in the development of a Resettlement Banking Coach/Financial Management skill building
 - Partnership with JHS Toronto
- On November 14, 2011 the CDRC will employ a Specialized Case Manager who will provide gender responsive services to female offenders.

Nationally

- On-going discussions with PSC to look at national data collection and an overall evaluation of effectiveness



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