

About TASC

TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities) is a statewide, nonprofit agency that works with people who have alcohol, drug, and mental health problems and who are involved in courts, jails, prisons, and foster care. Most have never had treatment for addiction or mental health conditions.

As an independent case management agency, TASC places people in community-based treatment programs across Illinois and monitors them on behalf of the courts and other referring entities.

TASC saves money, reduces rearrest, and lays the foundation for positive and lasting change.

By diverting people from costly state systems to less expensive services and supervision in the community, TASC saves taxpayers millions of dollars each year. Furthermore, those who go through TASC's programs have better outcomes, in terms of reduced drug use and crime, than their counterparts who don't get TASC.

Serving tens of thousands of adults and youth in Illinois, and providing consultation and public policy solutions nationally, TASC improves the way criminal justice and social service systems respond to chronic health conditions.

Broad-Scale Solutions

Drug use among offenders in Illinois consistently exceeds national averages.

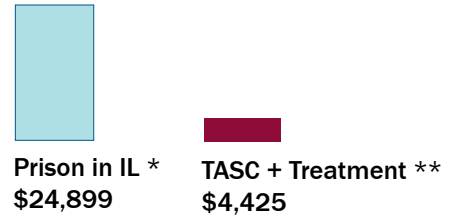
Most probationers in Illinois (71%) reported a current or prior substance abuse problem. Across the state, the criminal justice system is the largest source of referrals to publicly-funded substance abuse treatment, accounting for 4 in 10 referrals to treatment.

TASC enables judges to sentence nonviolent, drug-involved offenders to treatment.

Pursuant to state law and licensure by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, TASC is the sole program designated by the state to provide assessment and independent case management services for nonviolent, drug-using offenders as an alternative to incarceration. TASC is also the sole program designated to provide similar services for offenders exiting certain state prison facilities and programs.

The judiciary relies on treatment in the community and TASC's assessment and case management to provide services for nonviolent offenders with addictions. TASC and treatment are critical partners in slowing the cycle of drugs and crime.

TASC: A Cost-Effective Solution



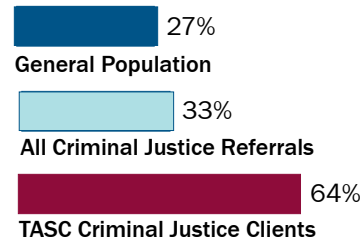
* Per-person average cost for one (1) year in prison

** Per-person average cost of community-based treatment combined with TASC case management

TASC: A Successful Solution

Men and women who receive TASC's court and probation case management services are **twice as successful in treatment** as other treatment clients in Illinois.*

Success Rates in Treatment:



* Compares treatment completion rates of national Treatment Episodes Data Set (TEDS) and TASC data for Illinois

Required by Law

Illinois has a statutory obligation to provide for addiction treatment as an alternative to incarceration for eligible non-violent offenders. Under the provisions of 20 ILCS 301/40, eligible defendants who are addicted to alcohol or other drugs may be sentenced to probation and go through treatment under the supervision of a "designated program." Via licensure by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (under Administrative Rule 2060.507), TASC is the program designated by the State to provide these mandated services.

What TASC Does

TASC works with men, women, and adolescents who are in prison or jail, on parole or probation, or involved in the foster care system. About 90 percent of TASC's clients have alcohol/drug and/or mental health problems.

Across Illinois, we:

- conduct assessments to determine individuals' clinical needs
- place clients into community-based treatment and other needed services
- support and monitor clients, and report to referral sources

In all TASC programs that have been formally evaluated, *research shows that TASC clients are more likely to be placed in treatment, stay in treatment longer, and successfully complete treatment* than those in comparison groups.

Keys to TASC Success

Collaboration

TASC's programs bring together the referring system (e.g., courts, corrections, child welfare), community-based service providers, funding partners, and others whose common goals are the individual's success and the health and safety of the community.

TASC has enjoyed bipartisan support in Illinois since our inception in 1976.

Accountability

TASC provides opportunities for people to change their lives, and also holds them accountable for making these changes. TASC is accountable to referral sources, funding entities, our clients, and the community.

Research

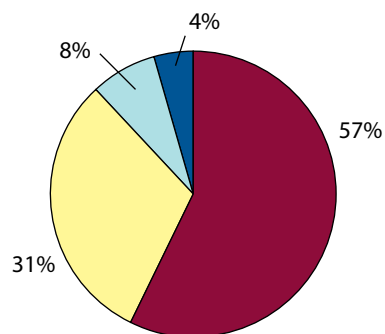
TASC's programs are continuously improved based on latest clinical research about criminal justice sanctions, addiction, recovery, and what works in motivating human behavior.

Innovation

Since 1976, TASC has anticipated and responded to trends in public health and justice. From jail crowding to meth abuse to the disproportionate confinement of minorities, TASC develops and implements programs and public policy solutions that work.

TASC Served 19,462 Clients Statewide in FY10

- Adult Court & Probation - 11,175 (57%)
- Corrections & Community Reentry - 6,013 (31%)
- Juvenile Court & Probation - 1,455 (8%)
- Child Welfare & Family Services - 819 (4%)



Accreditation & Licensing

TASC is licensed by the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (DASA) and the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

TASC is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF-accredited programs ensure the highest industry standards possible, providing risk reduction and accountability.

Help Support TASC's Work

TASC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All contributions to TASC are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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