

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 chronic users of the courts, jails, prisons, and foster care.

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 behavioral health issues.

Broad-Scale Solutions

Drug use among offenders in Illinois consistently exceeds national averages.

Three-fourths of Chicago arrestees have tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrest, and 71 percent of probationers statewide reported a current or prior substance abuse problem.

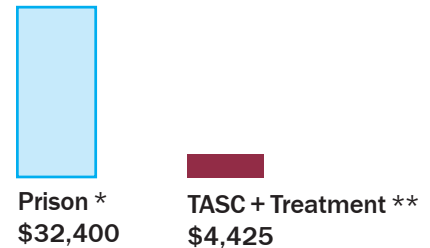
Across Illinois, the criminal justice system is the largest source of referrals to publicly-funded substance abuse treatment, totaling 35 percent of all referrals to treatment.

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

TASC is the sole program designated by the state (pursuant to 20 ILCS 301/40 and Administrative Rule 2060.507) to provide assessment and independent case management services for nonviolent, drug-using offenders as an alternative to incarceration.

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.

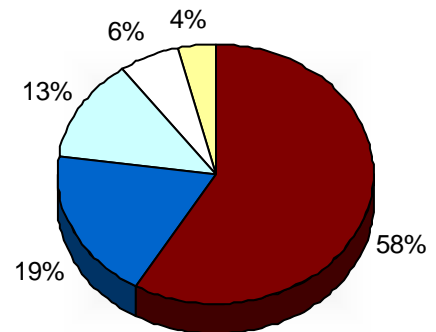
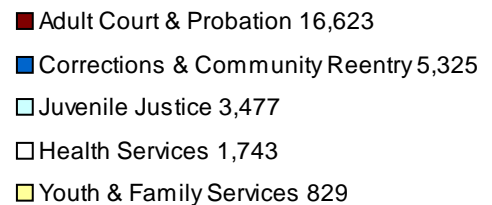
TASC: A Cost-Effective Solution



* Per-person cost for 1.5 years in prison (avg. sentence for those with charges similar to those of TASC clients)

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

TASC Served 27,997 Clients Statewide in FY08



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
- provide ongoing support to clients, monitoring, and reporting 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 who are in trouble 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.

Accreditation & Licensing

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

