

## MISSOULA ASSESSMENT AND SANCTION CENTER

### *MASC Mission Statement*

*It is the mission of the Missoula Assessment and Sanction Center to provide alternatives to prison for DOC commitments without compromising the safety of Montana communities; to assess offenders as to their respected needs and facilitate placements and program referrals which may enhance the offender's success in the community.*

The Missoula Assessment & Sanction Center (MASC) is a 144 bed correctional facility for adult male offenders. MASC is operated as a cooperative endeavor between the Department of Corrections/Community Corrections Division, Contract Placement Bureau at Montana State Prison and the Missoula County Detention Center.

The program is for offenders who have been committed by the courts to the Department of Corrections (DOC) or placed at MASC as a sanctioned offender by an Adult Probation & Parole Hearings Officer. A similar program is currently being developed for females at the Montana Women's Prison at Billings.

MASC was established in 2002 to assist the Department of Corrections in effectively identifying the needs of the offender and relaying these findings to the community corrections programs, thereby making the offender more acceptable to community placement. MASC strives to place acceptable offenders in lower cost community programs in lieu of a high cost long term secure facility.

MASC provides assessment, evaluation and short-term treatment (if offenders needs determine it will help with placement) prior to an offender being placed in a community based corrections program (Pre-Release Center, Connections Corrections Program, WATCH, Treasure State Correctional Training Center or Intensive Supervision Program). If an offender is assessed not suitable for community placement, he is transferred to prison.

MASC is comprised of three components, two of which work in conjunction with each other while the third operates independently.



**HOLDING** is designed for offenders who have been pre-screened and accepted into a community corrections program and are waiting to be placed.

**ASSESSMENT** is comprised of evaluation and treatment programming in CP&R, chemical dependency and mental health, consisting of individual and group counseling.

The offender will be evaluated by MASC staff and directed to programming which may benefit him in gaining placement in the community. During his stay at MASC, he may receive a chemical dependency and/or mental health evaluation, attend counseling sessions, AA meetings and directed to attend CP&R classes and, if available, referred to similar programming upon transfer to the community.

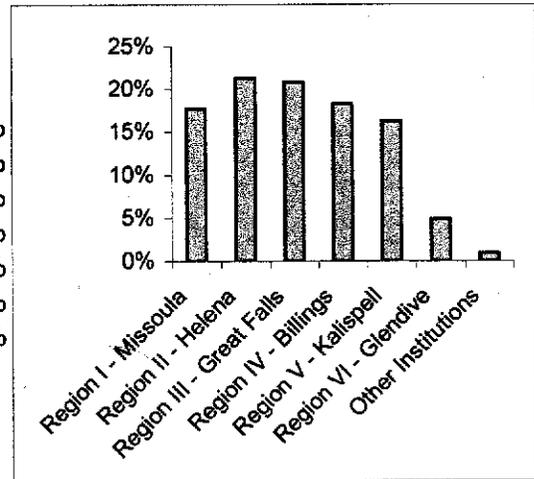
**SANCTION** allows Probation and Parole Hearings Officers to place an offender at MASC for up to 30 days to serve a sanction, in lieu of sending the offender to prison or a higher cost facility for violations of community placement rules. MASC began taking "sanctioned offenders" in February of 2003.



# MASC Statistics

## DOC Commitment Referrals to MASC

	Current	Archived	Total	
Region I - Missoula	37	178	215	18%
Region II - Helena	18	241	259	21%
Region III - Great Falls	32	221	253	21%
Region IV - Billings	22	200	222	18%
Region V - Kalispell	23	174	197	16%
Region VI - Glendive	4	55	59	5%
Other Institutions	0	11	11	1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>1080</b>	<b>1216</b>	

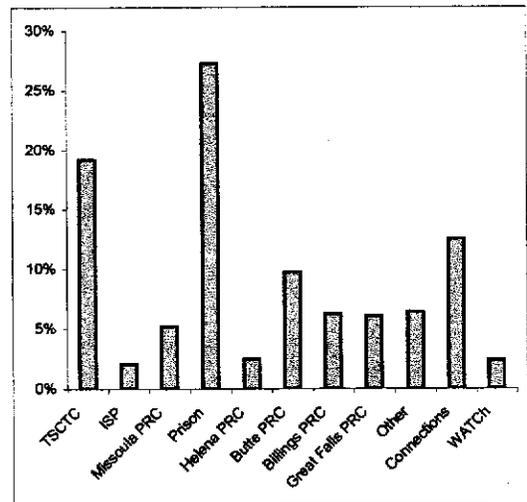


**Average Days at MASC 83**

	Current	Archived	Total
Number of Chemical Dependency evaluations Completed at MASC	35	408	443
Number of Mental Health evaluations completed at MASC	1	128	129
Number of Prerelease referrals (screening) From MASC	0	286	286
Number of C P & R Completed at MASC	0	29	29
Number of C D Group Completed at MASC	0	4	4
Number of Anger Management Completed at MASC	0	6	6

## Placement of Offenders From MASC Program

Cond. Release	6	1%
TSCTC	207	19%
ISP	22	2%
Missoula PRC	56	5%
Prison	294	27%
Helena PRC	27	3%
Butte PRC	105	10%
Billings PRC	67	6%
Great Falls PRC	65	6%
Other	69	6%
Connections	135	13%
WATCH	26	2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1079</b>	



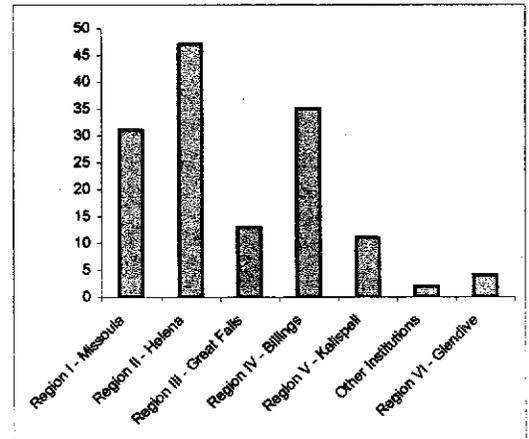


# MASC Statistics

## Sanction Referrals by Region

Region I - Missoula	31	22%
Region II - Helena	47	33%
Region III - Great Falls	13	9%
Region IV - Billings	35	24%
Region V - Kalispell	11	8%
Other Institutions	2	1%
Region VI - Glendive	4	3%

**Total 143**



**Average sanction length of stay @ MASC 33 Days**

