

### Potential Candidates

- Will be referred following screening and assessment performed at the Diagnostic Classification Centers (DCCs).
- Must be sentenced to a term of confinement under the jurisdiction of the Department, the minimum of which is not more than two (2) years, or a person who is serving a term of confinement, the minimum of which is not more than five (5) years where the person is within two (2) years of completing the persons minimum term.
- Provides written consent permitting release of information pertaining to the person's participation in the SDTP (i.e., providers, courts, probation/parole, and community corrections).

Please refer to 61 Pa.C.S.Ch.41 for additional information pertaining to program participation and excluded charges.

### Upon Successful Completion

Upon certification by the PA DOC of the participant's successful completion of the program, the entire term of confinement that rendered the participant eligible to participate in the SDTP shall be deemed to have been served.

### Expulsion from the Program

A participant may be expelled from the SDTP at any time in accordance with guidelines established by the Department, including failure to comply with administrative and disciplinary procedures or requirements set forth by the Department. An expelled participant shall be housed in a State Correctional Institution to serve the remainder of the participant's sentence. The expelled participant shall be eligible for parole at the minimum sentence but may not be eligible for short sentence parole under 61 Pa.C.S. § 6137.1 (relating to short sentence parole).

### Statistics

SIP (2018 Performance Report):  
Of the inmates who appear eligible, only 23% were referred for SIP.  
1-yr Recidivism Rate: 17% (vs. 25%)  
3-yr Recidivism Rate: 37% (vs. 51%)  
**Cost Savings: \$33,736 per inmate**

For more information about each program and criteria, go to [www.cor.pa.gov](http://www.cor.pa.gov)

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# The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections



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The new State Drug Treatment Program has replaced the former State Intermediate Punishment Program (SIP) within the Department of Corrections (Department). This change is outlined in Act 115 of 2019 Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI2). Unlike SIP, which was a 24-month flat sentence imposed by a judge to address substance use-related crimes, the SDTP is a treatment program to which an offender may be referred following evaluation and classification completed by the Department.

### Components of SDTP

The SDTP is a 24-month intensive treatment program, available to eligible offenders, and consists of the following components:

- SDTP Level 1 - A minimum of 7 months of confinement inside of a State Correctional Institution (SCI), to include 4 months of participation in an institutional Therapeutic Community (TC).
- SDTP Level 2 - A minimum of 2 months of participation in a community-based Therapeutic Community (substance-use inpatient treatment).
- SDTP Level 3 - A minimum of 6 months of participation in community-based outpatient substance-use treatment. During Level 3, the participant may reside at an approved furlough address or at a community corrections center (CCC).
- SDTP Level 4 - the participant will complete the balance of the 24 months participating in community reintegration activities to include educational, housing, ancillary treatment, and employment goals. During Level 4, the participant may reside at an approved furlough address or at a community corrections center (CCC).

## The Main Differences between SDTP and SIP

The main differences between the SDTP and the former SIP Program are:

- SDTP is not a sentence imposed by a judge. It is a treatment program offered to eligible offenders whom the Department believes will benefit from placement in the program.
- In cases where a SDTP participant is unable to complete the mandatory program levels prior to his/her maximum release date, and is otherwise progressing well in the program, the Department may grant a program extension up to 30 months.
- Upon certification by the Department of the participant's successful completion of the program, the entire term of confinement that rendered the participant eligible to participate in the SDTP shall be deemed to have been served. The sentencing judge will be notified of an offender's admission to the SDTP, and of successful completion of or removal from the program.
- Upon unsuccessful completion or removal from the program, the offender will revert to his/her original sentence and may be eligible for consideration of parole at minimum sentence. The judge will be issued a program expulsion/removal letter but will not be asked to conduct a revocation/resentencing hearing to address the expulsion.

## State Drug Treatment Program Referral Details

- The State Drug Treatment Program (SDTP) is a treatment program provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PA DOC) for statutorily eligible inmates who have been convicted of substance use-related crimes who have undergone an assessment performed by the DOC, which assessment has concluded that the inmate is in need of drug and alcohol addiction treatment and would benefit from commitment to the SDTP and that placement in SDTP would be appropriate. This program follows guidelines set forth in 61 Pa.C.S.Ch.41. The SDTP shall address the individually assessed drug and alcohol abuse and addiction needs of a participant and shall address other issues essential to the participant's successful reintegration into the community, including, but not limited to, educational and employment issues.
- Notwithstanding any credit to which the participant may be entitled under 42 Pa.C.S. § 9760 (relating to credit for time served), the duration of the SDTP is twenty-four (24) months, but if the participant is unable to complete the program within twenty-four (24) months and is otherwise compliant with the program, subject to the discretion of the department, the program duration may be extended up to thirty (30) months total in order for the participant to successfully complete the program.