

The longest ongoing recidivism study we conducted to date was in Bastrop County, Texas. We tracked recidivism rates for eight years (January 1991 to November 2000). With the full cooperation of then District Attorney Charles Penick, all offenders were required to take an ACCI Life Skills class, including repeat offenders.

Statistics:

Referred: 1,778

Attended: 1,369

Completion Rate: 77%

Repeats: 43

Percent Repeated: 3.2%

The 3.2% represents the repeat rate within the county, and based on prior studies, the true recidivism rate would be approximately 6 to 8%, which takes into consideration the possibility of these offenders re-offending in a different county for which we did not have access to their records. Together all results directly indicate that our form of cognitive restructuring can drastically reduce recidivism rates.

As an organization we measure two factors with emphasis. The first is completion rates, no matter how great a program is if offenders are not completing it then it is of no affect. Secondly we measure how many offenders who have successfully completed one of our courses have re-offended.