



## US Probation Lifeskills Link Program Report

This report includes Lifeskills Link referrals from eight US Probation Districts ranging from May 31, 2011 to May 19, 2017. Outcome data was not obtained from several other districts who chose not to participate in this report or who did not meet the minimum referral activity criteria. For the purposes of this report, the term revocation is used instead of recidivism because US Probation is only able to provide revocation data. Approximately 80% of the referrals in this report were identified as moderate or moderate / low risk probationers. In this report, we simply asked one question: “Of the 1137 US Probationers who successfully completed one of ACCI’s self-directed cognitive life skills courses, how many of them have been revoked?”

### Combined Results

Total Number of Referrals	1137
Overall Completion Rate:	79.8%
Overall Revocation Rate:	17.8%

### Break Down By US Probation District

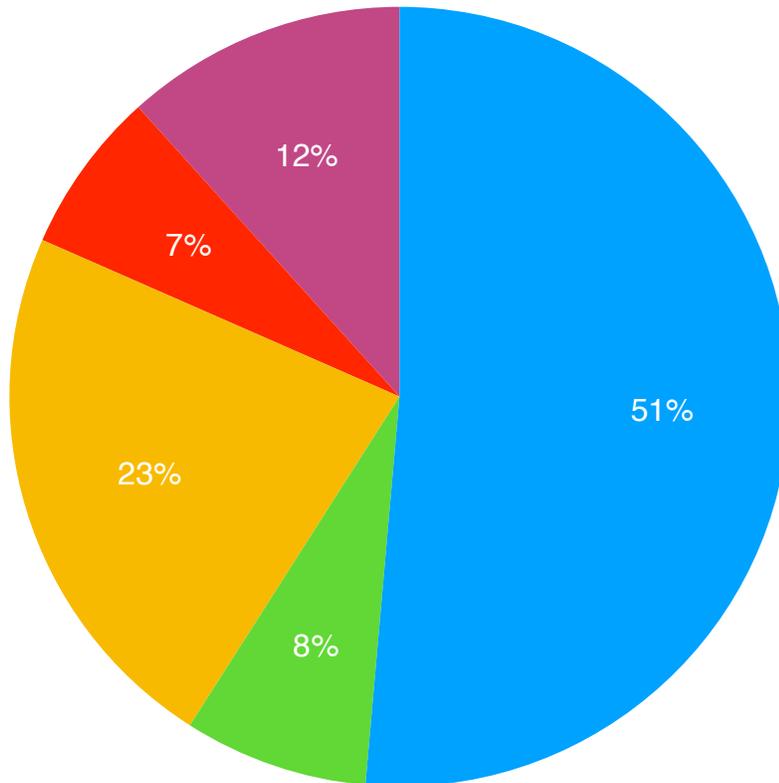
District	Total Referrals	Completion Rate	Revocation Rate
US Pretrial - Southern Ohio	61	82%	14%
US Probation - Eastern Missouri	188	82%	13.5%
US Probation - Maine	23	69.6%	40%
US Probation - Nebraska	506	78.7%	14.5%
US Probation - North Dakota	101	68.3%	33.8%
US Probation - Southern Illinois	64	93.8%	6.78%
US Probation - Western Missouri	23	78.2%	35.7%
US Probation - Western Texas	171	83%	27.46%

The completion rate was derived by dividing the number of probationers who successfully completed by the total number of those that were referred. In order to obtain an accurate completion rate, we omitted referrals that fell in the “Current,” “Late” or “Withdrawn” categories. This action was taken because they are yet to be determined (Current Referrals) or were enrolled and removed before they had an opportunity to complete (Withdrawn). This statistical report is  $\pm 1\%$  accurate.

## Break Down By Course

Of the 17 adult cognitive life skills courses, the Cognitive Awareness Course was by far the most utilized.

● Cognitive Awareness      ● Anger Management      ● Substance Abuse  
● Offender Responsibility      ● 11 Other Courses



Since we have begun offering eLearning courses in September of 2015, 15% of the referrals from US Probation have been for an eLearning and 85% have been for the workbook version of the course.

Through reviewing the hand written and eLearning evaluations of those that completed, we have learned that approximately 82% of probationers gave a positive evaluation of their assigned cognitive life skills course and appreciated an opportunity to learn and implement the cognitive life skills they learned with the help of a “coach” they chose.

It is also noteworthy that just a 10% reduction of US Probationers going back to prison would save millions of dollars each year, not to mention the harm that can be avoided to potential victims and society. More scientific and experimental research needs to be conducted to establish a cause and effect relationship between ACCI’s Lifeskills Link Program and recidivism / revocation reduction. Please refer to the research experiment conducted by the University of North Dakota that was conducted with US Probationers located in the District of North Dakota.