

# inside & out

## What happens after KPEP?

KPEP recognizes the need to continually evaluate programming, and one way we do that is through regular follow up of successful discharges. We've taken on this project, as it is important for us to know how well our residents are doing post-release. Although we cannot predict or control an individual's decisions, we may be able to learn from what we find.

The data is gathered largely from the Michigan Department of Corrections Offender Tracking system (OTIS). If results are not in that database, we contact the supervising agent. These contacts can give us some insight into how well a resident is doing or what types of violations have been committed. Based on the data, and contact with the agents responsible for supervising offenders, we are able to assess programming and make adjustments. The follow-up is completed monthly on all successful graduates, one year after their release from the program.

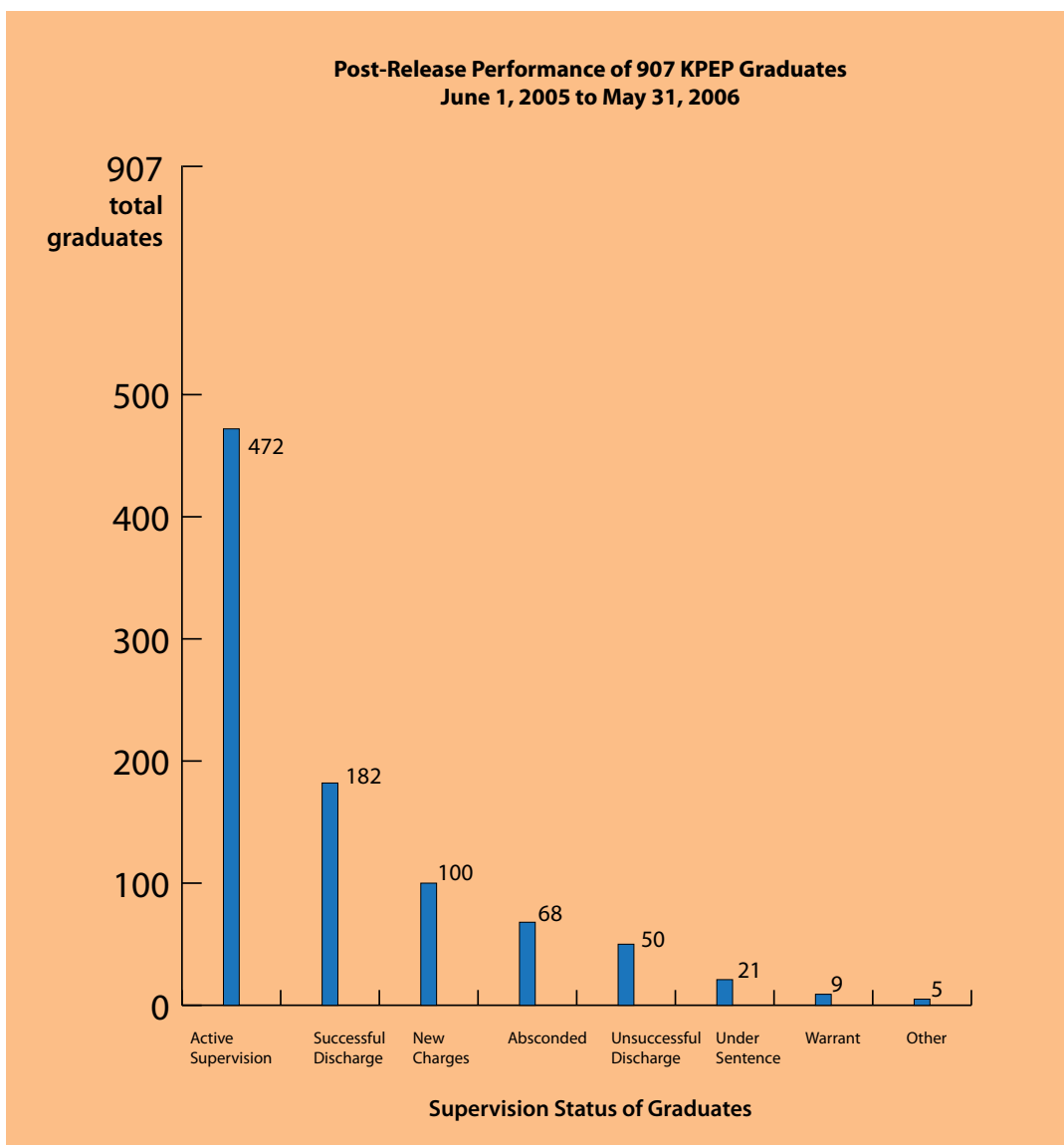
Of the 907 residents who graduated between June 1, 2005 and May 31, 2006, 182 have been successfully discharged from court supervision, indicating that they complied with their court orders and continue to successfully acclimate into the community. Another 472 of the graduates continue to be on active supervision. These residents have graduated from KPEP and have continued to comply with supervision requirements, making a 72% total continued success rate.

At the time of the follow-up, 68 graduates, or 7.5%, were on absconder status. One hundred graduates, or 11%, were in jail or had returned to prison on new charges. Another 50 graduates, or 5.5%, were unsuccessfully discharged from supervision. Thirty five, or 3.9%, fell into divisions of the other categories, but their status was not entirely clear.

The legal status for the residents reviewed breaks down as follows:

- 69.7% were on probation
- 20.3% were on State parole
- 7.5% were under the jurisdiction of the federal system
- 2.4% were Friend of the Court referrals.

Gathering and reviewing this information can help us make future programmatic decisions and based on the results, gives some affirmation that the programs KPEP offers are helpful to those desiring change.



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# Program Update

Summer is generally a slow time of the year around here. As people take vacation the number of referrals from the various courts declines and our residential count decreases until the fall. This year is different, however. Referrals and admissions for the months of May and June were high. Two new programs, the Community Placement Program and the Kalamazoo Jail Release Program, are responsible for this increase in activity.

**Community Placement Program** - This program was designed in the spring by the Michigan Department of Corrections to provide a transition for certain offenders paroling out of the state prison system. Since nearly all of the Corrections Centers in Michigan are now closed there are few residential options for prisoners returning to various communities. This new program is modeled after the transition programs currently operating in Genessee, Kalamazoo and Berrien Counties. The parolee must spend up to 90 days in a program like KPEP. From there he/she may be released to parole, possibly with electronic monitoring. Intensive supervision and various programming will be provided. It is the hope of all involved that this program results in fewer people violating parole and returning to prison.

**Kalamazoo Jail Release Program** - This is a program we are very excited about. KPEP has traditionally housed felony offenders. A couple of years ago we entered into a contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to become a Community Corrections Center in their system. In Berrien County we contract with the County to provide bed space for fathers who are failing to provide support for their children. Over the years we have provided many outpatient services to the various District Courts, but have never really developed or secured funding for any kind of residential program. This new program is attempting to address those needs.

We began in May. Each week the Sheriff's department produces a list of individuals eligible for release to this program. Chief Judges Santoni and Johnson review the list. Eligible candidates are forwarded to a KPEP Program Manager for his review. A final list is produced and the participants are transferred to KPEP. An early jail release has been a standard practice in Kalamazoo due to overcrowding for several years now. We hope this new program helps alleviate that problem.

The focus of this program is work and accountability. Residents are placed immediately in various classes as well as the job search program. The early returns are very promising. In June, we had 32 people admitted and 29 discharged. Twenty-two of those were discharged having completed their sentence. All participated in the various programming KPEP offers. Some found employment, while others began the job search process. Six persons were returned to the jail for rule violations. Only one walked away from the facility.

It has been clear from the start that the rules will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in a return to the jail and loss of any good time. If someone walks away they will be charged with escape. Following through on these policies will enable this to be a successful program.



# On the Move

April 1 through June 30, 2007

## Promoted:



Megan Caskey  
*Full-Time Resident Coordinator  
Park Street Facility*



Scott Dolfman  
*Full-Time Maintenance  
Park Street & Olmstead Road Facilities*



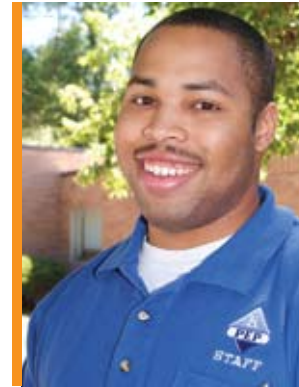
Christina Hart  
*Full-Time Resident Coordinator  
District Court / Outpatient Assistant*



Matthew Koon  
*Resident Case Manager  
Berrien County Facility*



Donyal Lewis  
*Full-Time Resident Coordinator  
Berrien County Facility*



Jason Norman  
*Full-Time Resident Coordinator  
Olmstead Road Facility*



Scott Underwood  
*Resident Coordinator Supervisor  
Berrien County Facility*



Ashley Wood  
*Resident Coordinator Supervisor  
Calhoun County Facility*

## Hired:

- Michael Adams  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Berrien County Facility*
- Gerald Brooks  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Berrien County Facility*
- Derrick Gordon  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Park Street Facility*
- David Lambe  
*Full Time Resident Coordinator / Cook, Park Street Facility*
- Robert McKinley  
*Full Time Resident Coordinator, Calhoun County Facility*
- Jinsey Mongeau  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Olmstead Road Facility*
- Joseph Murphy  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Park Street Facility*
- Dorothy Nolen  
*Part Time Cook, Berrien County Facility*
- Destiny Owens  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Muskegon County Facility*
- Karen Pandey  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Park Street Facility*
- Shannon Polidori  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Muskegon County Facility*
- Shannon Rogers  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Olmstead Road Facility*
- Shirley Thomas  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Berrien County Facility*
- Daniel Waite  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Olmstead Road Facility*
- Boazie Wynn  
*Part Time Resident Coordinator, Muskegon County Facility*

# Need a hand? Just ask!

KPEP provides volunteer assistance to local nonprofits, senior citizens and handicapped persons. We can provide volunteers to perform a variety of community service tasks—whatever the need, just ask us.

**In Kalamazoo County** call: Matt Decker at 269-383-0444 or Cynthia Tall at 269-383-1386

**In Berrien County** call: Clotte White-Johnson at 269-926-1284

**In Calhoun County** call: Ashley Wood at 269-963-2085

**In Muskegon County** call: Lisa Wright at 231-726-2733



## Results

### 3rd quarter:

April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007

Average Daily Count	234.1
Admissions	606
Successful Graduates	359
Jobs Obtained	239
GED Tests	57
GED Certificates	8
Substance Abuse Graduates	
Residents	109
Weekend Intervention	10
Resident Income	\$365,364.62
Rent Paid	\$137,760.89
Court Costs/Child Support Paid	\$ 91,758.54



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KPEP operates residential and non-residential programs for adult offenders as a community-based alternative to incarceration. We offer the opportunity and structure for men and women to take personal responsibility in their lives.

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