



## Wise Choice Alternatives Recidivism Report

### Self Directed Lifeskills Program

The following report covers 14 months (January 2013-February 2014) of referrals to Wise Choice Alternatives, which included 40 plus courts in the report. This report was generated from Wise Choice Alternatives, lifeskillslink.com data base. The 1,336 referred defendants represent a wide range of criminal background, socioeconomic levels and ethnicity. With this report, we simply asked one question: "Of the 1,336 defendants who successfully completed one of Lifeskills cognitive life skills home study courses, how many have re-offended. We queried each referral from the "Completion" data base to determine which referrals had returned to incarceration.

#### Current Snapshot

Total Referrals	1,336
Complete	1,236
Reported Non-Compliant	100
Re-Offended	150

#### Results

Completion Rate	92%
Recidivism Rate	13%

The completion rate was derived by dividing the number of defendants 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 In order to obtain an accurate completion rate, we omitted referrals that fell in the "Current," "Late" or "Withdrawn" categories.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are yet to be determined (Current Referrals) or were enrolled and removed before they had an opportunity to complete (Withdrawn).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.

Through reviewing the hand written evaluations of those that completed, we have learned that approximately 85% of defendants and "coaches" have positive evaluations, with many proclaiming a life-altering change for the good.