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## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS DISTRIBUTION OF REINVESTMENT FUNDS

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During Fiscal Years 2009 through 2011 the legislature made \$6,350,500 available for programmatic reinvestment to help reduce the needs for out of state beds and reduce recidivism. The following outlines where the Department has invested these funds:

- \$2,674,000 – Transitional Housing These funds enabled the Department, in collaboration with community partners, to provide the following services:
  - ✓ Work with twelve partners – some participating in more than one project.
  - ✓ When all projects are fully implemented the Department's transitional bed capacity will be increased by a minimum of 151 beds.
  - ✓ The Department was able to increase Housing Specialist resources resulting in additional help to offenders in finding suitable housing.
  - ✓ The Department was able to increase the amount of housing assistance for individuals in the form of rent subsidies.
  
- \$650,000 – Invest in Community Justice Centers and like programs. Below is the breakdown:
  - ✓ Grant funding to 17 communities – The needs of the community determines the services funded. Types of services supported by these funds are as follows:
    - ❖ Reparative Probation Services
    - ❖ Circle of Support and Accountability
    - ❖ Classroom employment readiness training
    - ❖ Case management and community resource navigation
    - ❖ Establish Reentry Resource Centers
    - ❖ Housing referral, coordination and supports
    - ❖ Establish Restorative Citizen Boards
  
- \$2,116,000 – Program Services These funds enabled the Department to expand and/or initiate new programs in the areas of substance abuse, vocational training, treatment programs within our facilities, and increase community service providers. The following identifies these initiatives:
  - ✓ A Discovery Program is now located at Northern State for 26 males under the age of 28. We continue to provide substance abuse services at both Caledonia and Southeast.
  - ✓ Contract parity for VTPSA therapists was achieved, as necessary, to obtain and retain qualified professionals.
  - ✓ Program Services is working with Transitional Housing in exploring the placement of 20 female beds in the Franklin County area for a residential treatment component for ISAP.

- ✓ The Department has entered into agreements with Department of Health/ADAP for the following services:
    - ❖ Increase substance abuse treatment providers in the Burlington, Rutland, Newport, and Barre areas;
    - ❖ Develop additional public inebriate beds in Lamoille and Washington counties; and
    - ❖ Additional funding for Recovery Centers.
  - ✓ The Department has also entered into agreements with the Court Administrator's Office to provide the following:
    - ❖ Support/Increase community service providers to include diversion and case management in Washington County
    - ❖ To support the Sparrow Project
      - The department has increased its Cognitive Self Change and Incarcerated Domestic Abuse programming at Northern State by 2 group tracks for each program.
  - \$910,500 – Invest in electronic monitoring equipment and increase Field Service Staff. Below is the breakdown:
    - ✓ \$360,000 – Purchase and rental of electronic equipment;
    - ✓ The remaining funding supports the following positions:
      - ❖ 3 FTEs – Correctional Service Team Leaders – Barre, Burlington, and St. Albans
      - ❖ 1 FTE – Correctional Services Specialist I – St. Johnsbury
      - ❖ 1 FTE – Field Services Compliance Monitor – Central Office
      - ❖ 1 FTE – Corrections Program Supervisor – Barre
      - ❖ 1 FTE – Community Re-Entry Coordinator – Sex Offenders – Burlington
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