



Outcomes for Max-Outs Receiving Peer Support Services

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Abstract

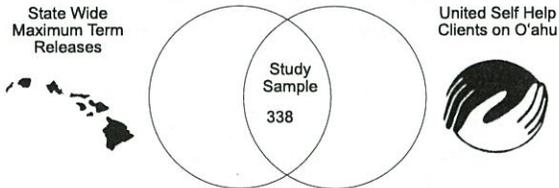
United Self Help (USH) is a non-profit peer-run, peer support organization that provides social services to returning citizens that are released from the state prison system in Hawai'i after serving their maximum sentence, known as "max-outs". This study was conducted by the Research and Evaluation in Public Safety (REPS) program, and presents recidivism rates for USH clients served between April 2016 and April 2018. 338 male USH clients were included in an analysis of rebookings (rearrests and probation/parole violations). For this analysis, 1 month, 2 – 6 month, 7 – 12, month and 13 – 24 month recidivism rates were calculated. Implications of these results and directions for future study are discussed.

Background

USH receives Hawai'i State Department of Public Safety (PSD) funding to provide services for individuals who serve their maximum sentences at Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF), Waiawa Correctional Facility (WCF), and Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) on the island of O'ahu. Services include inreach reentry planning, pick-up, post-release logistical support (e.g., IDs, housing and employment assistance), support groups, peer mentoring, and mental health education.

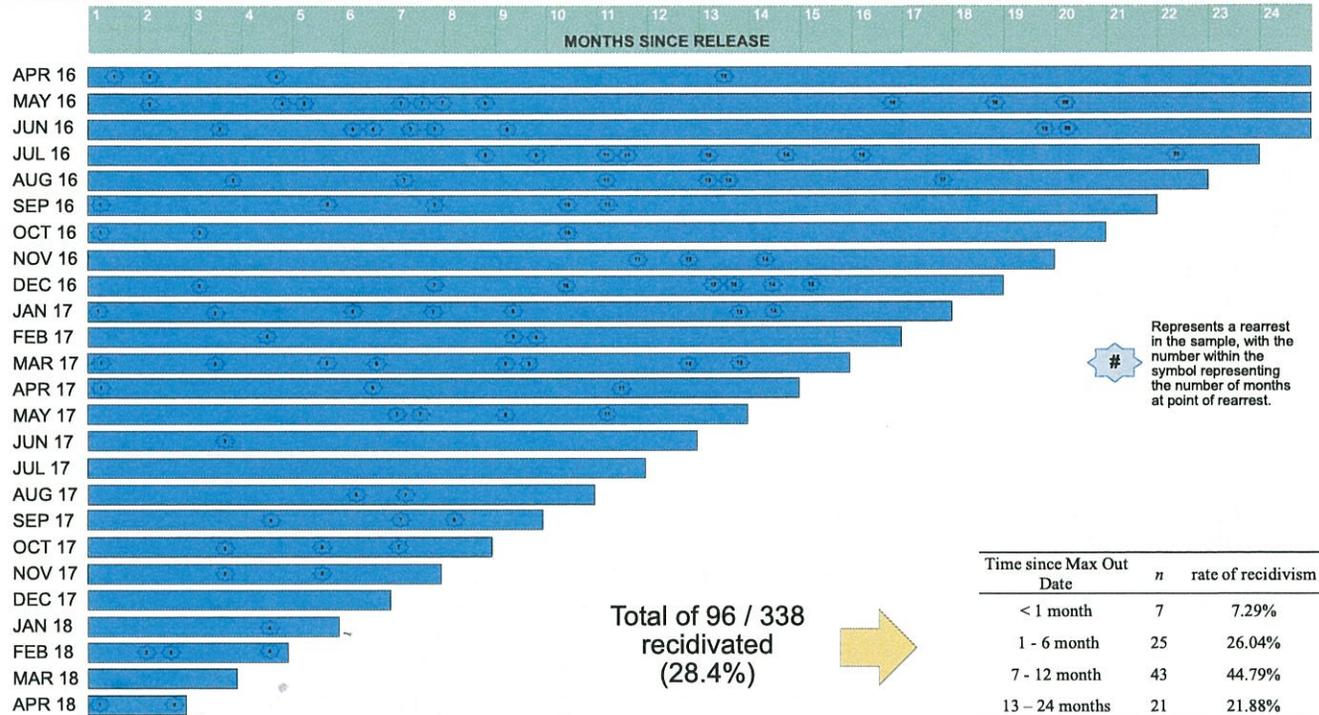


Methods



The purpose of the current study was to conduct an analysis of the recidivism rates of USH max out clients that were released between April 2016 and April 2018. PSD's OffenderTrak™ database (the management software used by all correctional facilities in the state of Hawai'i) was used to identify each of the 338 participants to record new rebookings for those individuals as of June 2018.

Results



Total of 96 / 338 recidivated (28.4%)



Time since Max Out Date	n	rate of recidivism
< 1 month	7	7.29%
1 - 6 month	25	26.04%
7 - 12 month	43	44.79%
13 - 24 months	21	21.88%

Conclusions

The majority of returning citizens were rebooked within the 7 – 12 month (44.79%) and 1–6 month (26.04%) periods following their release.

The findings of this study suggest a need to complete a three-year follow-up analysis for this sample, and to continue to collect data for ongoing, cumulative recidivism analyses of USH clients. It would also be important to compare outcomes for USH clients to those individuals that max out that do not receive USH's reentry services, and to conduct an economic analysis of the program. As more data is collected, future studies could also include recidivism analyses for USH clients by disposition status, by recidivism type, by initial offense type, by age, by type of max out, and by length of incarceration.

Glossary

Reentry: The process of preparing for release and rejoining community.

Returning Citizen: A person centered term for inmate, offender, or prisoner.

Max Outs: Returning citizens who have served the full sentence adjudicated to them by the court system.

Recidivism: For this project we define recidivism as a first rearrest or probation or parole violation after release.

Rebooking: Rebookings are incarcerations and indicate a new arrest or revocation of probation or parole, but not necessarily a conviction for a new crime.