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# CJAD reports on success of community supervision diversion funds

The 79th, 80th, and 81st Texas Legislatures appropriated significant new funding for community supervision in Texas, targeting high-risk offenders and reducing revocations, while increasing proactive treatment interventions and sentencing options for all Texas criminal courts. The Community Justice Assistance Division (CJAD) implemented the state leadership's strategy of reducing caseloads, increasing the availability of substance abuse treatment options, promoting evidence-based progressive sanctions models, and providing more community sentencing options through expanded residential treatment and aftercare.

The Legislature requires CJAD to publish an annual monitoring report outlining the impact of additional diversion funding and related legislative initiatives have had on community supervision in Texas. This report, titled Report to the Governor and Legislative Budget Board on the Monitoring of Community Supervision Diversion Funds is posted on the TDCJ website at [tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/cjad/CJAD\\_Monitoring\\_of\\_DP\\_Reports\\_2011\\_Report\\_To\\_Governor.pdf](http://tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/cjad/CJAD_Monitoring_of_DP_Reports_2011_Report_To_Governor.pdf).

In summary, the report states that while the felony population under direct supervision has declined since Fiscal Year 2009, an increasing proportion of violent and high-risk cases made community supervision a greater challenge. In response, the additional funding appropriated by the Legislature has led to the following positive results:

Offenders receive more treatment, demonstrated by increased use of residential treatment beds, substance abuse outpatient services, and aftercare services.

Community Supervision and Corrections Departments (CSCDs) reward offenders who comply with release conditions by decreasing their time spent under supervision.

There are fewer technical revocations and fewer revocations to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The best results have been achieved in CSCDs receiving additional diversion funding, indicating that additional resources provided by the Texas Legislature have strengthened community supervision and are a vital component of its continued success. ●

