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# Alternative Sentencing

## Misdemeanor Probation 2016 Presentation

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# Overview of the Department

Case plans are developed for those who are given a suspended sentence, residential confinement or pre-trial release conditions. Plans may include: reporting to DAS, provisions for job training, drug testing, alcohol testing, counseling, and/or random in-home visits any time without a warrant. Probationers who successfully complete their probation period are deemed to have completed their sentence. Violations, however, can lead to extension of probation period or incarceration.



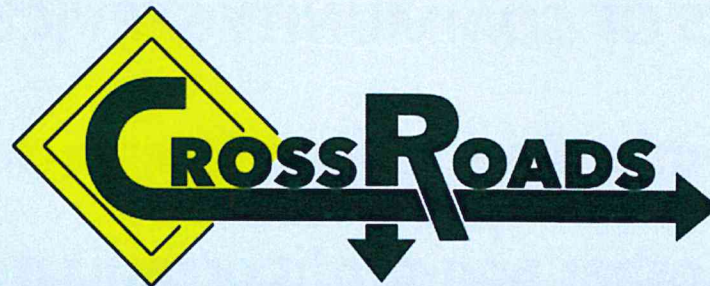
# Objectives

- Create a safer environment for our community and future generations
- Reduce “revolving door” syndrome in criminal justice system
- Coordinate cases in a sometimes very confusing, multi-jurisdictional environment
- Reduce the burden of public services through guidance and structure
- Strive to assist probationers in making positive changes in their lives



# Crossroads

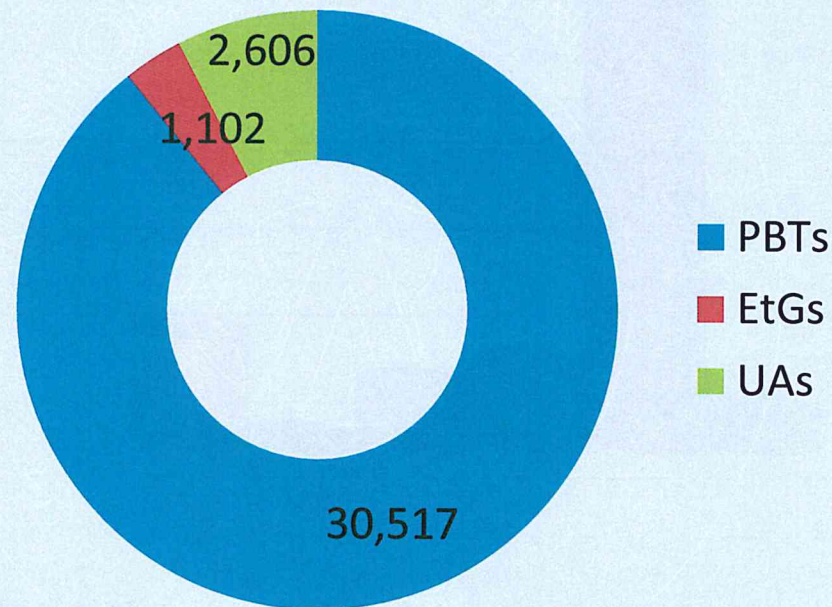
**DAS increased collaboration with Crossroads in 2015. This facility provides treatment, housing, and resources. DAS provides staff to immediately address any relapses, assist with the 24/7 program, and provide support to staff. Additionally, court hearings are held at Crossroads once a week.**





# Drug and Alcohol Tests

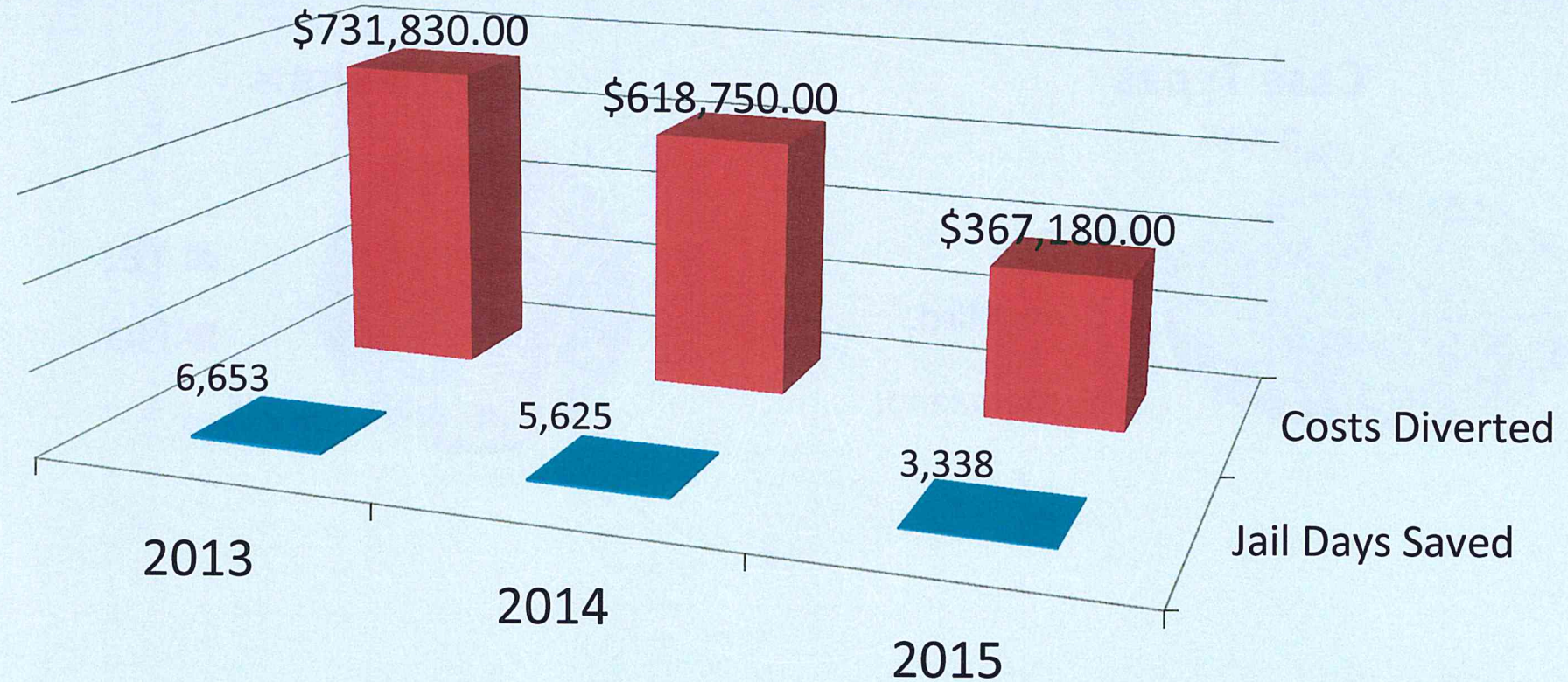
## Tests Administered



PBT – Preliminary Breath Tests (alcohol)  
UA – Urinalysis (controlled substances)  
EtG - Ethyl Glucuronide (80-hour alcohol)



# Electronic Monitoring vs. Jail



Decreases over the past two years are due to inadequate staffing and out-sourcing.



# Recidivism

The term recidivism refers to a person's relapse into criminal behavior after successful completion of a court sentence or program.

The USDOJ reports an average of 30 states' recidivism rate is:

30% within 6 months of completion

70% within 5 years of completion

The Department of Alternative Sentencing's Recidivism rate is:

10.17% were arrested since completing in 2015

22.11% were arrested since completing in 2014

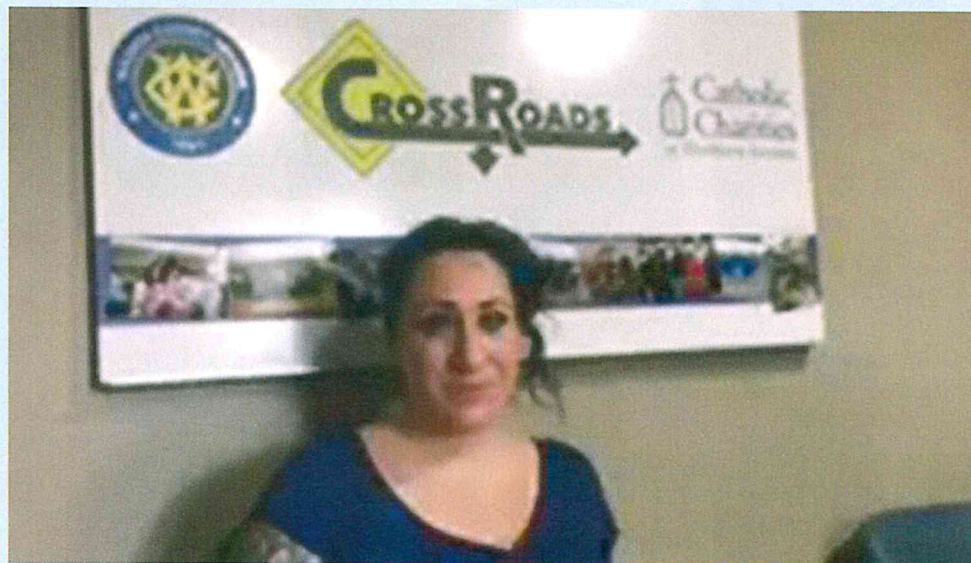
32.57% were arrested since completing in 2013

**HOWEVER, THIS IS UNSUSTAINABLE WITH INSUFFICIENT STAFFING.**





# Personal Success Story





# Community

- Creates a safer community by holding offenders accountable for their behavior and equipping them for reintroduction success.
- Provides resources to enable the probationers to make better choices to improve their lives. This significantly impacts their families, keeps them in their jobs and homes.
- Creates revenue rather than expense to the county by fee collections and providing an alternative to housing at the county jail.

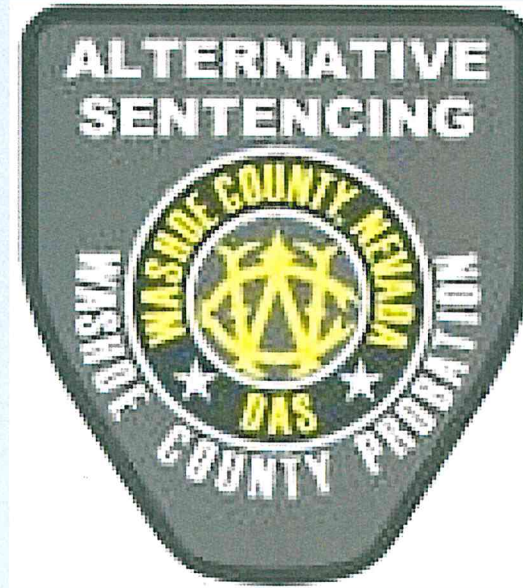


# Strategic Plan

- **Continue to reduce “revolving door” with proactive supervision**
- **Continue to reduce jail population by increasing the number of probationers on house arrest**
- **Increase collaboration with other departments by joint training and sharing of resources**
- **Implementation of a new case management system integrates with the Courts and other stakeholders**
- **Employ additional staff to ensure officer safety and the effectiveness of our impact on the community**



# Comments or Questions?



**Thank you for your time.  
Joe Ingraham, Chief**