MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS:
MORE THAN PRISONS
Funding the Landscape of Corrections

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Employs about 1,300 people in a wide range of positions including attorneys, correctional officers, doctors, plumbers, ranch managers, registered nurses, teachers, and more.

**Mission:** The DOC enhances public safety; supports the victims of crime; promotes positive change in offender behavior; and reintegrates offenders into the community.
CRIME IN MONTANA

- **Misdemeanor Crimes**
  - Adjudicated in municipal court or by a justice of the peace (shoplifting, speeding tickets, DUIs)
  - Not punishable with prison time
  - Any time behind bars would be in a county-funded jail – under control of local governments, not the DOC

- **Felony Crimes**
  - Adjudicated in district courts (homicide, sexual intercourse w/o consent)
  - Are punishable with prison time
  - Any time behind bars would be in a state-funded, DOC-run or contracted prison
  - Also includes time in a treatment facility, prerelease center, or community supervision under a probation and parole officer
PLACEMENT OF OFFENDERS

- District Court judges may sentence felony offenders directly to prison
- Or, they may commit offenders to the DOC (unique to Montana)
- Offenders committed to the DOC are evaluated based on their risks and needs to determine appropriate placement
- Receive evidence-based programming designed to help them be successful when they return to Montana communities
How are the DOC’s employees distributed among its divisions to provide services to Montanans?
The greatest number of DOC employees are employed at our secure facilities (prisons).

The second largest group of employees – Probation & Parole, Programs and Facilities Division. (Includes probation and parole officers, and individuals who work at DOC assessment centers, monitor prerelease centers.)

Administration and Clinical Services are a close third.
Where does the DOC’s budget come from?

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DOC’s annual budget for FY 2021 - $228.4 million

- General Fund: 92%
- Federal Special Revenue Fund: 5%
- State Special Revenue Fund: 3%
- Enterprise Fund: $
How is the DOC budget distributed by division?

*Administration budget includes $12,569,147 for MT Board of Crime Control pass through grant funding.
PROGRAMS & FACILITIES

Secure Facilities -
$85.7 million - Montana State Prison, Montana Women’s Prison, Pine Hills Correctional Facility and our contract secure facilities including Crossroads Correctional Center in Shelby, Dawson County Correctional Facility, and Great Falls Regional Prison
  • More than 2500 inmates are housed among these facilities

Probation & Parole, Programs & Facilities -
$80 million – includes community supervision along with assessment facilities, prerelease centers, treatment centers
  • More than 12,000 offenders are on one type of community supervision or another
- **Administration** -
  - **$30 million per year** includes a wide range of staff members providing a variety of services

- • **ACCOUNTING**
- • **AMERICAN INDIAN LIAISON**
- • **HR**
- • **IT**
- • **QUALITY ASSURANCE**
- • **VICTIM SERVICES**
- • **AND MORE**
$26 million - coordinates, provides medical, dental, vision, behavioral health care to inmates in our facilities

- Medicaid does not cover most health care costs for prison inmates – is a significant general fund cost

- Fiscal drivers include prescription drug costs and treatment, including chronic diseases like hepatitis.

- Prisoners have a constitutional right to healthcare.

- DOC is NCCHC and the standard of care is the same as someone in the community would receive
Montana Correctional Enterprises -

$5.5 million - serves between 700 and 800 inmates per year – provides educational opportunities, on-the-job training, opportunity to earn while they learn
Inmates involved in MCA programming at Montana State Prison and Montana Women's Prison produce numerous items and provide a variety of services:

- **Carpentry** – bookcases, desks, cabinets, etc.
- **Print and Sign** – business cards, awards/engraving, signs, magazines
- **Textiles** – clothing, embroidery, graphic design, screen printing
- **Motor Vehicle Maintenance** – maintenance, repair, auto body work, painting, welding
- **Dog training** – training, boarding, grooming
- **Agriculture** – dairy, range cattle, crop management

*Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, inmate workers shifted their efforts to producing much-needed PPE like cloth masks, N95 masks and more.*
TOTAL BUDGET: $22,307,998

- **Agriculture**: $4,822,288 – Proprietary
- **Industries**: $3,734,632 – Proprietary
- **Food Factory**: $5,147,742 – Proprietary
- **License Plate**: $2,372,585 – Proprietary
- **Motor Vehicle Maintenance**: $744,475 – Proprietary
- **Canteen**: $3,375,842 – State Special Revenue
- **General and Vocational Education**: $ 2,110,434 – General Fund
MONTANA BOARD OF PARDONS & PAROLE

- **$1 million** – full-time, professional board appointed by the governor in 2017

  - Administratively attached to the DOC for budgetary purposes, but operates as an autonomous agency

  - Board members: Annette Carter (Chair), Renee Bauer, Kristine Lucero, Darrell Bell, Brad Newman

- **This group:**

  - Determines which inmates should receive early release from prison

  - Decides upon conditions imposed on offenders while completing sentences under supervision in the community

  - Administrates parole revocations, and receives applications for executive clemency
MONTANA BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL

• MBCC supports more than 25 million dollars in grant funded activities.

• Board members are a cross-section of Montanans who work for agencies and organization focused on reducing crime and enforcing laws.

• The state administering agency for federal grants including Violence Against Women Act, Sexual Assault Services Program and more.
Empowering, informing and supporting victims of crime

- DOC's Victim Services Program offers five victim liaisons throughout the state (Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Missoula)
- Program manager at Central Office in Helena, along with dedicated Board of Pardons and Parole victim liaison
- Offer services including:
  - Trauma-Informed Care
  - Victim-Offender Dialogue
  - Victim Impact Panels
  - Offender Accountability Letters
- Almost 6,000 victims served since January 2018

“[Working with the DOC victim liaison] was the first time I met someone who was actually primarily concerned with my wishes and with the well-being of my children. Her care, dedication and educated support were and are vital to my family’s recovery.”
-Mother of a child sexual assault victim
The DOC's Collections Unit collected court-ordered victim restitution from adult felony offenders.

Since Fiscal Year 2004, the unit has collected more than $40 million in restitution and $5.2 million in court-ordered fees.

### RESTITUTION COLLECTED

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<td>$2,790,197.72</td>
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How does the DOC spend its money?
FY 2021 BUDGET - $229 MILLION

- **Operating expenses** - 53 percent - travel, professional services, supplies, rent, and repair and maintenance

- **Montana Board of Crime Control grants** - 4 percent

- **Personal services** - 42 percent – includes salary and benefits

- **Remainder** -
  - Transfers out, equipment and intangible assets, capital outlay, benefits and claims, and debt service
FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

Challenges:

• Workforce recruitment/retention

• Modernization of facilities

• Increasing delivery of mental health, substance use disorder treatment and evidence-based programming

All of these support the DOC’s ongoing effort to improve safety in Montana communities by reducing recidivism.
QUESTIONS?

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