

BUILDING THE FUTURE OF CORRECTIONS

Program 3

Budget Committee, Section D
Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2025

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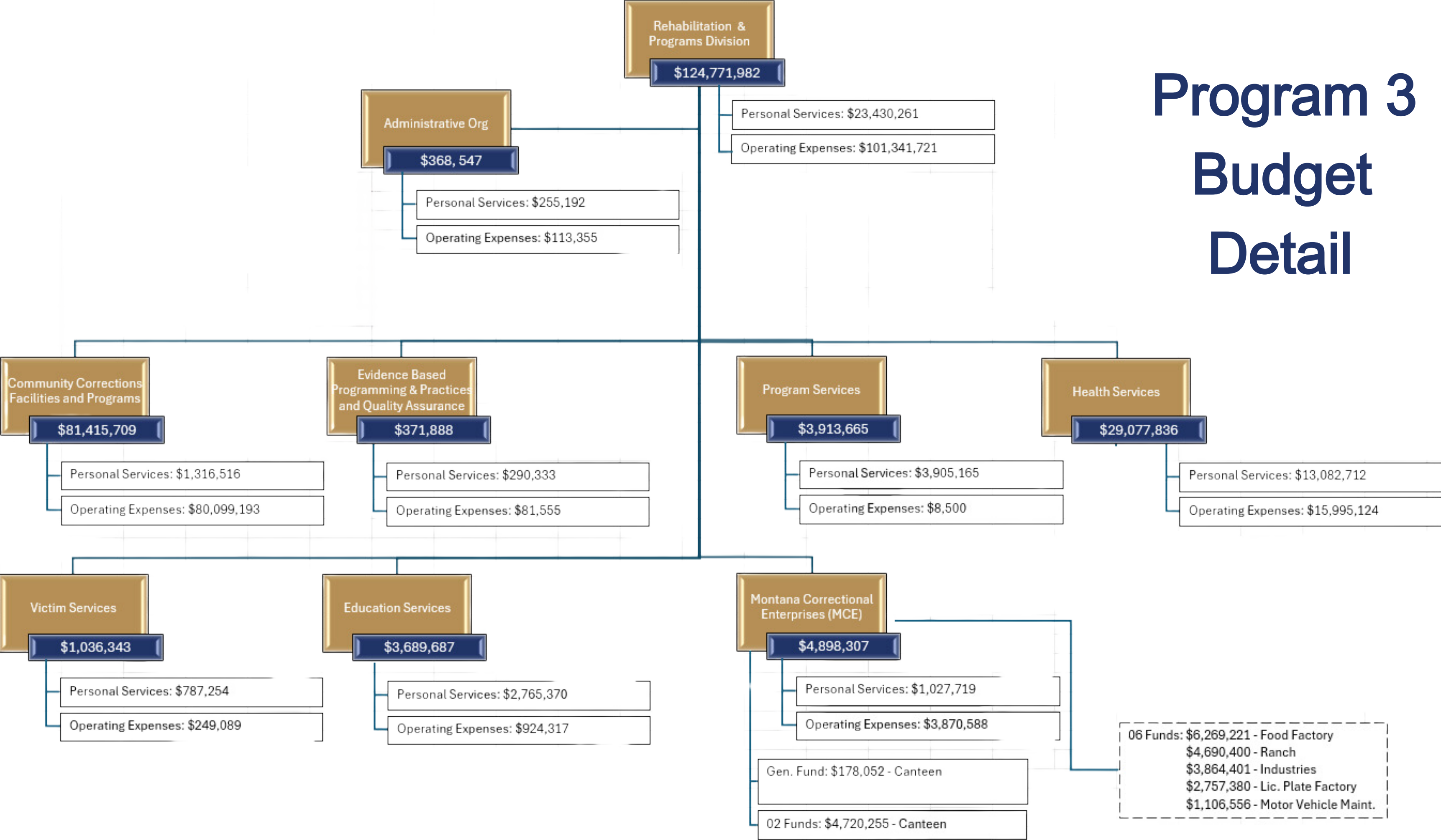
Rehabilitation & Programs Division

Chief Executive Officer Scott Eychner

- Community Corrections Facilities and Programs Bureau
 - Placement
- Health Services Bureau
- Evidence-based Practices and Programs Bureau
- Education Services Bureau
- Montana Correctional Enterprises
- Program Services
- Victim Services Bureau



Program 3 Budget Detail



**Community Corrections Facilities
& Programs Bureau 67.84%**

**Evidence Based Programming & Practices
& Quality Assurance Bureau 0.31%**

Health Services Bureau 23.98%

Education Services Bureau 3.07%

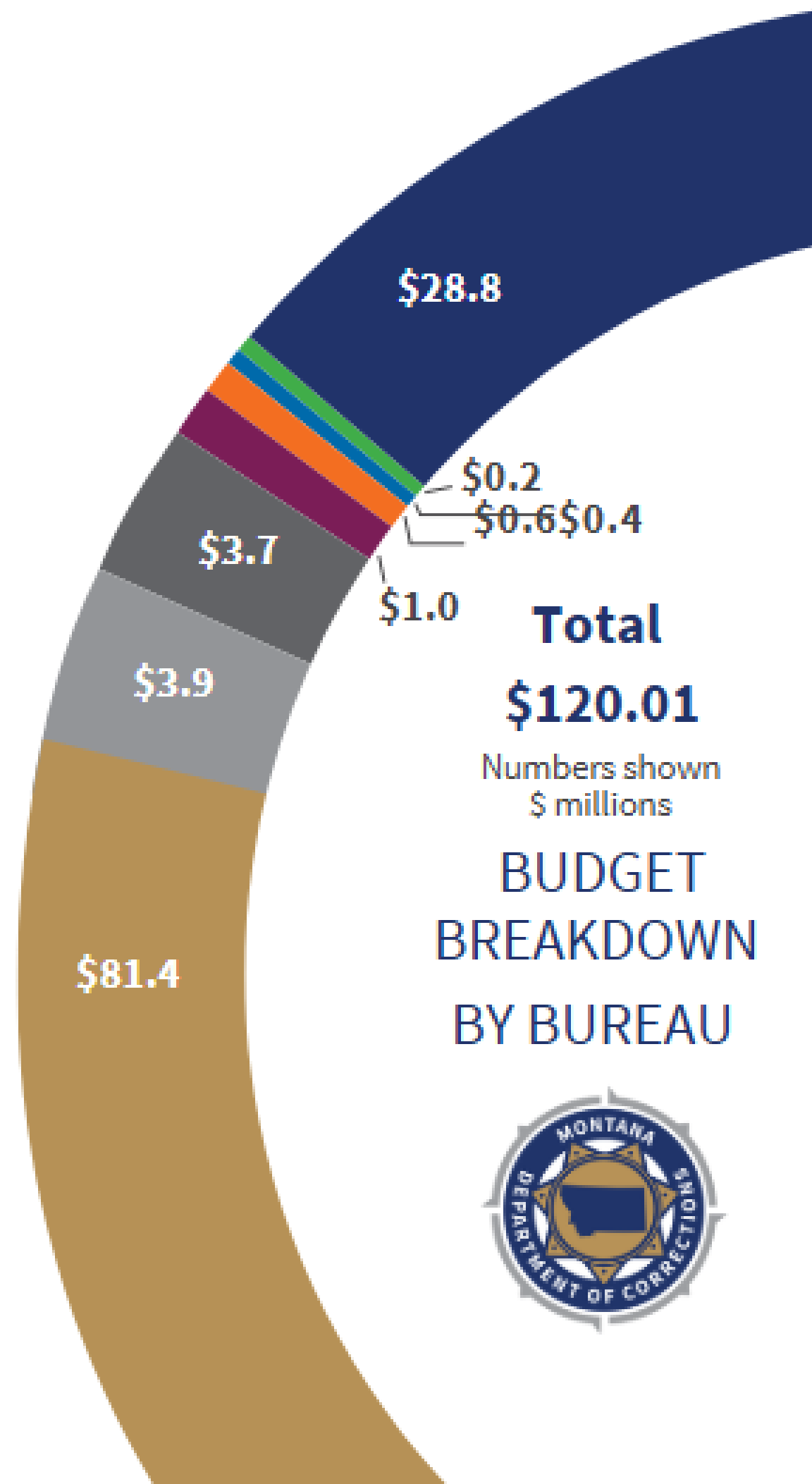
Program Services 3.26%

Victim Services 0.86%

Montana Correctional Enterprises 0.15%

Administration 0.52%

**Total -
\$120,011,273**



**Total
\$120.01**
Numbers shown
\$ millions
**BUDGET
BREAKDOWN
BY BUREAU**



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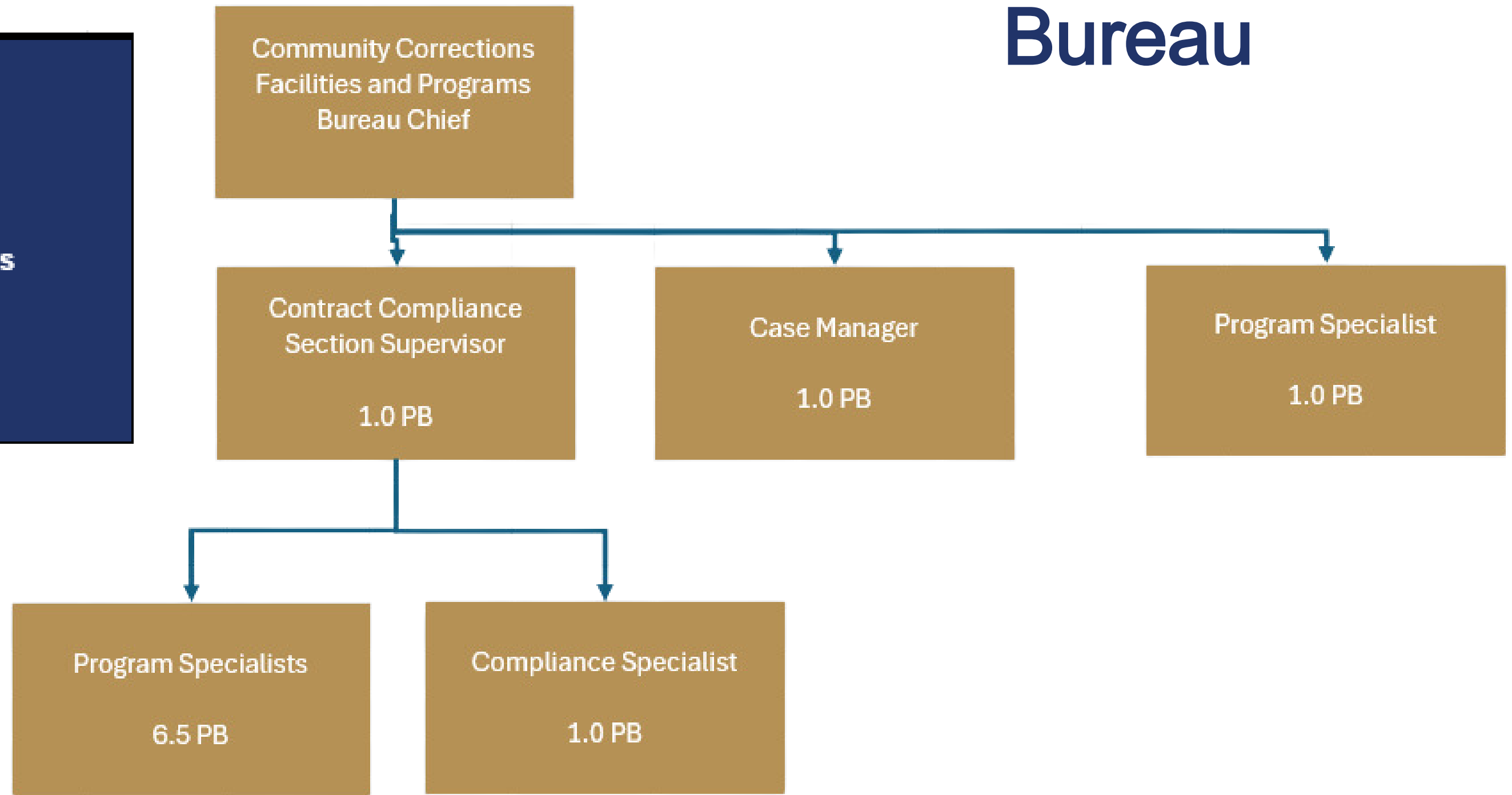
Community Corrections Facilities and Programs Bureau

- Oversees contracted community corrections facilities
- Coordinates assessment/sanction, treatment, and prerelease centers housing 1,700+
- Assists with overall population management
- Manages Enhanced/Transitional Supervision Services (ETSS) contracts along with rental voucher and transitional assistance funds



Community Corrections Facilities & Programs Bureau

11.5 PB
Budget:
\$1,065,583 - Personal Services
\$80,099,193 - Operating
\$81,164,776 - Total



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What statutes govern the work?



- 53-1-203: Prerelease Centers, Treatment Centers, Sex Offender Treatment, Assessment & Sanction Resource Centers
- 53-1-501: Rates for residential community correctional program board, room, and services charged by the dept. of corrections
- 46-23-1041: Rental Vouchers

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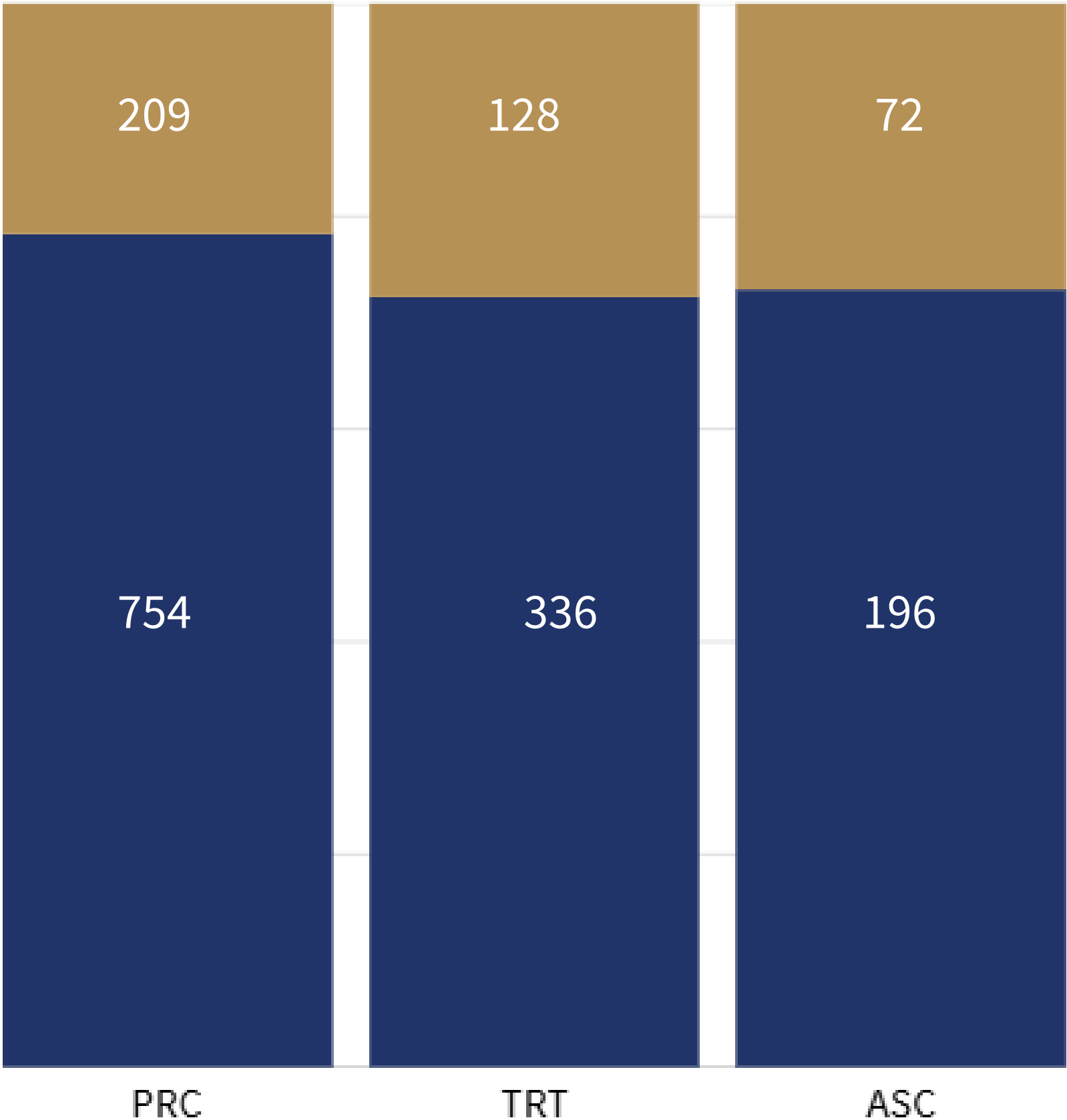
Budget Detail - Facilities and Programs

Personal Services - Contract Oversight	\$	1,065,583
Prerelease Centers	\$	29,685,994
Treatment Centers	\$	27,909,494
Assessment & Sanction Centers	\$	13,274,108
Enhanced Transition Support Services	\$	3,042,203
Transition & Rental Assistance	\$	380,000
Former MASC Budget - will be transferred	\$	5,170,320
Other Operating	\$	637,074
	\$	81,164,776

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Male Female

Community Corrections Bed Capacity



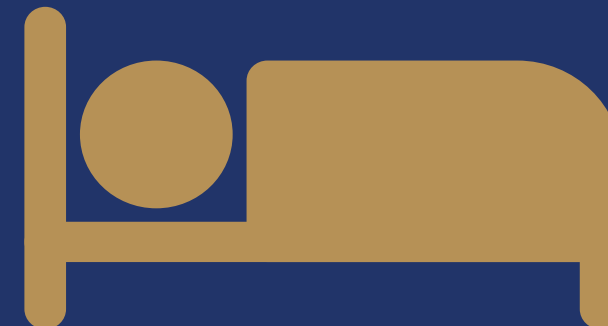
- Prerelease beds - 963
- Treatment beds - 464
- Assessment/Sanction beds - 268

Total - 1,695

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Community Corrections Bed Capacity

- **1,695 total**
 - 109 prerelease and treatment beds added in 2023
 - 62 transitional living program beds added in 2024
 - 68 sex offender treatment beds to be added in 2025
 - 132 prerelease and treatment beds to be added in 2025
- **2,066 projected total (January 2026)**
- 107 individuals in county detention centers waiting for prerelease or treatment beds
 - 90 male
 - 17 female



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Treating sexual offenders

- 68-bed facility for male sex offenders located at START
- Integrated Correctional Programming Method-Sex Offender Treatment Curriculum
- Expected to be operational in 2025
- Budget - \$7,169,257



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Placement Unit

3.0 PB
\$250,933 - Personal Services

Placement Unit Program
Manager
1.0 PB

Program Specialists
2.0 PB



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Program Placement Unit

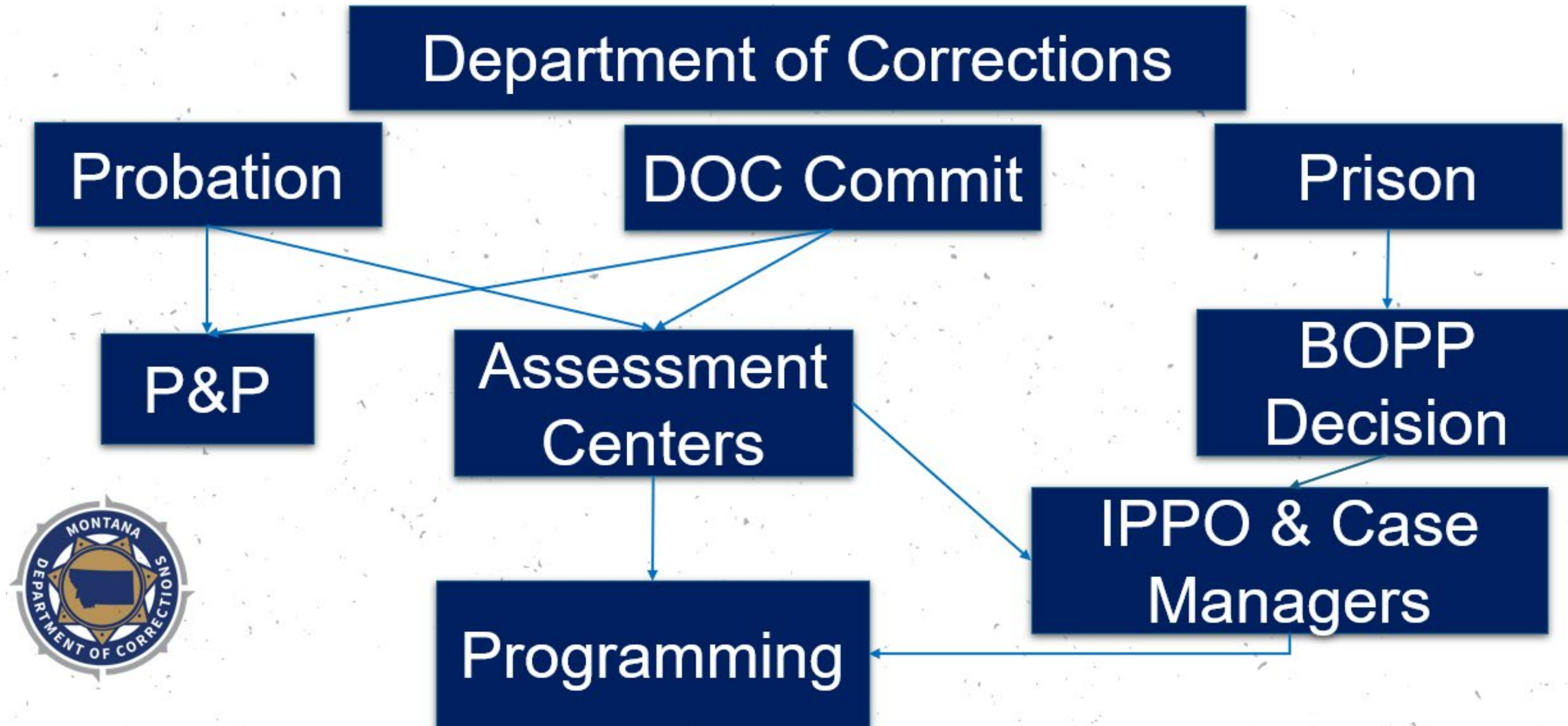


Centralize and optimize the process of screening offenders for placement and ensuring their efficient movement through the system via:

- Single point of contact
- Consistency in packet creation & distribution
- Tracking of packets
- Communication
- Placement paperwork
- Reducing work for Probation and Parole officers
- Jail tracking
- Victim involvement

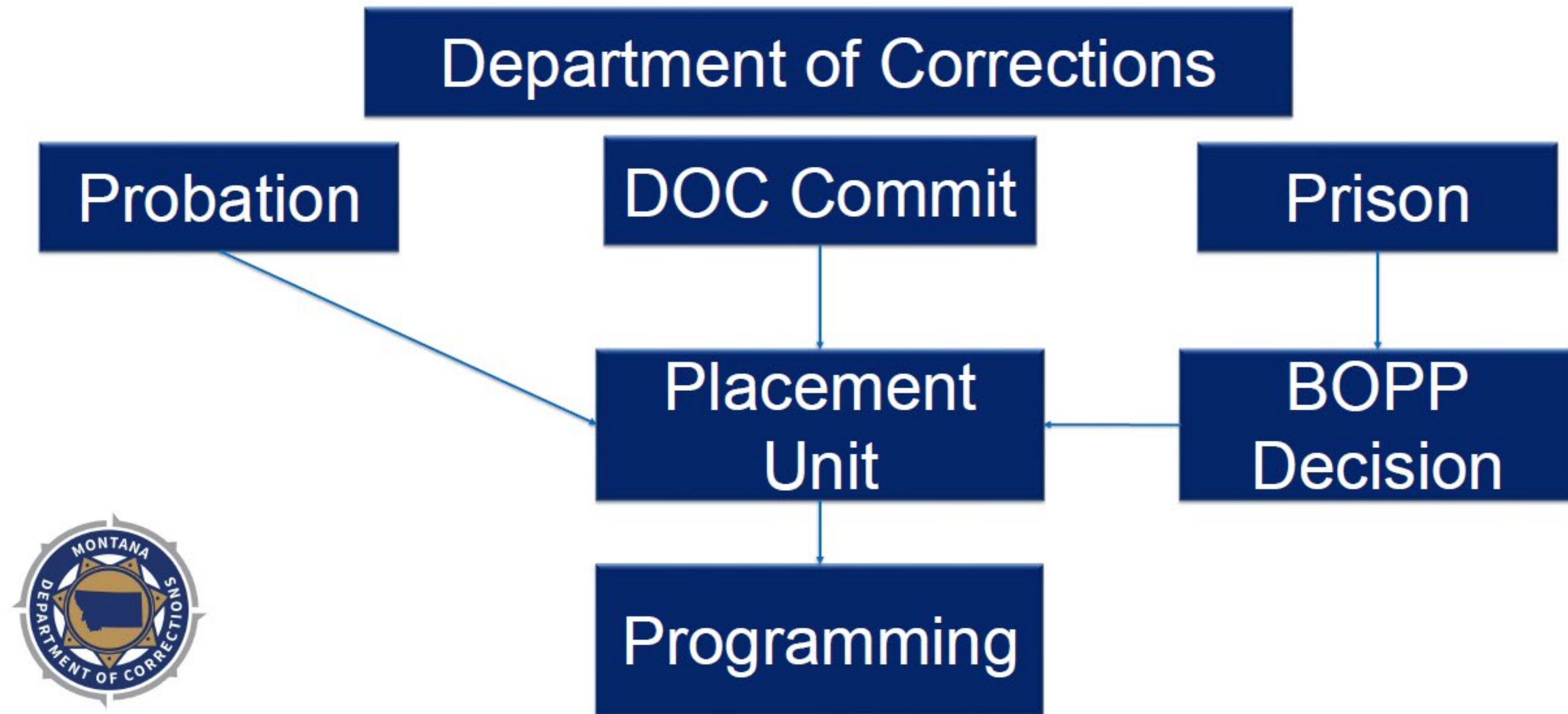
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Placement Process- Before



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Placement Process- After



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What statutes govern the work?



- 46-18-201: Sentences that may be imposed
- 46-18-203: Revocation of suspended or deferred sentence
- 46-23-1015: Informal probation violation intervention hearing
- 46-23-1016: Commitments to department -- report to sentencing court
- 46-23-1024: Initial hearing after arrest
- 46-23-1025: Report to and action by Board
- 46-23-1028: Supervision responses grid
- 53-1-202: Department of Corrections
- 53-1-203: Powers and duties of Department Of Corrections

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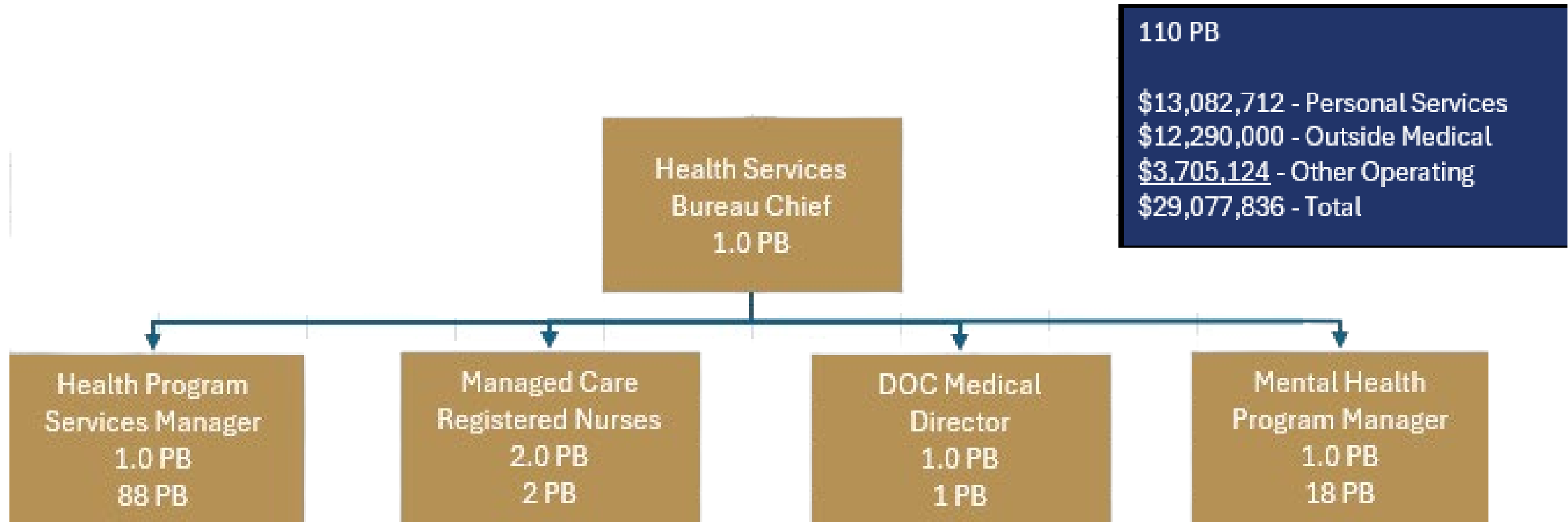
Health Services Bureau

- Provides accessible, quality health services to individuals in secure care
- Manages time and cost components to ensure effective and efficient delivery
- Focuses on comprehensively treating all aspects of an individual's health
- Provides curative treatment, disease prevention, and health promotion

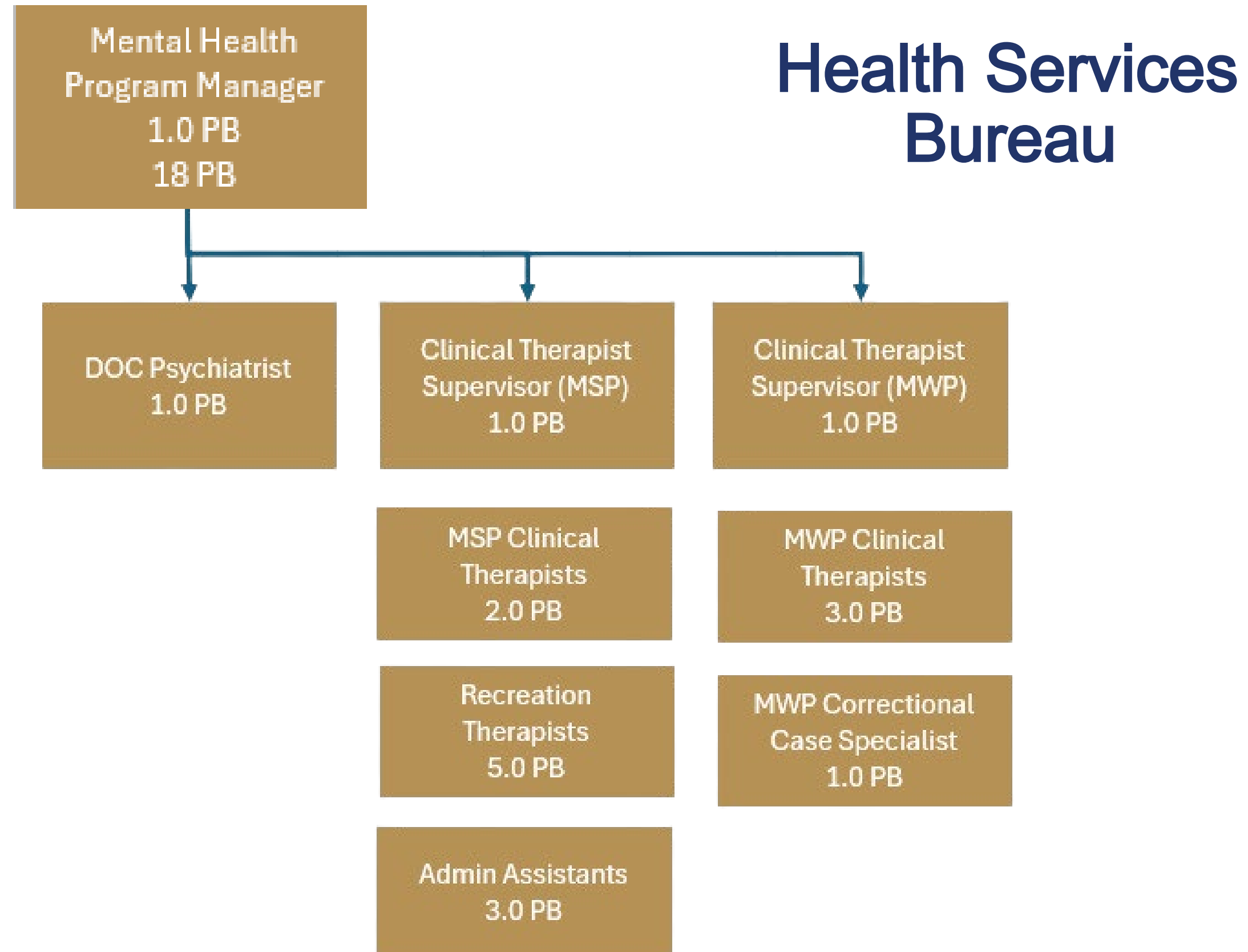


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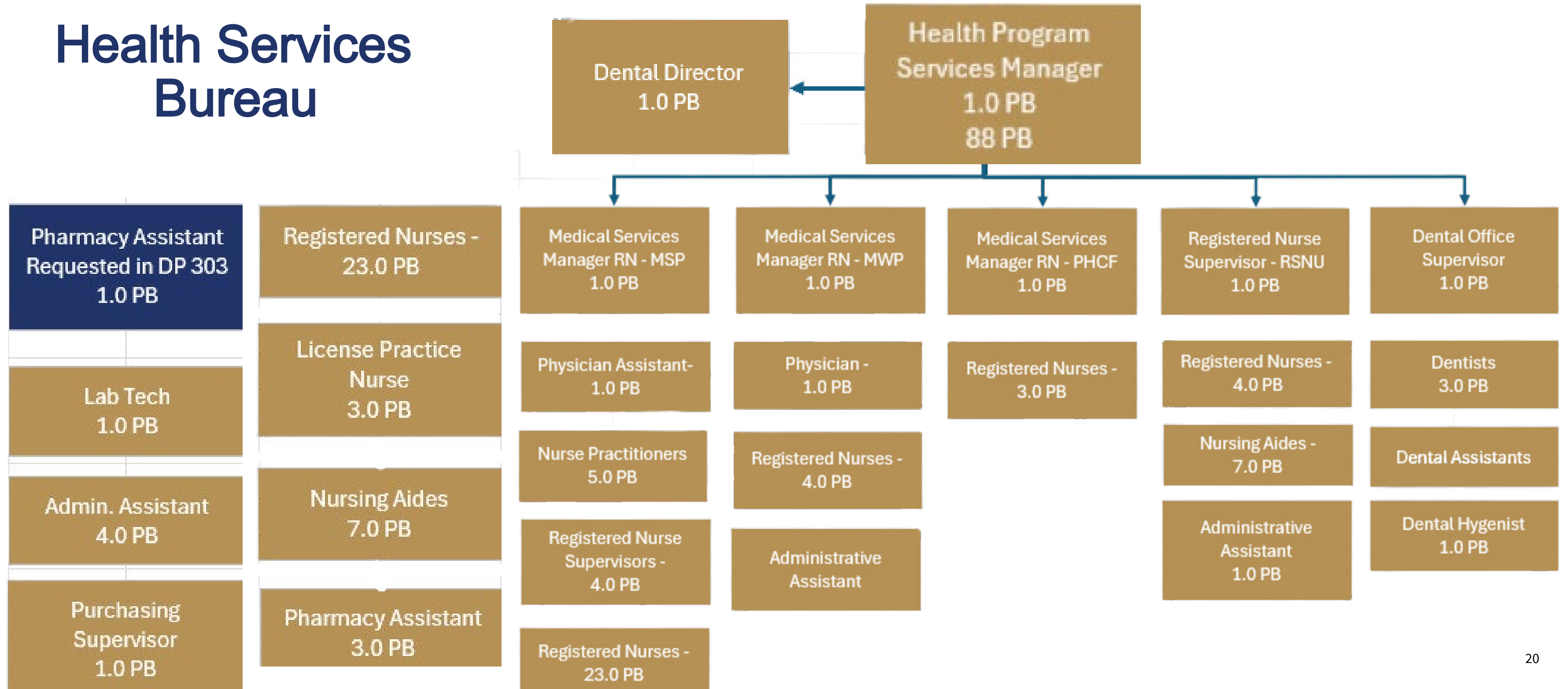


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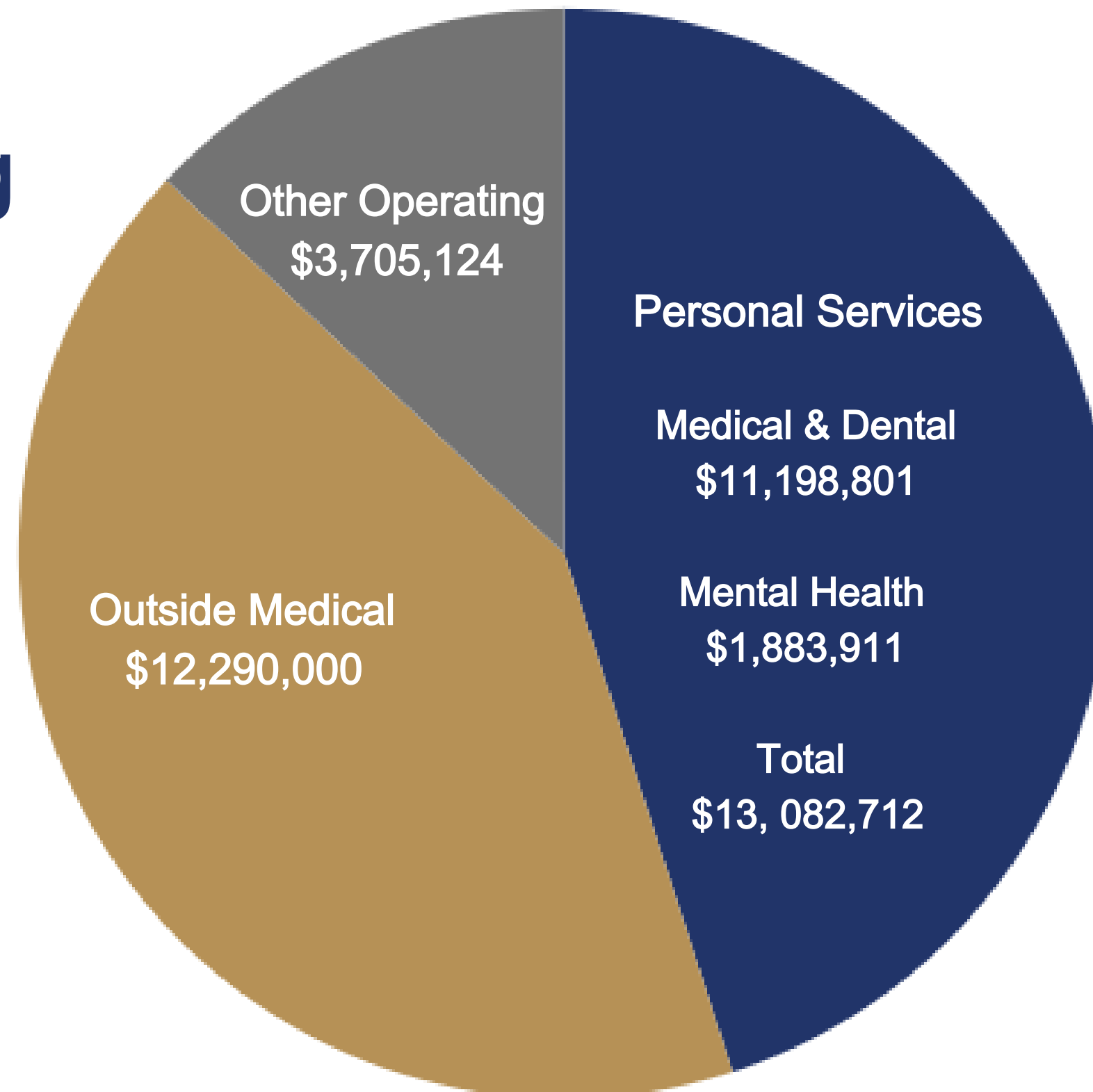
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Health Services Bureau Operating Budget

Total:
\$29,077,836



Other Operating includes:

- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Oxygen
- Medical Waste Disposal
- Wound Vac Rental
- Chemical Dependency Evaluations
- Training Expenses

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What statutes govern the work?



- Estelle v. Gamble (1976)
 - U.S. Supreme Court ruled that health care for inmates was a right embodied in the Eighth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- 53-6-1312: Health care services payment schedules
- 37-1-331: Correctional Health Care Review Team
- 46-4-122: Montana Death in Custody Reporting Act Plan
- 53-30-708: Mental Health Status Review
- 53-30-703: General Requirements for Restrictive Housing
- 50-16-603: Confidentiality of Health Care Information

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Mental health services, diagnosis, levels

Mental Health Levels

- GBMI - 45
- MH1 - 717
- MH2 - 1,134
- MH3 - 310
- MH4 - 51
- SMI - 32

Services Provided

- Therapist appointments - 2,612
- Psychiatry Appointments - 6,559
- Substance Use Appointments - 754
- Wellness Checks (MSP only) - 1,519
- Mental Health Evaluations - 356
- Mental Health Screenings - 1,530

Diagnosis

- Major Depressive Disorder - 431
- Anxiety Disorders - 946
- Adjustment Disorders - 154
- Bipolar Disorder - 589
- Psychotic Disorders - 257
- Post-traumatic Disorder - 471



76% of inmates have some level of mental health diagnosis.

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DOC's Aging Population

People in prison age faster.

- There is no specific definition, but geriatric classification in prison can start as young as 50.

1 in 5 inmates across the country are 55 or older.

- Montana is higher than this national average, about 1 in 4.

Montana's correctional population age change over last 8 years:

- 18-25 yr olds: -2%
- 26-35: -6%
- 36-50: +6%
- 51 and older: +4% (150 people, about 800 total)



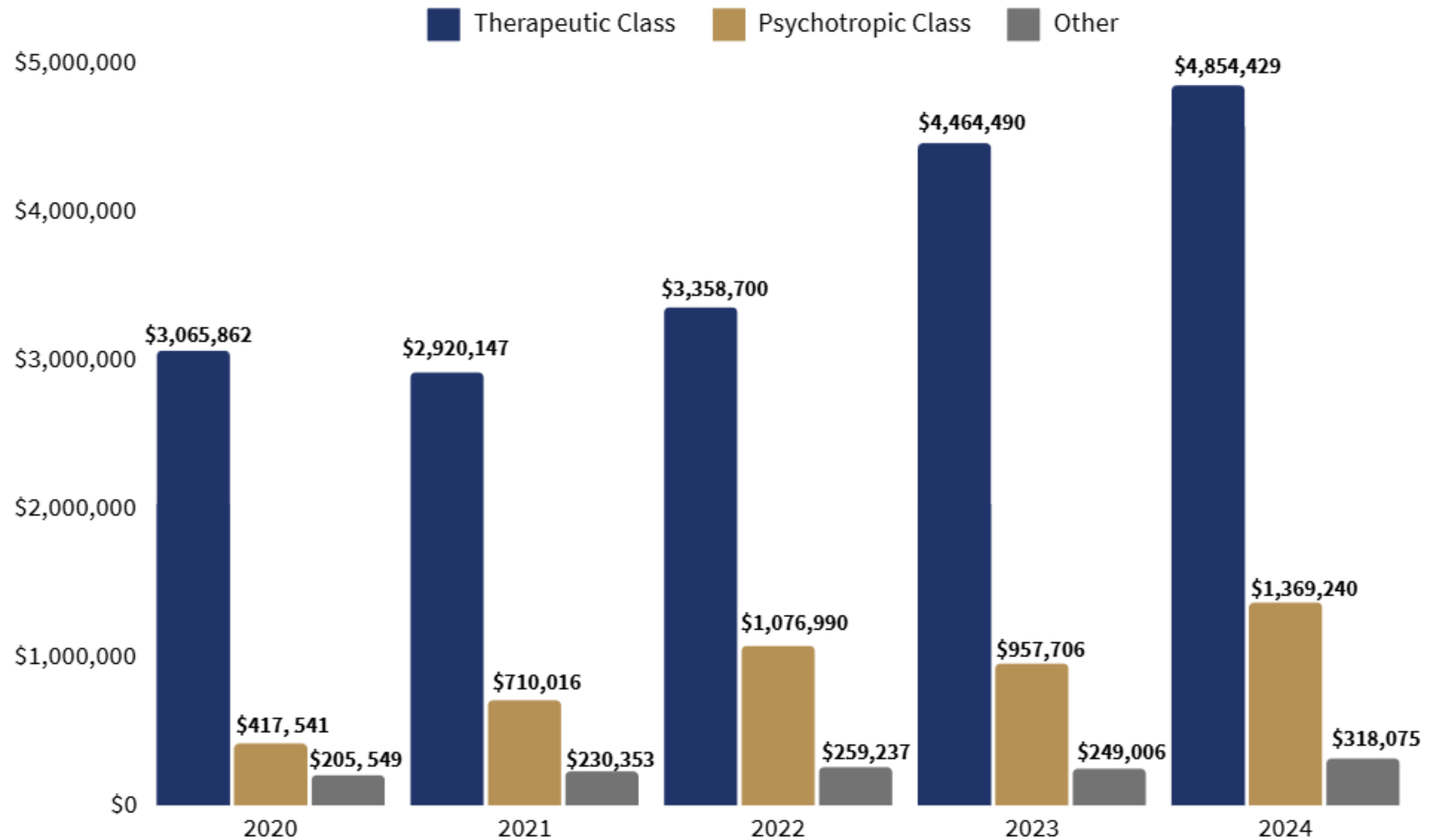
RSNU houses 26 (generally) geriatric inmates, accounting for 3% of the 51+ population.

Given the increase from 26 to 36 categories (ostensibly that population aging), DOC anticipates a continued and even greater increase in our 51+ population in the years ahead.

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Prescription Costs by Class

The DOC spent \$7.1 million on prescription drugs in FY2024 compared with \$3.7 million in FY2020.

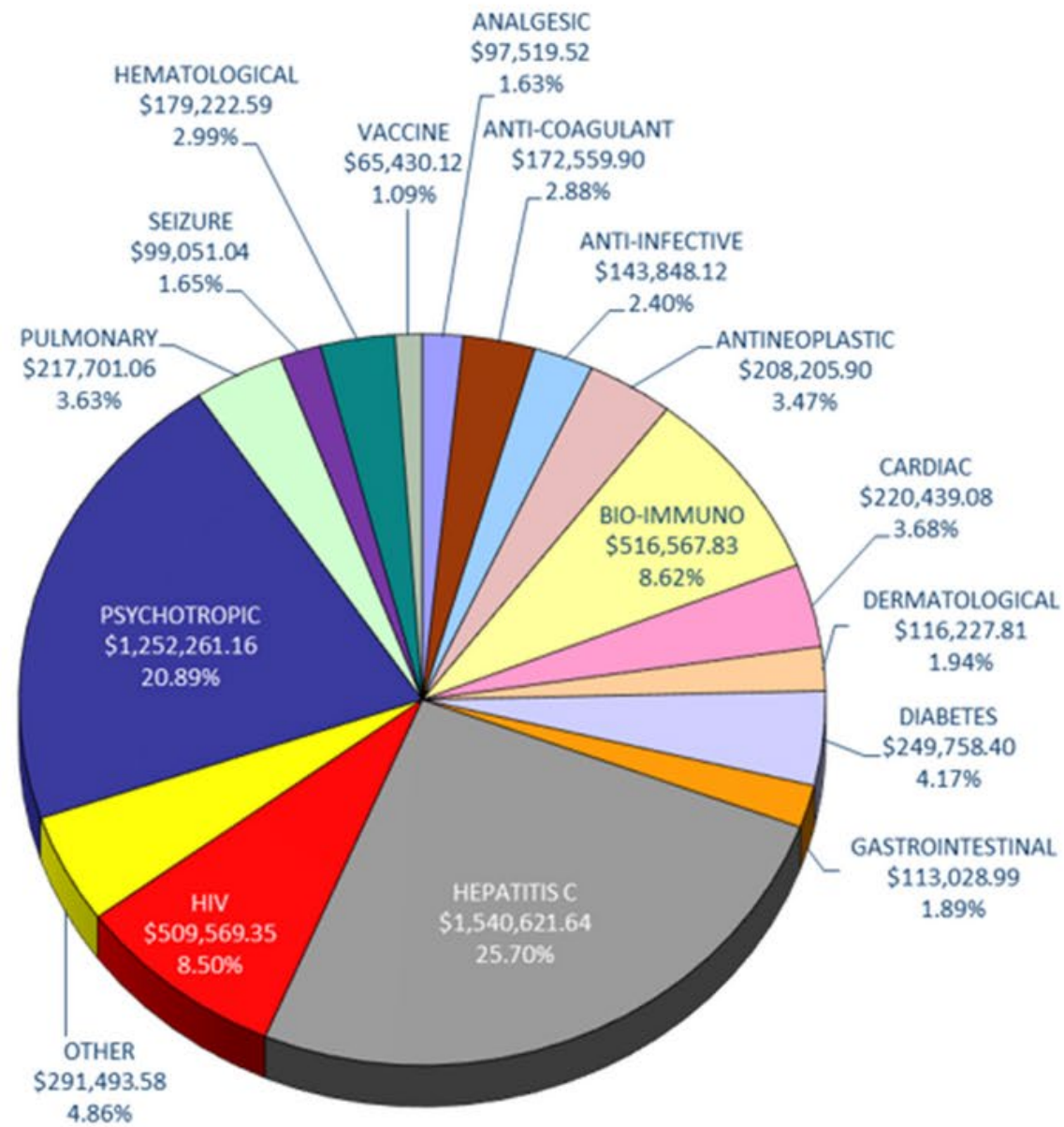


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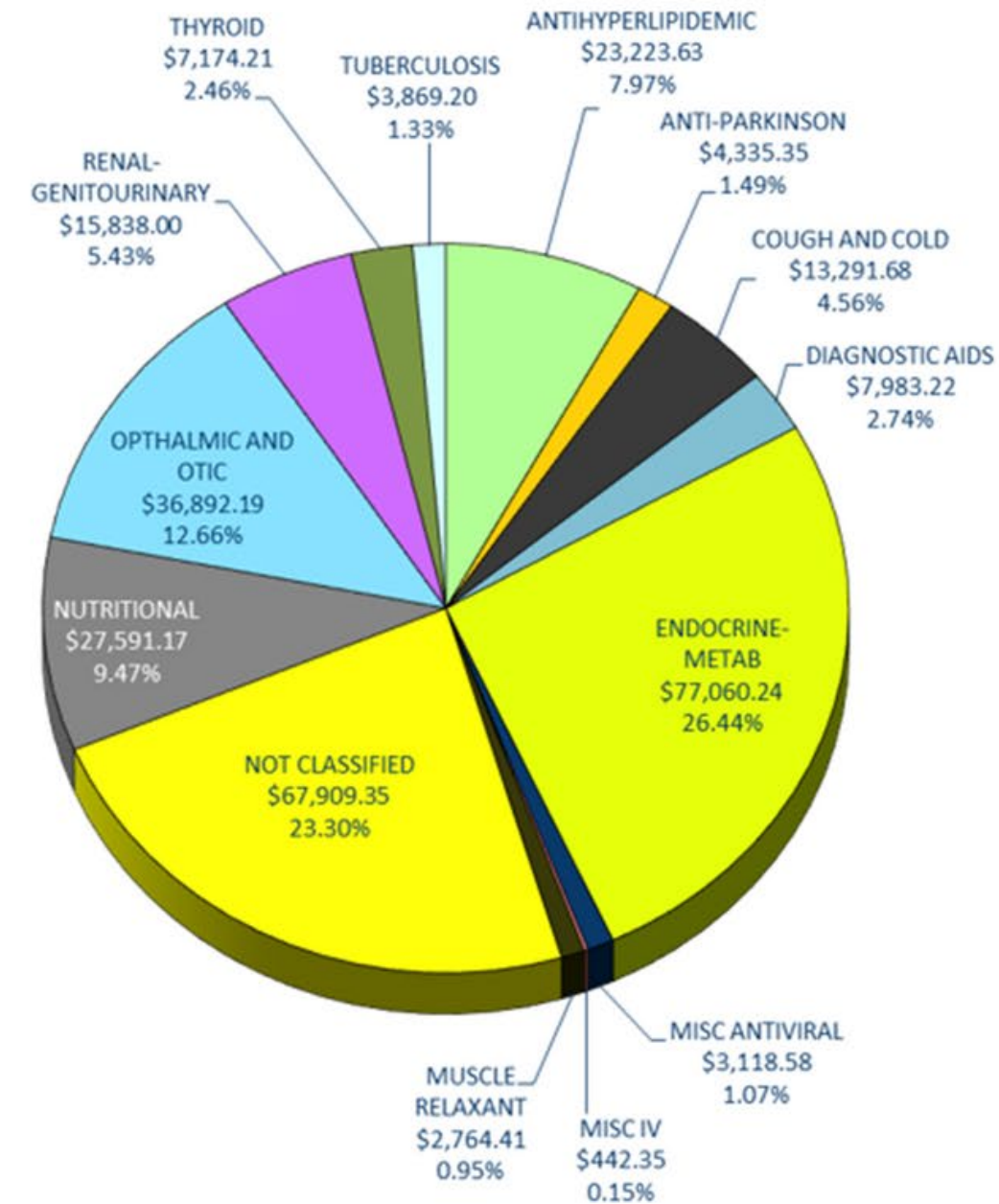
MT DOC Therapeutic Class Expenditures – 2024



Therapeutic Class Expenditures



"Other" Expenditures Breakdown



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340B Program Participation to Reduce Prescription Drug Prices

- Outside medical and prescription expenses have increased significantly in recent years.
- Medical expenses increased from **\$4.1 million in 2019 to \$8.4 million in 2024.**
- Prescription drugs increased from **\$3.7 million in 2019 to \$7.1 million in 2024.**
 - The department is treating an aging population with more acute medical needs.
 - Drug prices are trending upward, nation-wide.
 - Total # of medication orders filled has increased by **26,612** in last 4 years.

340B Program participation will allow the DOC to purchase drugs at lower prices – as a result, the department does not plan to request additional authority to pay for these increases in the upcoming legislative session.



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Evidence -based Practices and Programs Bureau

- Oversees selection, training, and fidelity of practices and programs used by DOC
- Trains staff to appropriately use risk and need actuarial assessment tools
- Oversees program auditing process using the Correctional Program Checklist (CPC)
- Leads implementation of new programming model for male & female populations



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What statutes govern the work?

- 53-1-211: Quality Assurance & Evidence-Based Program Evaluation

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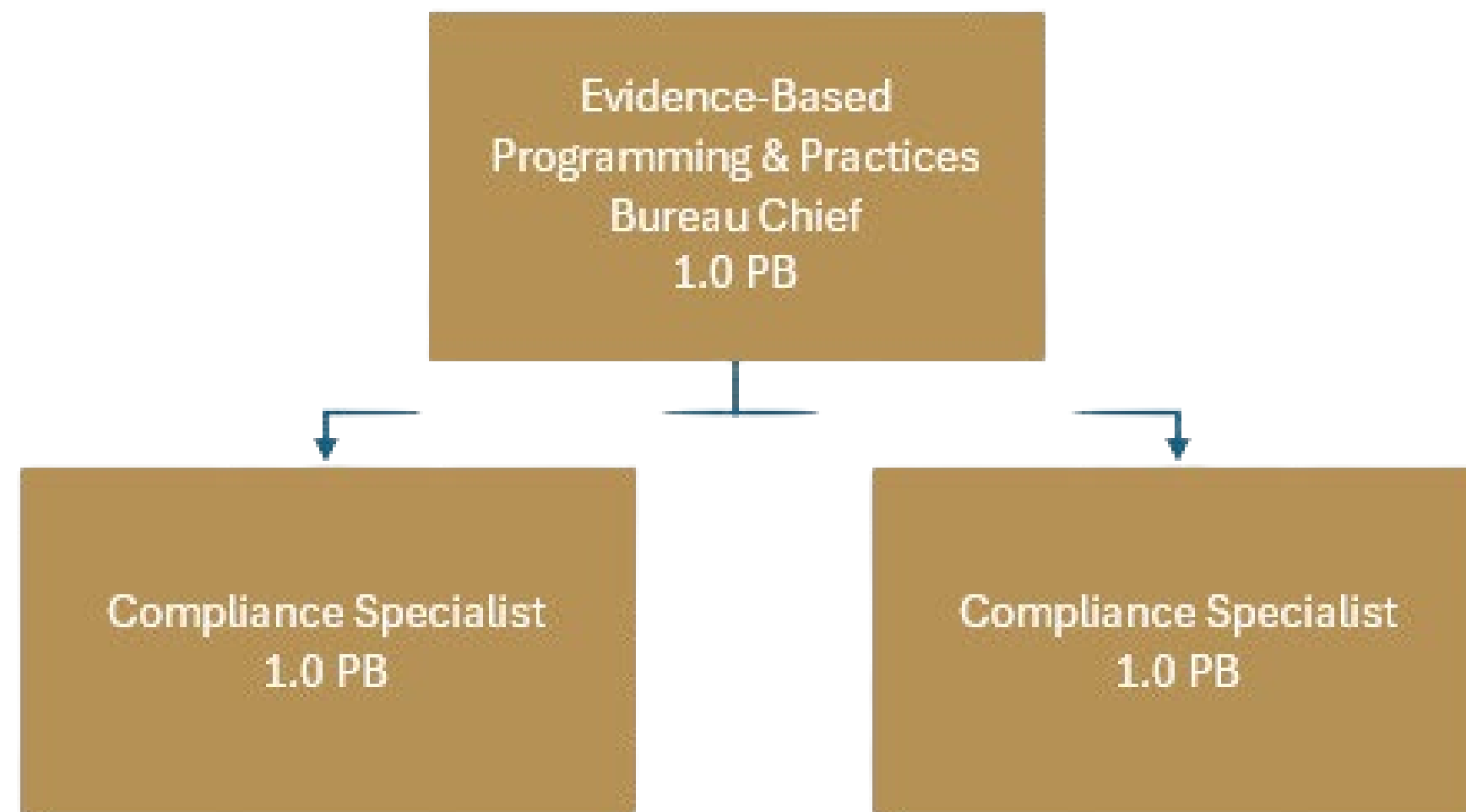
Evidence-Based Programming & Practices Bureau

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\$290,333 - Personal Services

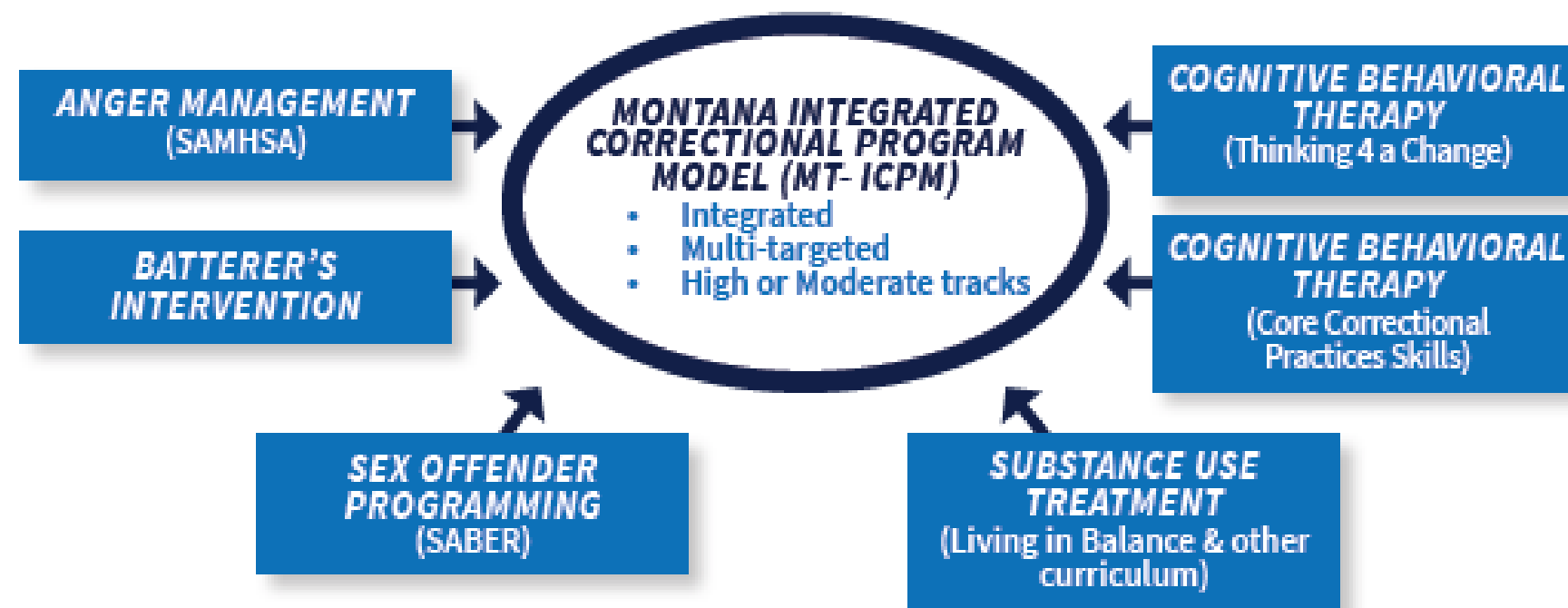
\$81,555 - Operating

\$371,888 - Total

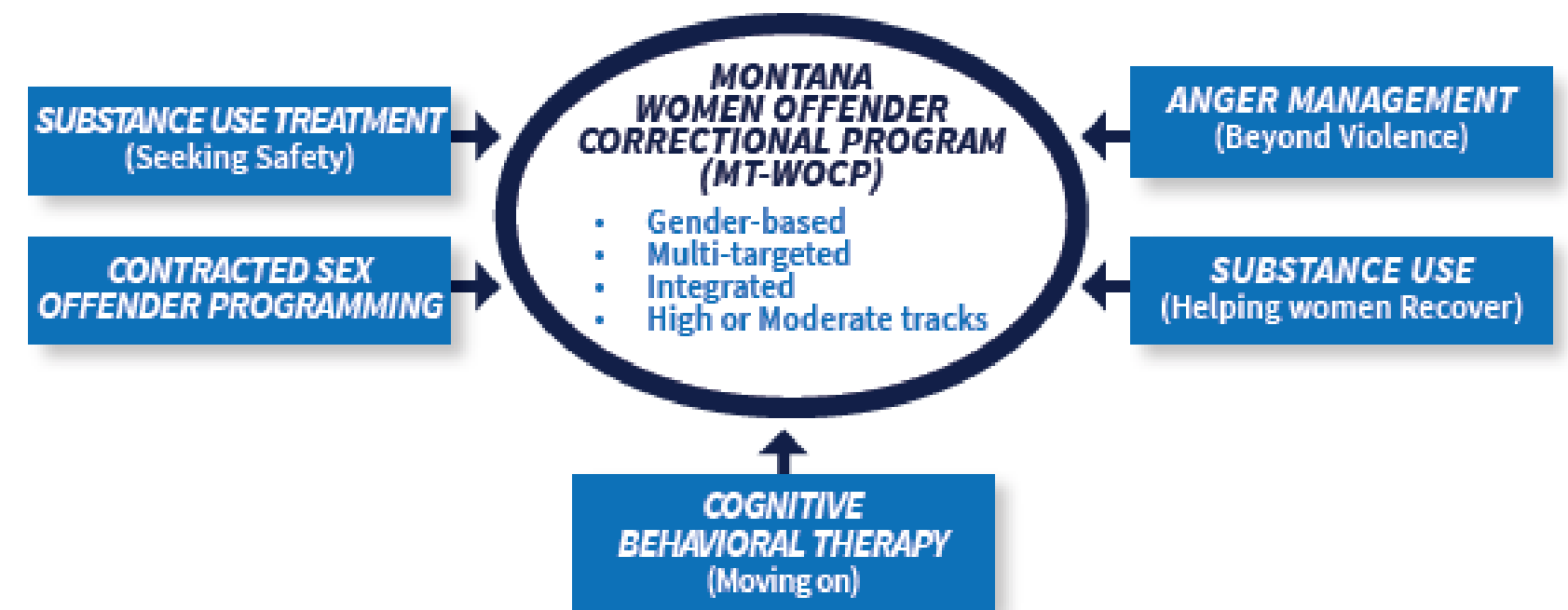


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MEN'S PROGRAMMING CHANGES



WOMEN'S PROGRAMMING CHANGES



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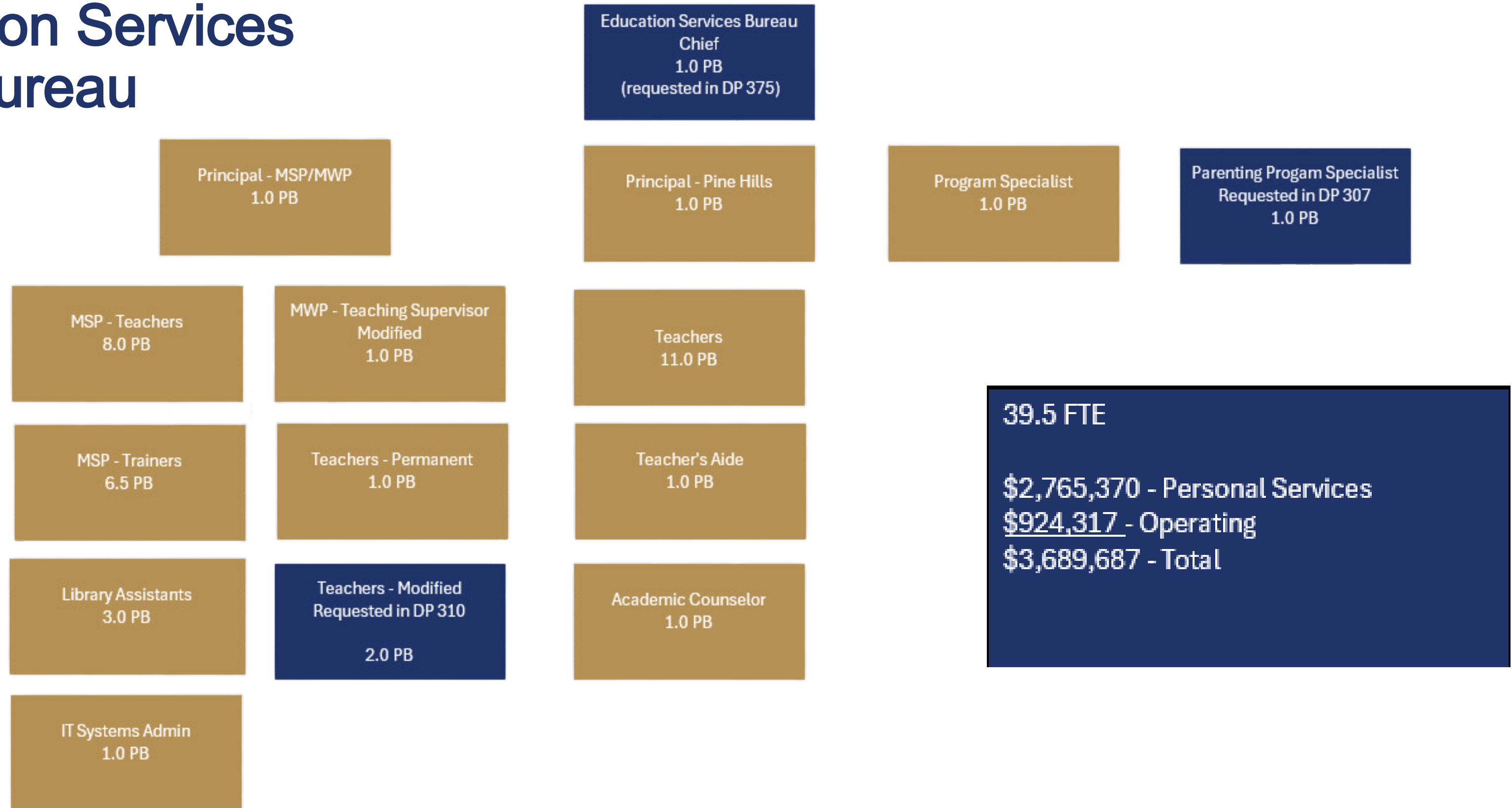
Education Services Bureau

- Supports existing education-related programs and initiatives
- Leads strategic plan development and achievement efforts
- Unifies and expands Montana correctional system education efforts
- Engages and supports educational expansion with community correction partners



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Education Services Bureau



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What statutes govern the work?



- 52-5-106: Curricula at facilities
- 52-5-112: University aid to residents of schools
- 53-1-203: Powers and duties of department of corrections
- 20-7-101: Accreditation Standards

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Education Services Bureau Highlights

Second Chance Pell Program

- Pilot in Montana began in the summer of 2022 (four colleges)
- Increased opportunities for justice-involved education

The Last Mile Program

- First class in Montana began at MSP in October 2022 with 22 students (3 waived parole hearings to participate)
- Direct link with high-tech industry

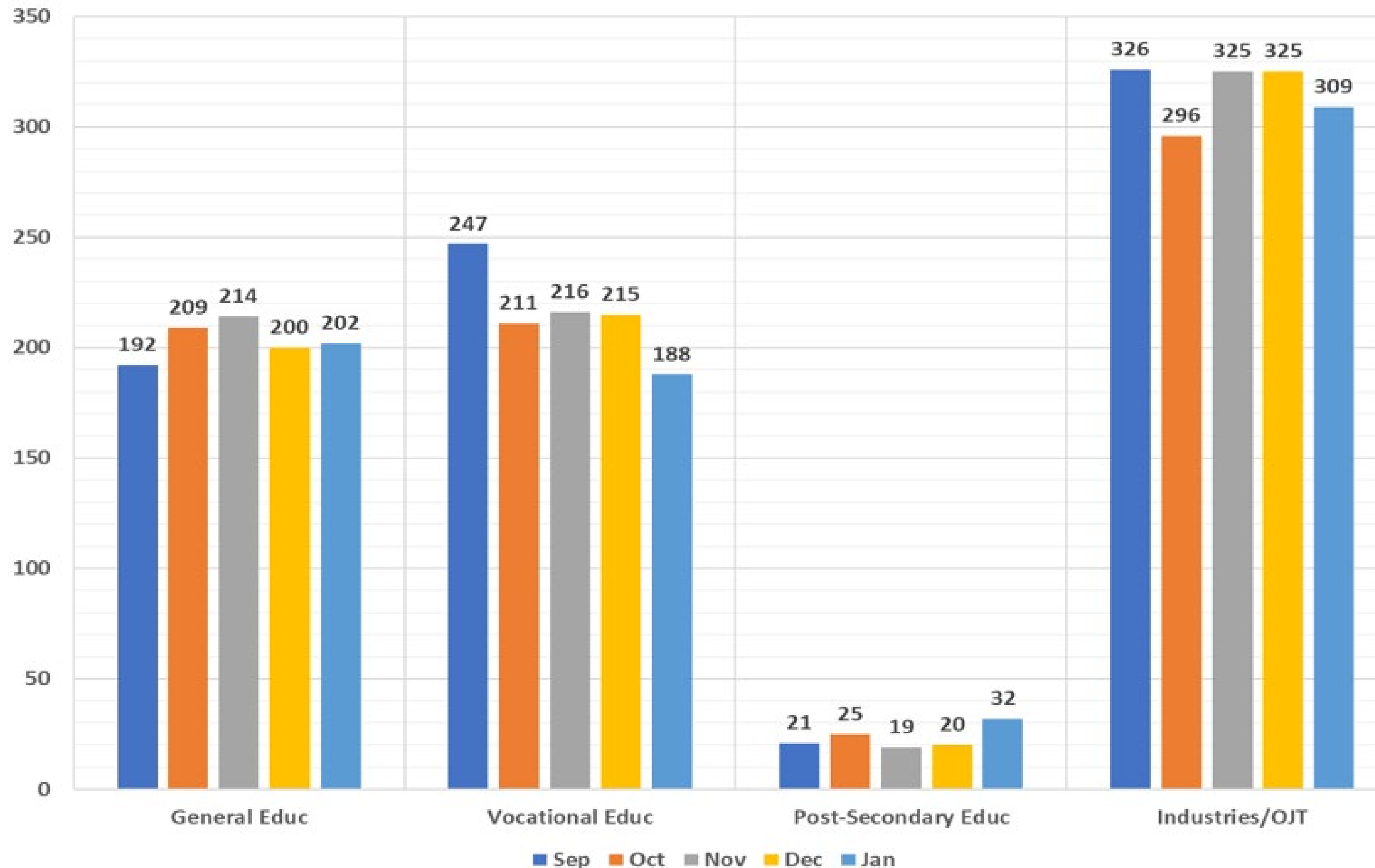
HiSET (July 2023-December 2024)

- 151 graduates
- 127 individuals experienced gains in English language fluency
- 233 individuals with measurable skill gains



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DOC Programs Participation



Gen Educ

- Adult Basic Ed; HiSET

Voc Educ

- Welding, CDL, Computer Coding

Post 2nd Educ

- AutoTech, LAC, Business, Religious

Industries/OJT

- Furniture Factory, Ranch, Motor Vehicle Maintenance, License Plate Factory, etc.

DOC rolls out new educational welding trailer



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Program Services

Responsible for:

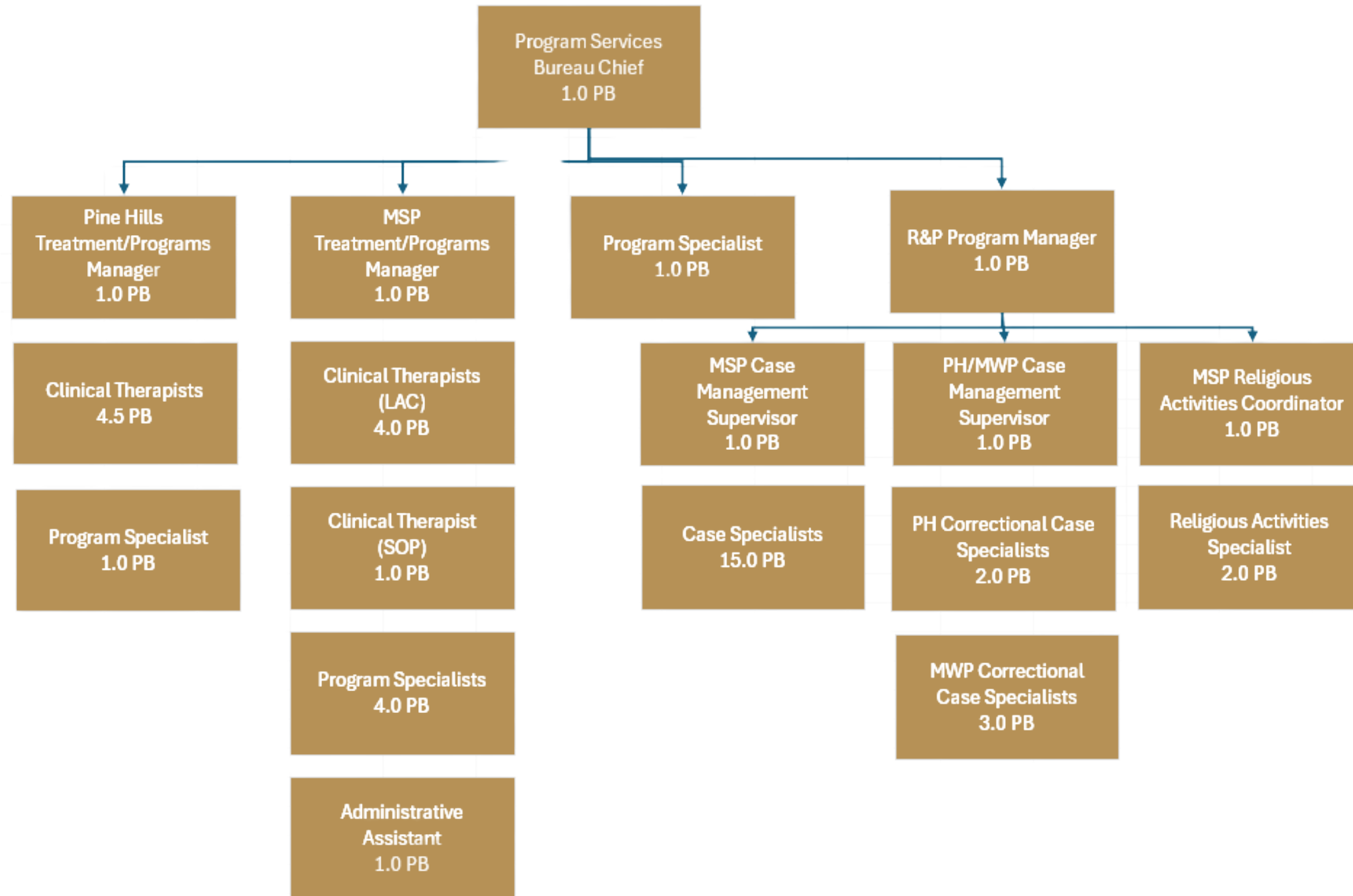
- Behavioral treatment programs such as ICPM (which includes substance abuse and sex offender treatment, anger management, criminal and addictive thinking, trauma) and victim impact.
- Inmate case management
- Transitional placement from secure care
- Religious programs and activities



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Program Services

45.5 PB
 \$3,905,165 - Personal Services
 \$8,500 - Operating
 \$3,913,665 - Total



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What statutes govern the work?

- 46-18-207: Sex Offender Treatment
- 53-24-301: Substance Use Disorder treatment
- 53-20-110: Community Treatment plan
- 53-1-203: Powers and Duties of Department of Corrections

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Case Management Statistics



- Average incarceration term of population - **4.95 years**
- Average inmate age (youngest adult - 17, oldest adult - 89) - **43 years**
- Number of incarcerated veterans - **190**
- Number of individuals with no (realistic) parole option - **145**
 - Current inmate who has been eligible for parole the longest - **12/26/1988**
 - Current inmate with the farthest parole date - **4/20/2170**



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Programming & Treatment

- Risk and Needs Assessments
 - 18% Low, 36% Moderate, 30% High, 5% Very High
- Number of inmates on treatment waitlist for parole eligibility within 5 years - **446**
- Number of inmates court-ordered to obtain HiSET prior to parole - **198**
- Number of inmates on Victim Impact Panel participation waitlist - **173**



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Case Management

- Number of unique case plans completed (as of COB 2024)
 - At least two goals identified per each case plan
- Case plan goals
 - Number interested in parenting skills - **231**
 - Number interested in college courses - **327**
 - Number interested in improving employability/job readiness skills - **600**
 - Vocational education interest areas - **67**



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DOC Inmate Tablet Usage

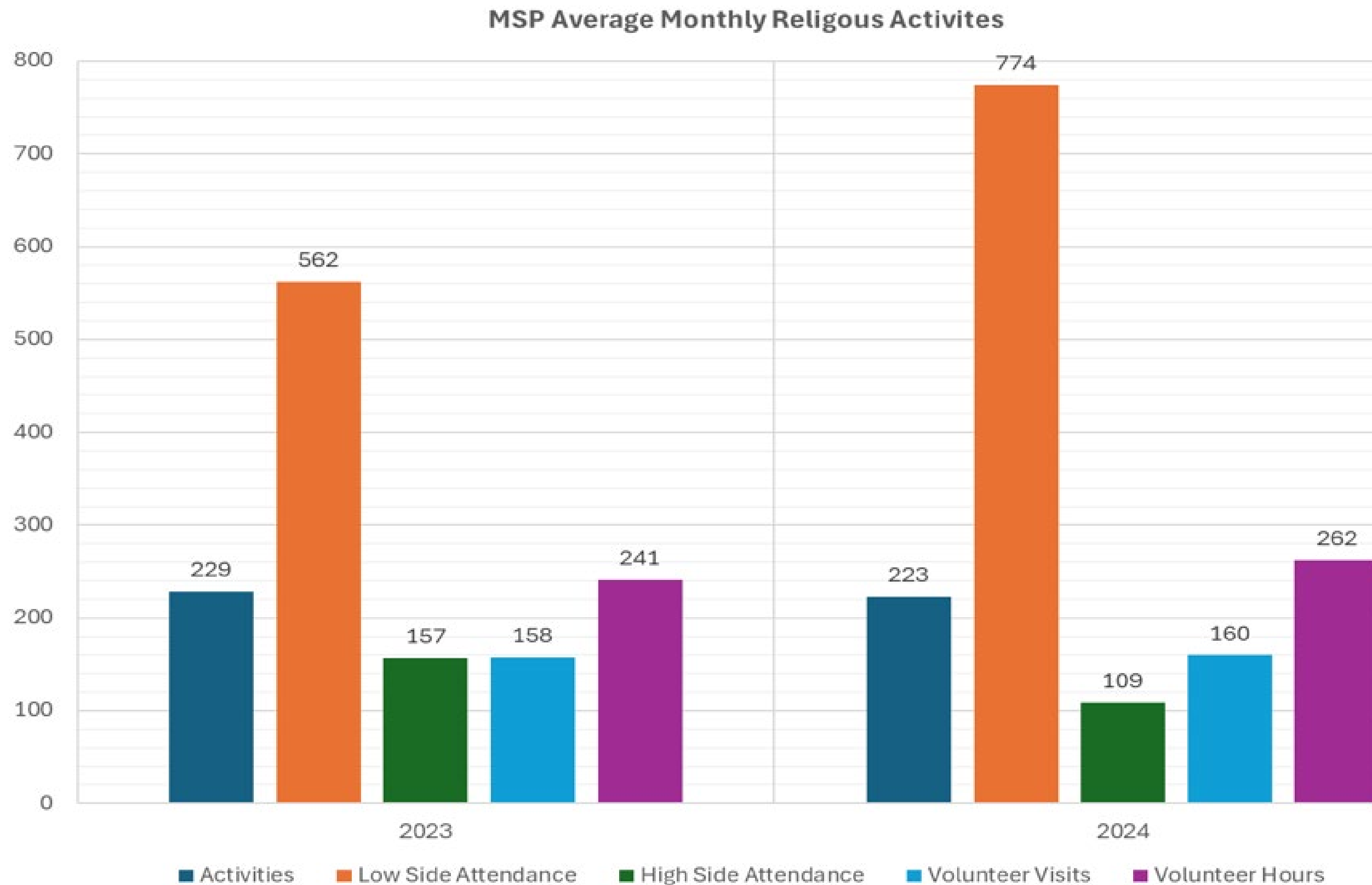


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DOC Inmate Tablet Usage



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Native Americans comprise a significant portion of the DOC's population:

- 6.6% of Montana's population
- 21% of the DOC's total population
- 22% of the DOC's prison population (including out of state)
- 20% of the population at MSP
- 42% of the population at MWP

To support this population, secure facilities in Montana offer a variety of religious and cultural opportunities including sweats, pipe ceremonies, drum ceremonies, beadwork, and more. Also, out-of-state facilities offer sweats for Montana inmates.

- In 2023 and 2024, sweats at MSP averaged 200 participants per month.



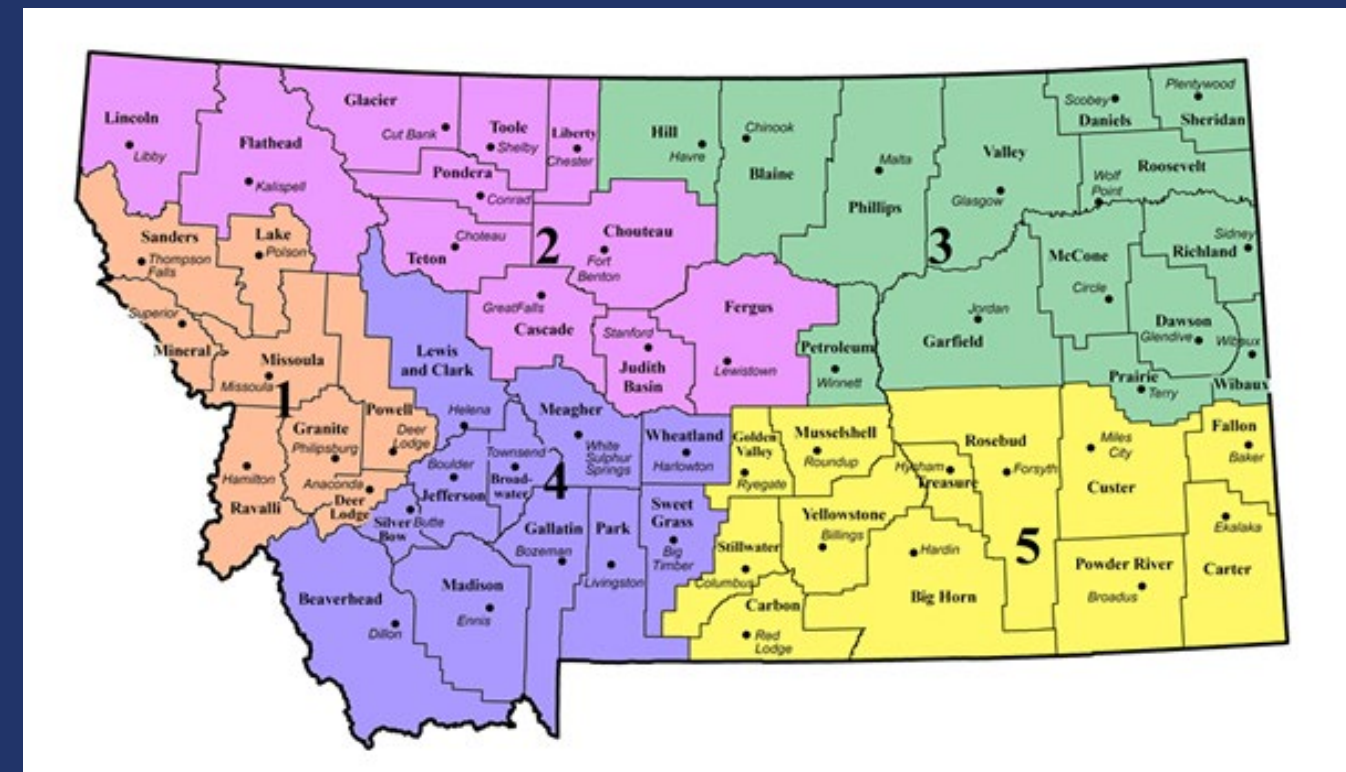


Each tribe in Montana has different traditions and customs with sweat lodge ceremonies, but at DOC facilities everyone comes together as one group.

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Victim Services Bureau

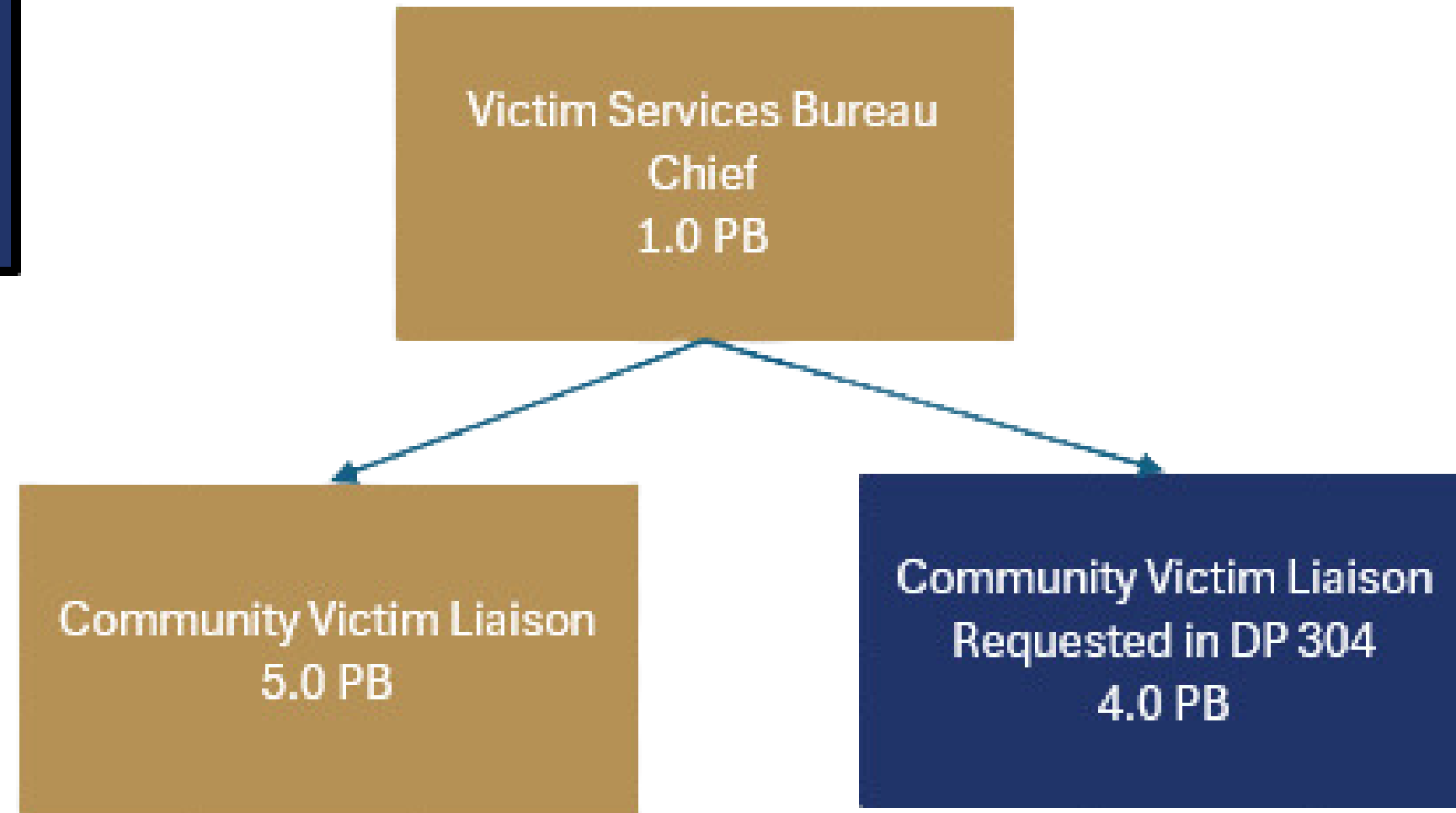
- Informs, involves, educates, and empowers victims of crime
- Provides direct support services to 2,000 victims each month
- Helps enhance community safety through positive justice-partner collaborations
- Manages direct victim services, restorative justice, and Victim Information Notification systems that help track justice system processes



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Victim Services Bureau

6.0 PB
\$787,254 - Personal Services
\$85,410 - Operating
\$1,036,343 - Total



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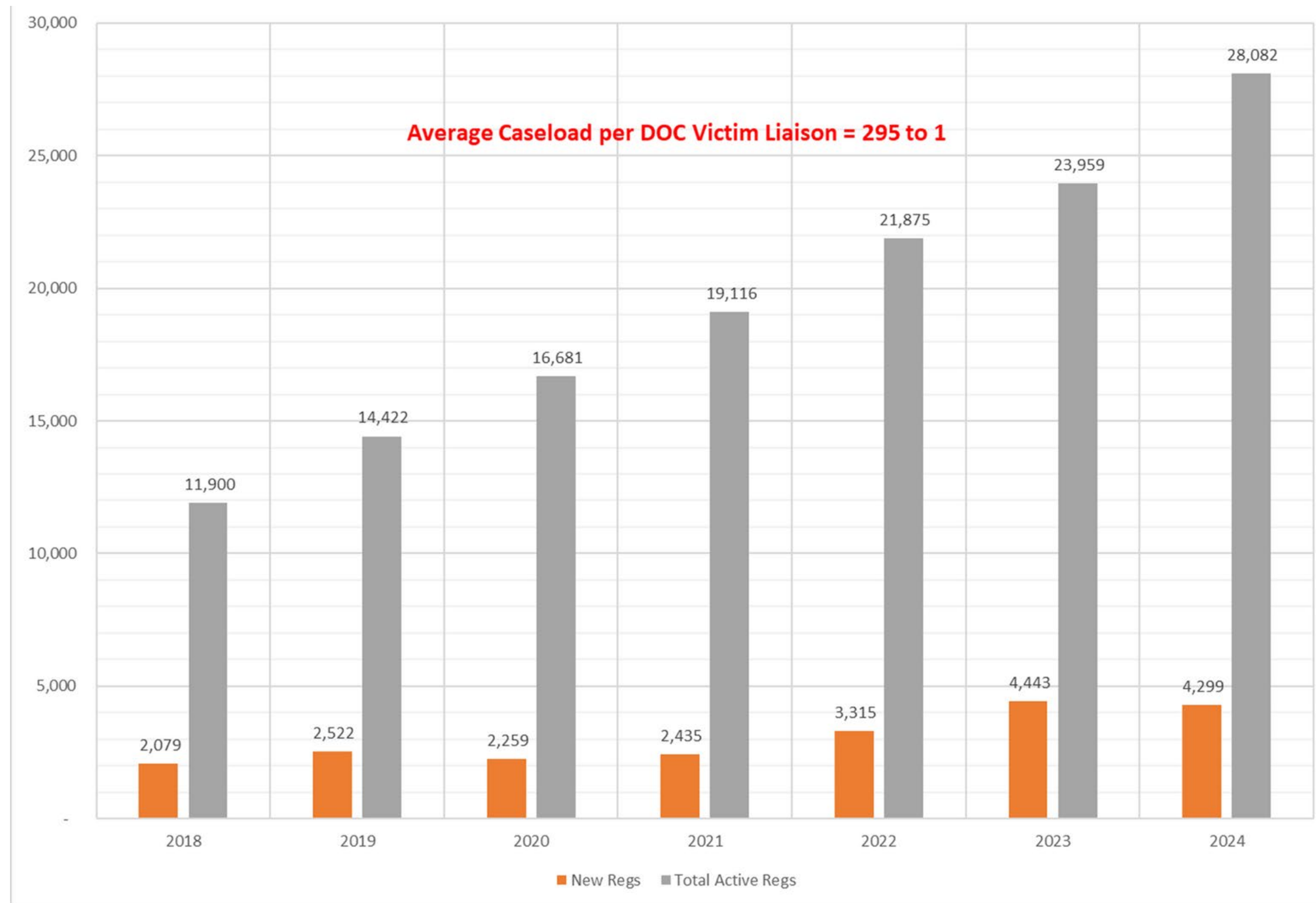


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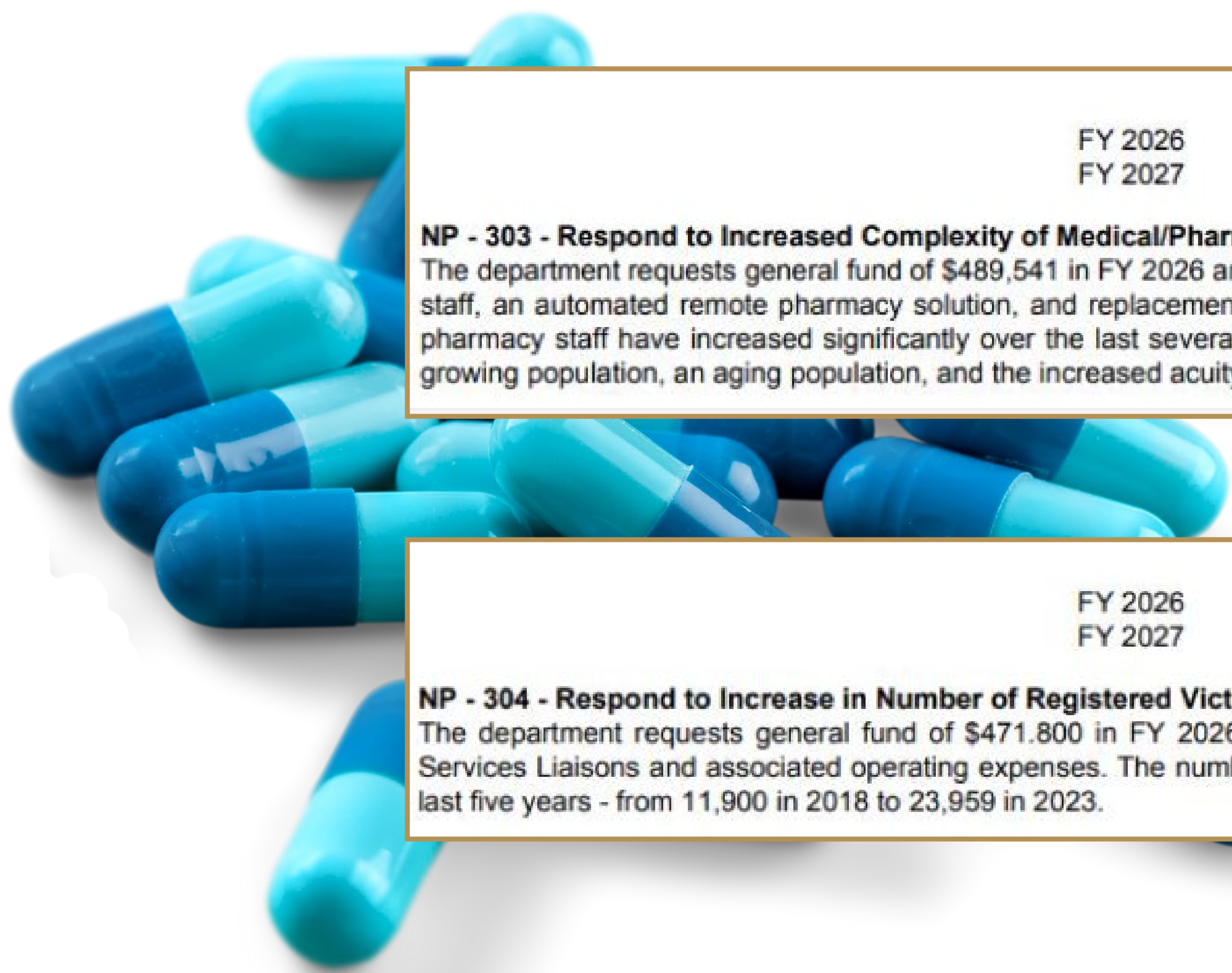
- 46-24-203: Prompt notification to victims and witnesses of certain offenses
- 46-24-212: Information concerning confinement
- Additional related references: 40-15-204 ; 44-5-311; 46-12-215; 46-1-502; 46-18-101; 46-18-111; 46-18-112; 46-18-113; 46-18-115; 46-18-201; 46-18-208; 46-18-903; 46-23-1011; 46-24-106; 46-24-201; 46-24-203; 46-24-212; 46-24-213.

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Victim Information Notification System Registrations



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	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$489,541	\$489,541
FY 2027	\$474,541	\$474,541

NP - 303 - Respond to Increased Complexity of Medical/Pharmacy Needs -

The department requests general fund of \$489,541 in FY 2026 and \$474,541 in FY 2027 to fund 1.00 additional pharmacy staff, an automated remote pharmacy solution, and replacement of outdated medical equipment. Demands on medical/pharmacy staff have increased significantly over the last several years. This trend is expected to continue because of a growing population, an aging population, and the increased acuity of those the agency serves.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$471,800	\$471,800
FY 2027	\$466,800	\$466,800

NP - 304 - Respond to Increase in Number of Registered Victims -

The department requests general fund of \$471,800 in FY 2026 and \$466,800 in FY 2027 to support 4.00 FTE Victim Services Liaisons and associated operating expenses. The number of registered victims has more than doubled over the last five years - from 11,900 in 2018 to 23,959 in 2023.

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Program 3 Decision Package Requests

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$250,000	\$250,000
FY 2027	\$250,000	\$250,000

NP - 306 - Tattoo Removal Program -

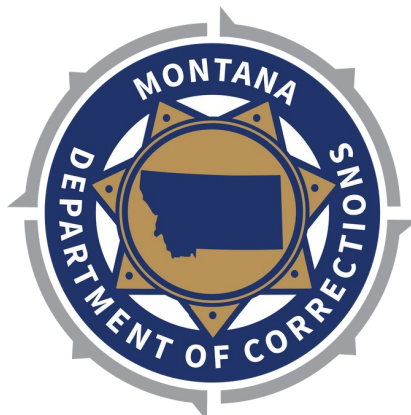
The department requests general fund of \$250,000 in FY 2026 and \$250,000 in FY 2027. This request would allow the department to contract with an external entity to provide tattoo-removal services to interested offenders. Tattoo removal can provide expanded employment opportunities post-release. It also provides an opportunity to end gang affiliation.

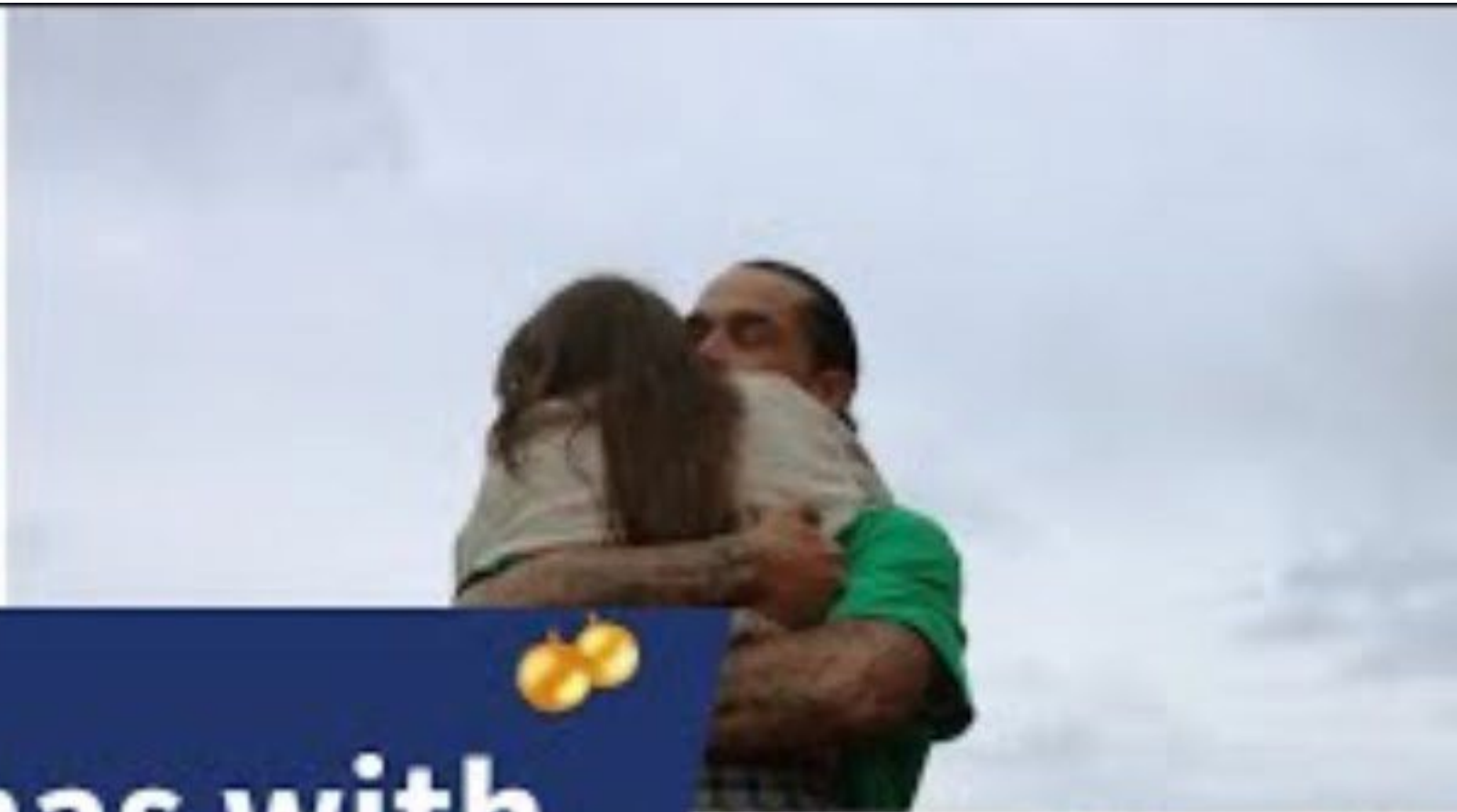


	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$120,000	\$120,000
FY 2027	\$120,000	\$120,000

NP - 307 - Parenting Program -

The department requests an increase in general fund of \$120,000 in FY 2026 and \$120,000 in FY 2027 for the continuation of CAMMP MT (Connecting Adults and Minors through Positive Parenting), which is a parenting program that focuses on evidence-based programming for inmates that also offers resources and support for families. This program has been funded by a grant for the last four years, however, grant funding is ending. This proposal would continue the program into the future





**Christmas with
CAMPP Montana**



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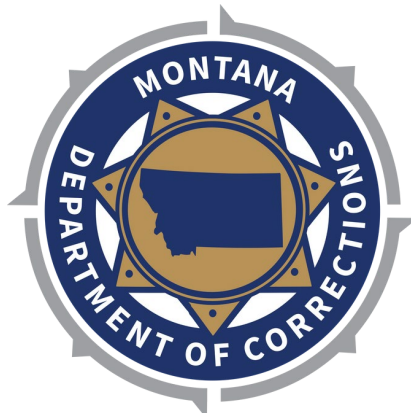
	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$0	\$0
FY 2027	\$0	\$0

NP - 310 - Make Modified Teacher Positions Permanent at MWP -
 The department requests that 2.00 FTE teacher modified positions at Montana Women's Prison be made permanent. These positions were previously contracted with the Billings School District. As a result, funding for the positions sits in the department's base operating budget. No additional appropriation is being requested, however, \$183,121 is being moved from the operating category to the personal services category in each year of the biennium.



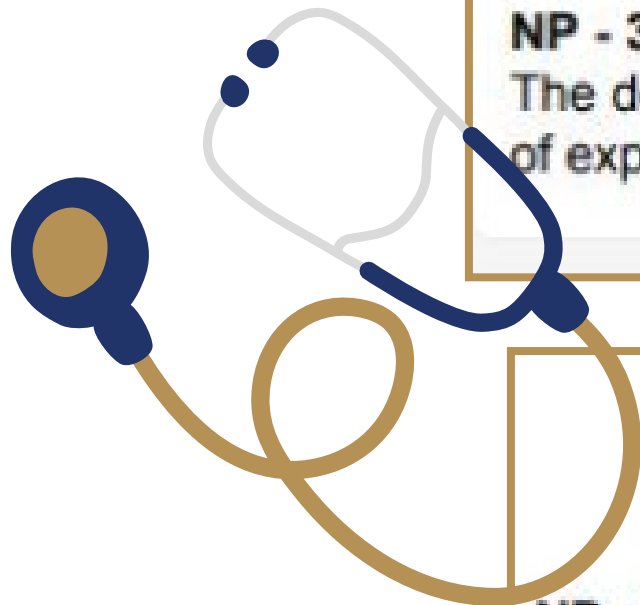
	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$212,608	\$212,608
FY 2027	\$212,608	\$212,608

NP - 375 - Correction of Error - Make OTO FTE Permanent -
 The department requests general fund of \$212,608 in FY 2026 and \$212,608 in FY 2027 to support 2.00 FTE. The FTE were restored last session to correct an error from the prior session, but designated as OTO. The department requests that they be permanently restored.



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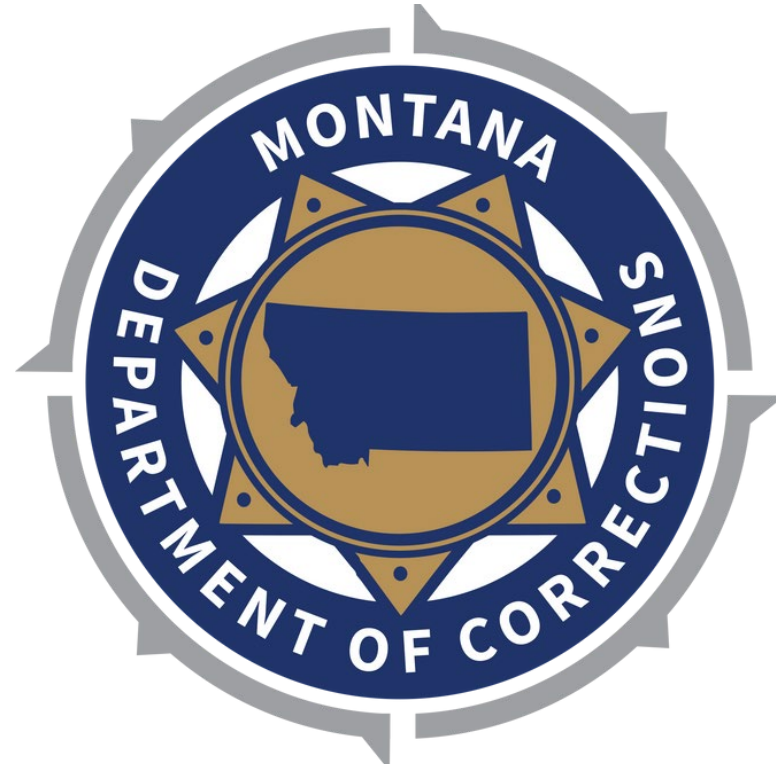


	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$1,767,130	\$1,767,130
FY 2027	\$2,310,234	\$2,310,234

NP - 380 - Community Correctional Facility Rate Adjustments -
The department requests general fund of \$1,767,130 in FY 2026 and \$2,310,234 in FY 2027 to accommodate the renewal of expiring pre-release contracts and to provide rate increases for community corrections facilities.

	<u>General Fund Total</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
FY 2026	\$516,348	\$516,348
FY 2027	\$860,223	\$860,223

NP - 385 - Equalize Nurse Pay -
This new proposal standardizes nurse wages among all facilities in the Department of Corrections. There is an associated request in the Department of Public Health and Human Services for the same purpose. Nursing positions have had continual recruitment and retention issues and the change package aims to prevent the facilities from competing with each other for qualified nurses due to pay. This package requests approximately \$1.3 million general fund for the biennium.



Questions?