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Arrest Rates: Maya's Place Clients 2005-2011 and Crossroads Clients 2001-2011

Introduction

In fall 2014, the New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC), Crossroads and Maya's Place began a partnership to understand criminal justice involvement of clients of both programs.

Staff from Crossroads and Maya's Place provided NMSC with client lists. Using these lists, NMSC staff removed any duplicated clients and identified clients who had been both Maya's Place and Crossroad's clients. If a client had been in both programs, we tracked them from their start date at Maya's Place.

In our initial analysis, we discovered that only 9.8% of Crossroads clients and 19.6% of Maya's Place clients had ever been to prison in New Mexico. Additionally, 31.4% of Crossroads clients and 50.6% of Maya's Place clients had been on New Mexico Corrections Department Probation and Parole Probation supervised probation anytime in the time period 2004-2014. Rather than focus our analysis on return to prison outcomes, we decided to focus our efforts on New Mexico arrests and bookings in the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention.

In this report we will focus on New Mexico arrests. The source of the data is the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Arrest database that is provided to NMSC on a quarterly basis. The data contains all arrests in the state from January 2000 to December 2014.

Maya's Place Clients

We started with a list of 245 clients. We removed 54 clients who had not reached the 3 year mark since their client start date. Of the remaining 191 clients, 179 had previously been arrested at least once. Table one contains the arrest rates three years prior and subsequent. Ninety-six percent of the clients were arrested 3 years prior to entering the program. The re-arrest rate was 51%. The difference in the arrest rates is statistically significant.

Table 1. Maya's Place Clients Arrested within 3 Years Prior and 3 Years After Program		
	3 Years Prior	3 Years After
Number Clients	179	179
Number Arrested	172	91
Arrest Rate	96%	51%

Additionally, we compared the number of arrests in the 3 year period pre- and post-program. The average number of arrests in the 3 year period prior to the program was 3.5, while the average number of arrests in the 3 year period after the program was 1.2. This difference was also statistically significant.

Crossroads Clients

We started with a list of 153 clients. We removed 45 clients who had not reached the 3 year mark since their client start date. Of the remaining 108 clients, 95 had been arrested at least once. Table two contains the arrest rates three years prior and subsequent. Ninety-five percent of the clients were arrested 3 years prior to entering the program. The re-arrest rate was 41%. The difference in the arrest rates is statistically significant.

Additionally, we compared the number of arrests in the 3 year period pre- and post-program. The average number of arrests in the 3 year period prior to the program was 3.0, while the average number of arrests in the 3 year period after the program was 0.91. This difference was also statistically significant.

Table 2. Crossroads Clients Arrested within 3 Years Prior and 3 Years After Program		
	3 Years Prior	3 Years After
Number Clients	95	95
Number Arrested	90	39
Arrest Rate	95%	41%