

Alternative in the Community Programs

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Community Solutions' (CSI) Alternative in the Community (AIC) Programs are community-based alternatives to incarceration that provide multifaceted intervention services for offenders awaiting trial, or who are on probation or parole. The program uses Motivational Interviewing techniques and a curricula-driven, evidence-based model designed to assess the needs of each client to reduce individual risk factors. Participants work closely with case managers, intervention and employment specialists to develop individual goals and make positive changes in their lives.

Services Include:

- Case Management
- Substance Abuse Evaluation and Education
- Job Training/Job Search/Job Placement
- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Community Service Opportunities
- Referrals for Specialized Services
- Random Drug and Alcohol Testing



“My immediate and continued impressions are that CSI is very dynamic, well-staffed with caring and smart people, and a very effective organization to help offenders in transition. The care and individual attention exhibited by the staff is very unique and impressive.”

–Judge Raymond R. Norko, State of Connecticut



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Alternative programs cut crime, cut costs and build communities.

Cut Crime

A study of AIC programs by the Vera Institute of Justice (2003) showed that successful graduates of an AIC program were less likely to be convicted of a new offense. CSI consistently boasts an 80 percent successful discharge rate or higher among AIC clients.

Cut Costs

Effective alternative to incarceration policies save money and make better use of limited resources by establishing a more coordinated and comprehensive continuum of care and supervision. Even small reductions in recidivism rates will generate substantial cost-savings by avoiding more costly incarceration. AIC programs operate at a fraction of the cost of a prison bed.

Build Communities

CSI is committed to strengthening the connection between community and individuals. AIC programs allow clients to remain part of the workforce, to be parents, and to play a role in strengthening the fabric of their families and neighborhoods. Tens of thousands of community service hours are performed by CSI AIC clients each year, resulting in savings to the community of hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

"When I came home from prison, I had no money, no job, no friends and no real job skills. The staff at the AIC helped me greatly. Thanks to the computer training, employment training and persistence of the staff, I now have a job. They have been my mentors and teachers."

-Robert, New London AIC client



"Programs such as Alternative in the Community are the vehicles to turn bad choices by individuals into redeemable actions for the betterment of society."

*- Robert F. Milano,
Chief of Police, Torrington, CT*

**CSI is the largest provider of AIC services in the state of Connecticut offering AIC programs in the following locations:
Bridgeport • Danbury • New London • Norwich • Torrington**

About CSI

CSI is a nonprofit organization that promotes self-reliance, responsibility and accountability for at-risk and disadvantaged youth and adults. Since 1962, CSI has delivered supervision, treatment, and comprehensive, individual services to help our clients interact more effectively in their communities and become productive citizens.

Our Mission

To promote the independence, citizenry and well-being of individuals and families involved, or at risk of involvement, in the child welfare, juvenile justice and criminal justice systems.


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