



# Shreveport DRC Update



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## WELCOME



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Program Manager

The Shreveport Day Reporting Center has continued to provide our program participants with in-person and remote evidence-based treatment services this quarter, all while adding an increasing number of in-person groups and classes so participants can benefit from face-to-face instruction and counseling. Thank you to our wonderful staff and participants for their patience and flexibility as we continue to move toward this goal.

I would also like to recognize the parole officers who referred the most participants to our program this past quarter. April's highest referring officer was Officer Byrd. Officer Dupree and Officer Masters had the most referrals for May, and Officers Stocks, Cook and Hoskey won in a three-way tie for the most referrals in June. Finally, this quarter, we also gained a new District Administrator at Probation and Parole, Mr. Steve Anderson.

Thank you for reading our July update. Please stay safe!

## SPOTLIGHT ON... PARTICIPANT DEMOND B.

By talking about his problems and hearing others speak about theirs, participant Demond B. learned not only that he had an addiction, but that there was a way out. "As I started progressing, I started seeing everyone around me graduating and I felt like if they can do it, I can do it. So, I stuck to it," he said.

According to Demond, the class he got the most out of was Moral Reconciliation Therapy, or MRT. He also felt like working with his Case Manager, Ms. Ly was extremely valuable to his recovery and reentry. "She really made me open up and talk about my past. I got a chance to share," said Demond., who started at the DRC in February and has since graduated. "I feel like once you start talking to your counselor more, opening up and talking about your problems and working through them will make you feel a lot better," he said. Now, Demond is working on starting a lawn service business and has been talking to Ms. Ly about plans to acquire his LLC business license. Congratulations, Demond!



## DID YOU KNOW?



In evidence-based practice, **providing feedback** builds accountability and maintains integrity, ultimately improving outcomes. Research indicates that a ratio of four instances of positive reinforcement for every one instance of negative reinforcement is optimal for promoting lasting behavior change. This does not mean that swift and real responses to negative and unacceptable behavior should not happen; offenders with self-control problems usually respond well to reasonable and consistent structure and boundaries. People generally comply in the direction of more rewards and less punishment, and this extrinsic motivation can be helpful for beginning the process of behavior change.

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