

Probation Group Reporting Practices

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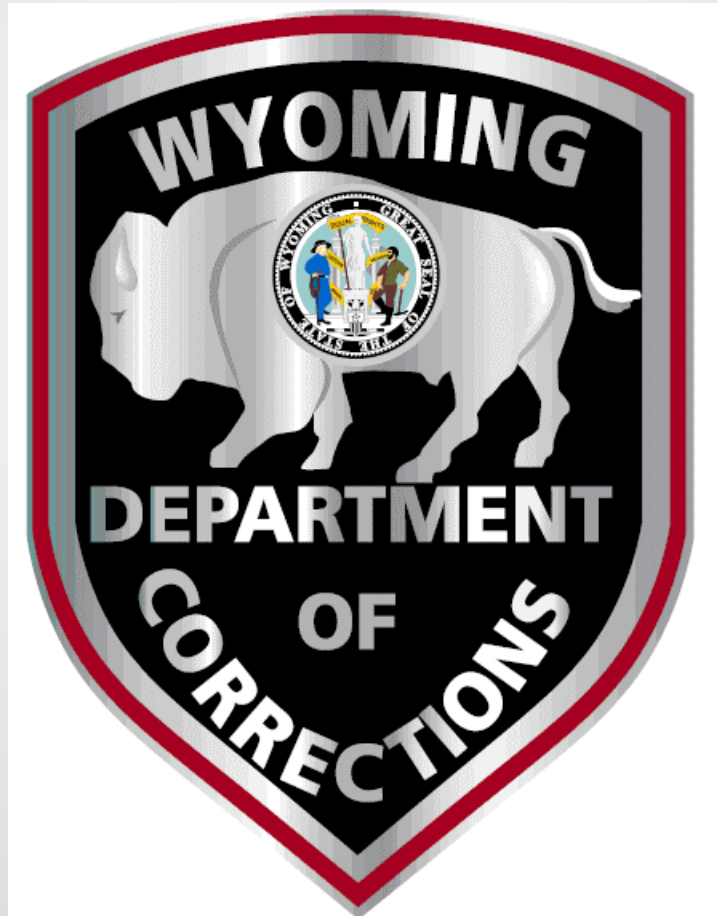
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Domestic Violence Pilot Project and Group Reporting

Why make the change?

Enhanced Supervision

- Higher offender accountability
- Increase victim contact
- Increased field time
- Increased cognitive intervention
- Enhanced client discussion
- Enhanced collateral communication
- Time effective

How we got started

- Identified groups and sizes
- Collaborated with treatment providers
- Provided expectations to the clients

Group Dynamics



- Size
- Times
- Expectations
- Carey Guide Tool

Roadblocks to Consider

- Inability to consider group reporting dynamics
- Inability to hold offenders accountable
- Team dynamics and lack of community collaboration
- Inability to utilize jail sanctions

Community Collaboration

- Violent Offender Containment Team meetings
- Instantaneous communication with providers
- Victim-focused approach

Benefits to a Community Approach

Enhanced collaboration increases victim and victim's family safety