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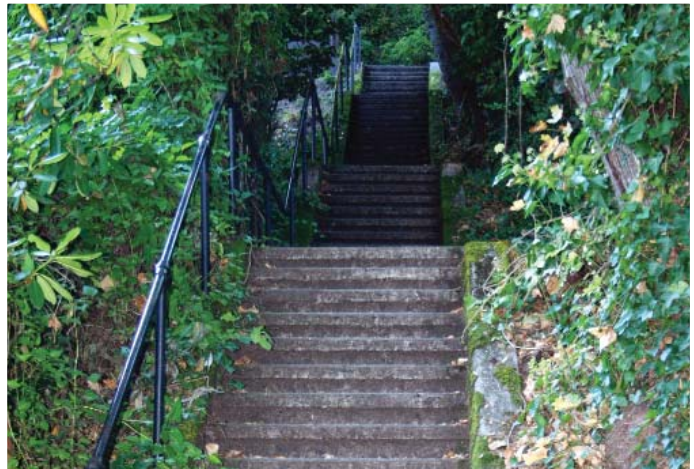
Behavioral Interventions

BI CASE STUDY: Clackamas County, Oregon

***“Our goal is to support
Community Corrections and
the Sheriff’s Department in
their public safety mission.”***

—Kristi Jenness,
BI Incorporated Clackamas County
Electronic Monitoring Program Manager

Electronic Surveillance Programs Help Alleviate Jail Crowding, Maintain Community Safety



KEY POINTS:

- BI supervised 745 clients with various electronic monitoring systems for Clackamas County in 2005-06
- The programs involve an offender pay component, helping to defray program costs
- BI manages electronic monitoring systems for two Clackamas programs. Both have high success rates, at 95% and 89%, respectively

THE PROGRAM

Clackamas County Community Corrections serves Clackamas County, the third largest in Oregon, spanning 1,868 square miles and including more than 350,000 residents. Community Corrections is a function of County government operated in partnership with the State Department of Corrections county-operated community corrections agencies. Almost 2,800 offenders were on parole or probation supervision in the County during fiscal year 2005-06, a jump of 8.9% from the previous year.

Clackamas County has a much lower incarceration rate than other large Oregon counties (82 per 100,000 residents), in part due the Community Corrections Department's emphasis on alternatives to incarceration. Community Corrections has implemented evidence-based practices in a progressive approach to reduce recidivism and help offenders become law-abiding citizens with a spectrum of programs including substance abuse treatment, skills training, and electronic supervision.

One of the department's successful programs is its Electronic Surveillance program, of which two segments are managed by BI Incorporated. These Electronic Surveillance programs help maintain a healthier balance at the local jail and allow lower risk offenders to move to the community, where they can maintain family ties, begin to reintegrate into the community, hold jobs, and be held accountable for strict curfews and schedules.

BI provides a wide range of technology and support services for the county's Electronic Surveillance Program, designed for probation-

ers, and the Home Detention Program, designed for inmates being moved from the county jail to community-based electronic supervision. Depending on the risks presented by the offender, the County will specify an appropriate monitoring system. These compliance technologies offer many capabilities, from systems that include Global Positioning System technology that can precisely map a person's movement throughout the community to systems that allow for in-home sobriety checks. Selected after an extensive vendor search, BI has supported Clackamas County Community Corrections since 2000.

Offenders who are released to home supervision are allowed limited access to the community and are required to maintain gainful employment and stable housing. Participants in the home supervision program are encouraged to make lasting lifestyle changes through community support and an emphasis on accountability. Most remain in the EM program from 30 to 60 days.

The EM program used by Clackamas County requires that offenders pay up to 100% of maintenance fees. If offenders are unable to finance participation in the program, the County subsidizes a portion of the cost of the equipment. This stipulation ensures that the program emphasizes offender responsibility and is cost-effective to taxpayers.

Clackamas County utilizes BI ExacuTrack™, BI HomeGuard® 200, BI Cellular®, BI Sobriotor®, and BI's national 24/7 monitoring center. In addition, BI staff members perform the

installation and de-installation of technology on offenders and maintain all client schedules and data updates via BI's password-protected web portal. The various technologies offer options to match the needs of the client.

The ExacuTrack system, which includes passive GPS tracking technology, allows the agency to know exactly where the person has traveled during the day and ensure the person remains within certain boundaries and avoids certain excluded zones. Mapping for ExacuTrack is very sophisticated and detailed. The department will soon begin using BI's active GPS tracking system, called ExacuTrack AT. HomeGuard 200 is a flexible radio frequency system that monitors the absence or presence of an individual at a residence. The system is ideal for ensuring a person maintains strict curfews. BI Cellular works in much the same way, but instead of a land-based telephone line BI Cellular allows for monitoring via wireless technology. Sobriotor performs remote alcohol tests to ensure offenders remain sober.

All data from monitoring devices is collected by a BI office maintained in Clackamas County. Summary reports about client activities are sent directly to Community Corrections and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Department. Additionally, County officers can remotely access client information and update schedules with BI GuardWare on the Web, a Web-based portal that provides real-time information on equipment condition and client alert status.

THE RESULTS

Clackamas County's use of electronic monitoring technologies has proven effective at moving probationers or carefully screened offenders from jail to community supervision or probationers.

- The various monitoring systems help offenders to successfully reenter the community in controlled steps and break the association between intoxication and criminal activity.
- Every day, BI monitors almost 100 offenders for Clackamas County officials, reducing pressure on Clackamas County's 434-bed jail, which was last expanded in 1990.
- During fiscal year 2005-06, BI monitored 152 individuals within the Electronic Surveillance Program designed for probationers and 593 individuals within the Home Detention Program for a total of 745 clients.
- Successful completion rates for the two Electronic Surveillance programs were high, at 95% and 89%, respectively, during 2005-06.

- By electronically supervising sentenced inmates and probationers being monitored in the community, a much higher level of detail is provided about the individual's activities in the community.

TECHNOLOGY:

- BI ExacuTrack™
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- BI HomeGuard® 200
- BI GuardCenter®
- BI Sobriotor®
- BI Cellular®



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