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The Department of Family Services utilizes Tobacco Funds to provide an Intensive Supervised Probation Program (ISP) as authorized under Wyoming Statute 14-6-309. The \$6,351,096 budgeted for this program supports 37 staff, four contracts and one inter-agency agreement for services. During the State fiscal year 2015, 124 youth have been served.

GENDER	AGE	RACE
Male- 92	12- 2	White- 97
Female- 32	13- 5	Hispanic- 19
	14- 9	African-American- 2
	15- 18	American Indian- 2
	16- 32	Asian- 1
	17- 44	Mixed- 3
	18- 10	
	19- 4	

The ISP program's focus is youth who are at a high risk to reoffend and are probable candidates for out-of-home placement. The ISP program establishes a goal to successfully serve these youth in their home communities and school districts by providing early assessment and identification of treatment needs and fulfilling those needs in a structured, supervised and family centered format. Those generally considered appropriate for the program are Polysubstance abusing youth, youth committing violent or weapon related offenses, or sex offending youth. The Department utilizes a risk assessment, the Positive Achievement Change Tool (PACT) to gauge the youth's risk level and appropriateness for the program.

The Department contracts for services to support these youth and their families through a statewide request for proposal (RFP) process. Services contracted consist of academic support, life skills training, community service, substance abuse counseling, social skills, employment services, family partnerships, physical health/nutrition, and family therapy. An interagency agreement with the Wyoming Department of Health provides for urinalysis testing for the youth. In State fiscal year 2015 the program administered 1480 urinalysis tests, with approximately nine percent (9%) returning positive.

Bonta, Wallace-Capretta, and Rooney's (2000) showed, "Specifically, intensive treatment provision resulted in lower recidivism rates for high risk offenders and increased recidivism rates for low risk offenders'.¹" The Department's ISP program also finds this to be true furthering the importance of appropriate assessment before inclusion of a youth in this program. Because of this, the Department focuses on a Treatment/ Intervention philosophy as Discipline/Deterrence/Surveillance philosophy programs fail to have an appreciable effect on recidivism².

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