

Drug Offender Reform Act

Smarter Sentencing + Smarter Treatment = Better Outcomes & Safer Neighborhoods

Key DORA Points

- Provides for smarter sentencing of drug offenders
- Requires a drug screening and, if needed, a drug assessment
- Does **not** mandate treatment, but provides judges with more information at sentencing
- Creates more treatment slots in the community and in correctional facilities
- Reduces, but does not eliminate, Utah's future needs for prison and jail beds
- Creates more tax-paying and law-abiding citizens
- Creates safer neighborhoods

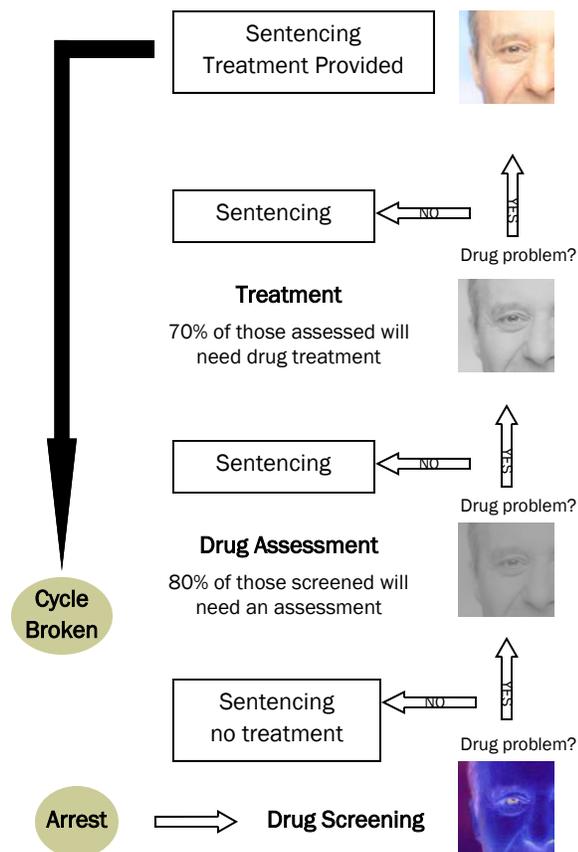


Drug addiction is a driving force behind many crimes.

Approximately 85% of Utah's prison population has a substance abuse problem related to their criminal behavior. Unfortunately, we fail to identify these offenders before they get to prison, so we miss out on opportunities to provide treatment and break the criminal cycle. Currently, only 25% of inmates that need treatment can receive it due to limited resources.

The Drug Offender Reform Act changes how Utah handles offenders with a drug-related problem. Offenders with a drug problem are identified so judges have more information at sentencing.

Judges are not required to mandate treatment, but more resources and options become available. Some offenders will be locked up and receive treatment. Others will receive community-based sanctions and treatment services, freeing up bed space for more dangerous criminals.



Costs Avoided by Funding DORA

Theft Losses	\$2.37
Victim Losses	\$1.58
Criminal Justice Costs	\$1.43
Public Assistance Costs	\$0.22
TOTAL	\$5.60

Every dollar spent on drug treatment means we won't have to spend \$5.60 fighting the problems caused by drugs.

Drug Treatment is Effective

Drug treatment does work. Lives change when we treat the addiction driving the criminal behavior.

A 2004 study of Utah State Prison's Con-Quest Residential Substance Abuse program found that 95% of offenders who completed the program and were released from prison had not returned 18 months later.

In another study of Salt Lake County Drug Court graduates, 60% were arrest-free 18-months after completing the program. Only 22% of those who did not receive treatment were arrest-free.

Our Three Year Funding Strategy

\$6.3 million	Screen and assess drug offenders
Year 1- ongoing	1,600 treated
\$12.1 million	Screen and assess all offenders
Year 2- ongoing	3,349 treated
\$16.7 million	DORA fully implemented
Year 3- ongoing	4,4729 treated (treatment gap filled)

By 2008, DORA creates 4,749 new treatment slots for inmates, parolees and probationers. First-year outcome studies will also be completed.