

Day Reporting Centers As An Effective Correctional Sanction

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Day Reporting Centers are an intermediate sanction being used to help manage offenders in Florida's overburdened criminal justice systems. Tight state and local budgets preclude additional prison/jail space in numbers sufficient to alleviate overcrowding. This paper examined the use of Day Reporting Centers through a review of the literature and an examination of the operation of a Day Reporting Center in Orange County, Florida. It was determined that this sanction fulfills three separate and distinct purposes: 1) enhanced supervision and decreased liberty of the offender; 2) treatment of the offenders' problems; 3) reduced crowding in Florida's incarceratory facilities (Parent, 1990).