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Supervised Release Placements and Expenditures

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Overview

From January 1995 through March 2013, circuit courts placed 96 individuals into the community on supervised release.

On March 31, 2013, 33 individuals were on supervised release.



Placement Process

DHS has 90 days to identify a potential residence for an individual about to be placed on supervised release.

We recommend DHS develop written policies for identifying potential residences.



Recommendations

DHS should establish written policies that consider factors such as:

- the location of the home of an individual victim;
- nearby places where children congregate;
- the cost of renting a residence; and
- the situations in which a firm should be contacted.



Notification of Victims

DHS must make a reasonable attempt to notify victims or their families before an individual is placed on supervised release.

We recommend DHS always contact the victim and witness coordinator prior to placement of an individual.



Expenditures

Supervised release expenditures increased from \$2.1 million in FY 2009-10 to \$2.8 million in FY 2011-12.

In FY 2011-12, monitoring and transportation services accounted for 45.0 percent of total expenditures, and housing accounted for 21.5 percent.



Housing Costs

Housing costs increased by 95.7 percent from FY 2009-10 to FY 2011-12.

DHS paid an average of \$1,560 per month to rent each of 28 residences in March 2013.

We provide DHS with recommendations to reduce the cost of housing individuals.



Recommendations

DHS should:

identify additional firms;

attempt to negotiate leases with lower rental rates after the first year;

attempt to include costs of utilities, lawn maintenance, and snow removal in leases; and

report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee by April 1, 2014, on its efforts to reduce housing costs.

Monitoring and Transportation Costs

Hourly Contractual Rates for Selected Services for Individuals on Supervised Release FY 2012-13

	Hourly Cost
DOC Contract	
First-Year Supervision	\$30.87
DHS Contract	
Monitoring	69.89
Transportation—Scheduled Activities	69.89
Transportation—Unscheduled Activities	91.09



Monitoring and Transportation Costs

Transportation for scheduled activities increased from an average of 37.0 hours per month in FY 2009-10 to an average of 59.0 hours per month in FY 2012-13.

We question the frequency of transportation for some scheduled activities that DHS approved.



Recommendations

DHS should:

immediately begin the process of issuing a request for proposals for monitoring and transportation services;

develop written policies for determining the frequency of scheduled activities to approve for individuals;

purchase used washing machines and dryers; and

report to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee by April 1, 2014, on its efforts to reduce monitoring and transportation costs.



Outcomes

Of the 96 individuals placed on supervised release from January 1995 through March 2013:

34 were discharged by circuit courts; and

33 had their participation in supervised release revoked by circuit courts.



Discharge from Civil Commitment

From January 1995 through March 2013,
individuals were on supervised release for an
average of 2.5 years.

As of March 31, 2013, 4 of 33 individuals had been
on supervised release for more than five years.

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