The year of 2012 was our 8th year of operating the new jail. The amount of direct payments from inmate boarders for the year was $5,061,012.00. This is down slightly from prior years due to a decrease in the number of Rockingham County females we have been holding. Our average daily population for the year was 432 inmates, a slight increase from 429 in 2011 with a monthly breakdown as follows:

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We booked 4,355 people in 2012 (slightly lower than the 4,586 for 2011) which included 3,771 males and 984 females. Of those, 1,832 were inmates held for Strafford County; 1,363 were pre-trial, and 469 were sentenced.

There were 345 females held for the following facilities:

- New Hampshire State Prison 84
- Rockingham County 173
- Belknap County 5
- Hillsborough County 4
- Carroll County 6
- Merrimack County 5
- Federal Bureau of Prisons 68

There were 940 males incarcerated for the following facilities:

- New Hampshire State Prison 153
- Rockingham County 61
- Belknap County 3
- Hillsborough County 9
- Carroll County 17
- Merrimack County 14
- Federal Bureau of Prisons 683

We currently have contracts to house inmates for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Marshals Service, New Hampshire State Prison and Rockingham County. We also exchange inmates with other counties as needed to keep co-defendants separate or eliminate other conflicts of interest.

We hired 16 new employees in 2012 to replace those who resigned, retired or were promoted. The following officers received promotions:

- Officers Bubar, Goutier and Locke were promoted to the position of Booking Officer
- Officers G. Nadeau, Corriveau and Hebert were promoted to the position of Field Training Officer
- Officers L. Nadeau and Farrell were promoted to the rank of Corporal
- Corporal Hayden was promoted to the position of Training Sergeant
- Sergeant Brackett was promoted to the position of Lieutenant - Security and Operations
- Captain Pelkie was promoted to the position of Superintendent
We are immensely proud of all of our staff and feel privileged to have such a broad range of talent within our facility. The expertise and dedication of our officers and other staff is second to no other facility.

We continued to conduct facility tours for students from Spaulding, Portsmouth, Farmington, Nute, Dover, Oyster River Cooperative, and St. Thomas High Schools. Other guests included Explorers, Leadership Seacoast, City Year NH, Dover Citizens Academy, and UNH Citizens Police Academy. Our Diversion Program continues to offer individual tours to at-risk teens and has proved very popular with the parents and guardians of these children.

As part of our boarding contract, we have yearly inspections conducted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the United States Marshal’s Service. Not only did we do very well on the inspections, all of the agencies were very complimentary of both our staff and facility.

The following employees received recognition for their achievements in 2011 at our annual Facility Recognition Banquet:

**Life Saving:**
- Corporal Jeff Fisher
- Officer John Angis
- Corporal Kevin Boucher
- Officer Michael Garcia
- Officer Steve Pollard

**Innovation Award:**
- Corporal Jeff Fisher

**Officer of the Year:**
- 1st Shift: Officer Lori Spagnola
- 2nd Shift: Officer Michael Clancy
- 3rd Shift: Officer Robert Farrell

**Rookie of the Year:**
- Officer Jessica Serfass

**Employee of the Year:**
- HOC: Corporal Adam Rivera
- Medical: Nicole Downing
- Food Service: Peter Donnelly

**Supervisor of the Year:**
- Lt. Donna Roy

**Community Corrections:**
- Rookie of the Year: Case Manager Chris Gowell
- Supervisor of the Year: Justice Coordinator Carrie Lover
- Employee of the Year: Director Alex Casale

We are proud of our ongoing efforts to help inmates transition into society. The Transitional Housing unit that was opened in 2009 has been very successful throughout this year in helping homeless released inmates get reintegrated into the community. It
has also allowed inmates who would otherwise have to remain incarcerated because of lack of stable housing to get released onto our Step-down program, saving taxpayers money and helping inmates transition back to society. The Coast Bus continues to be an integral part of this process – permitting those living in transitional housing to seek employment so they can achieve self-sufficiency.

Our Correctional Officers continue to be the glue that holds the facility together; their dedication and commitment are truly inspiring and it is wonderful to have such a talented and professional group of people to rely upon.

Apart from the amazing work the Officers and support staff do for the jail, we could not be successful without the support and diligence of the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners have always been very supportive of the jail staff and remind us on a regular basis that the jobs we do are important. Their vision guides us towards the future in a way that is evident by our current success. They also show support for the Officers and support staff by personally congratulating each recipient at our awards banquet, which they always attend.

I know there will be many challenges in the coming year beyond running the jail as we have done. Budget issues will continue to be a challenge, but I have every confidence we will meet and exceed expectations. I am anticipating that we will continue to help the taxpayers of this County by stressing reduction of criminal behavior beyond the doors of this institution in our efforts to reintegrate those that have been separated from society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Pelkie

Bruce Pelkie, Superintendent
2012 HOC PROGRAMS REPORTS

Educational Programs

Education: GED preparation and Adult Basic Education. Dover Adult Learning Center provided GED and Adult Educational classes three days each week for a total of 19 instructional hours per week.

Special Education: Special Education was offered at SCDOC. Coded students are referred to a tutor who contracts with the local school districts to provide services to incarcerated special education students.

ESOL: Three weekly classes of English as a Second Language were offered to inmates with language barriers.

Volunteer Tutors: Three volunteer tutors worked in the facility in 2012, providing a combined average of approximately eight tutoring hours a week.

GED Exam: Thirty-five inmates were administered the GED exam. Twenty-four passed all sections of the exam. Nine took the entire exam but did not pass all sections.

Enrichment Program: Four enrichment programs each week were offered to inmates. Topics included: Sociology, Psychology and Personal Development.

Therapeutic Community Program/Women’s Recovery Program

118 individuals were enrolled in the Men’s or Women’s Therapeutic Community programs in 2012. 87 individuals successfully completed all requirements of the program; 9 individuals dropped out of the program at their own request; and 22 individuals failed the program.

Substance Abuse / Behavioral Programs

Drug and Alcohol Education: SCDOC provided weekly drug and alcohol education groups to each housing area in the jail.

Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous: AA groups for both male and female inmates were held weekly for each housing unit and daily for the TC units, this past year. NA groups were held bi-weekly.

Anger Management Training and Life Skills Classes: SCDOC provided six anger management classes and three life skills classes per week.
Parenting Classes: Three parenting classes were offered on a weekly basis; one class for female inmates and two classes are for male inmates.

Ending the Violence Program: Two sessions were offered per week in 2012.

Victim Impact Seminar: This class was offered to female inmates on a weekly basis.

Positive Options Program: This program offers individual modules of anger management, attitude adjustment and life skills classes. A program counselor and volunteer provided individual service to five inmates weekly.

Yoga: Two one-hour classes weekly.

Jail Diversion Program: Jail diversion tours were offered on a regular basis. Students from Rochester, Dover, Farmington, Milton, Oyster River, Portsmouth and Somersworth high schools all toured the jail. Several at-risk and alternative schools also toured the jail.

Vocational Services

Pre-Employment Program (PEPP): This program teaches inmates job search skills, helps them to prepare resumes and job applications and teaches job interview skills. Five classes per week were held per week in 2012.

Computer Classes: Dover Adult Learning center provided computer classes at SCDOC. Four basic and two advanced classes were offered weekly. Two Computer graphic arts classes were also offered.

Career Assessment: This program assisted inmates with vocational evaluation and planning. In 2012, 160 inmates completed this program.

Career Workshop: A volunteer facilitated two sessions per week of job and college preparation planning skills.

Work Release Program

Work Release Inmates: 38 inmates were granted work release for 2012. 30 inmates successfully maintained work release jobs until their release. 8 were suspended or terminated from employment. 14 work release inmates qualified for early release onto the Step-Down Program.
Spiritual Services

Sunday Service: Weekly Catholic group that meets on Sunday for the female inmates:
Sunday Bible Study: Weekly group for female inmates
Monday Night Bible Study: Bible study conducted for female inmates and special needs inmates
Catholic Services: Weekly Catholic program offered to females and to male general population units.

Bible Study and Music Ministry: Program for male general population that includes bible study and spiritual music.

Spiritual Services Assistant: A volunteer was available for a total of ten hours per week to assist with handling requests for spiritual services

Catholic Counseling: Four volunteers currently offer individual Catholic counseling to inmates.

Mediation: Two volunteers facilitated a meditation program for two units.

Internships

SCDOC hosted five interns from the University of New Hampshire in 2012. Four interns were from the Justice Studies Program and one from the Social Work Program. During the academic year each of these interns provided approximately twelve weekly hours of service. Duties included: Assistance with educational programs, assisting with discharge plans, observing in the TC units and administrative support.

Inmate Services:

Library: The programs department solicited and managed donations of more than 8,000 books in 2012. Currently there are more than 11,000 titles in the library.

Law Library: Three Law Library computer stations containing NH State, Federal and Immigration Laws were provided for inmate use.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Collins
Assistant Superintendent
2012 JAIL INDUSTRY ANNUAL REPORT

Strafford County Jail Industries grossed $137,672 in 2012. The companies served are listed below as well as addition work data.

- Airmar $40,667.81
- CVHS $5,096.14
- Diacom $22,567.76
- Hospice $5,299.57
- Rest Easy $1,600.00
- Sgt. Knots $27,226.22
- Sulzer Mixpac $34,207.50
- Warner Power $1,007.26

Total Invoiced $137,672.26

Jail Industries: 73 Inmates worked 14,333.41 hours
Laundry: 62 Inmates worked 10,902.47 hours

We continue to maintain our ISO 9001:2008 status manufacturing status as well as full compliance with our Bureaus of Justice certification for our private sector partnerships.

Vocational training still continues with certification of workers in hand soldering as well as a certificate in Laundry Operations; in partnership with Yankee Chemicals and Yankee Equipment.

Post release services include the securing of Social Security cards as a very important ID, as well as reference and job placement assistance whenever possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marilyn Allen

Marilyn Allen, Jail Industry Director
The Family Reception Center, now in its’ 11th year of operation, continues to be self-sufficient through inmate picture taking, individual donations, and the Bishop’s Charitable Assistance Fund. Our mission is to provide a warm friendly environment where families and friends may come before or after a visit to obtain information and resources to maneuver the system; thereby lowering the stress on families during this very stressful time in a family’s life.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Allen
Marilyn Allen Founder & Coordinator

Strafford County Community Corrections is composed of several programs, all united under the same mission. We work within the criminal justice system to create a safer community. We provide the courts with accurate information and offer viable cost-effective pretrial and sentencing options through a balance of enforcement and treatment strategies, while holding offenders accountable and affording them the opportunity to become productive law-abiding citizens.

Pretrial Assessments:

Strafford County Community Corrections completes assessments on all defendants booked into the Strafford County House of Corrections. The interview or assessments takes place as soon as possible, and is the first step in preparing the defendants assessment for court. The intake coordinator then uses the information gathered as a foundation to assist them when completing the report for the court. Typically the assessment contains criminal history, pending charges, address history, employment history, education, dependents, and community ties.

This assessment is given to the Judge, to aide in making an informed decision when determining if bail supervision is necessary. The assessment is available for use during the defendant’s arraignment, probable cause hearings, and bail hearings.

In 2012 Community Corrections completed 522 assessments on defendants booked into the jail.
Some interesting facts about 2012 Assessments:

- 15% of the defendants interviewed were found not acceptable
- 18% of the defendants interviewed are charged with a domestic violence crime.
- 42% are charged with misconducts. (Violation of Probation, Breach of Bail, or failure to appear)
- 58% of the defendants interviewed are charged with a felony.
- 34% of the defendants interviewed were arrested by Rochester PD.
- 38% of the defendants interviewed are unemployed.

Pretrial Supervision:

All defendants on Strafford County Community Corrections Pretrial Supervision must comply with a standard set of conditions that we tailor to the needs of the individual client. The court may also order specific conditions for the defendants to follow. Examples of standard conditions are:

- Checking in by telephone daily
- Reporting to our office at the discretion of the defendants Case Manager
- Refrain from the use of excessive alcohol
- Submit to mandatory random and scheduled drug testing
- Adhere to a curfew
- Electronic monitoring to include GPS or the use of remote alcohol monitoring
- Court ordered no contacts
- Notification of all changes to telephone numbers, address, and employment
- Notify the staff of any contact with Law Enforcement
- Refrain from the use of any alcohol
- Refrain from possessing firearms
- House checks to ensure compliance and verify address and living situation
- Travel Restrictions

Community Corrections completed 233 total intakes. Of the clients placed with Pretrial Supervision 30% were ordered from Dover District and 43% from Rochester District.

Of the 229 cases that were closed in 2012, 73% of the clients successfully completed and did not have a violation that caused termination from the program. Most importantly 99% of the clients appeared at their respective court dates. Of the violations we had these are some of the common violations:

- 10% had alcohol violations
- 51% had positive drug tests
- 13% picked up new charges
- 12% absconded supervision

We did see a decrease in the amount of time defendants were on supervision in 2012 for both misdemeanor and felony level charges.
Community Corrections has two post-trial programs. The first is Administrative Home Confinement (AHC). This is a court ordered program where the defendant typically spends some time in jail and the remainder at home and is supervised in the community.

The second program is the Step-Down Program. The idea behind this program is to encourage continued life improvements for inmates as they transition from life within the jail facility back into the community. This is accomplished by taking inmates incarcerated in the HOC who are of good behavior and attending programs. Community Corrections then files a motion on the defendant’s behalf with the court. If granted the inmate is released into the community under the supervision of Community Corrections.

Community Corrections will complete an assessment on the sentenced inmates in the jail to see if they are appropriate for either of these programs. In 2012 Community Corrections completed 75 assessments on inmates who were incarcerated at the HOC and we had a total of 96 intakes. We also had a success rate if 76%. Are most common violation was drug use at 30%.

Trends of 2012 Post Trial Supervision:

- 89% of the defendants are male
- 41% of the defendants are unemployed
- 25% of the defendants have no GED or High School Diploma
- 32% of the defendants have misdemeanor Domestic Violence related charges
- $77,915 worth of fees were collected
- $37,055 worth of fees were collected
- 3,637 days of community service were completed
- 440 job searches were completed
- 83% of our drug tests completed were random drug tests.

Trends of 2012 Pretrial Supervision:

- 89% of the defendants being supervised are male
- 41% of the defendants are unemployed
- 25% of the defendants have no GED or High School Diploma
- 32% of the defendants have misdemeanor Domestic Violence related charges
- 84% of the defendants are male
- 43% of the defendants are charged with a motor vehicle related offense
- The average defendant is on supervision for 163 days
Pretrial Diversion:

The Pretrial Diversion Program in collaboration with the Strafford County Attorney's Office has had another year of growth with 42 intakes and assisted in collecting $5,009 in restitution. The Diversion Program has been created for people who have had no prior criminal dealings with the criminal justice system and who the County Attorney’s Office does not anticipate returning to the system. We had 4 clients not complete the program this year due to new charges that were brought up against them.

Employability Program:

The Employability Program brings together Community Corrections and the Division of Child Support Services in a partnership that will assist delinquent obligors to come into compliance with their child support order and help prevent civil incarceration to the Strafford County HOC. This program is the first in the State of New Hampshire and shows one more time how Strafford County stays on the cutting edge and has a seamless approach to corrections and the judicial process. In 2012 we had 17 new intakes. We assisted in collecting over $21,230 worth of child support.

The Employability Program was established in 2009 and brings the Strafford County Community Corrections Program (SCCCP) and the Division of Child Support Services together in a partnership that will assist delinquent obligors to come into compliance with their child support order and help prevent civil incarceration to the Strafford County HOC.

The participants are court ordered out of both Family Courts here in Strafford County. After being ordered to the program, the participant reports to the SCCCP office. Here, we can do a number of things to assist. We help the participants fill out modification paperwork and if required apply for Social Security. We also give them resources for housing and other benefits. If the participant is working, we assist them by letting them make payments through our office and assist however else the court has requested. If the participant is not working, they are required to report weekly to our office, call in daily Monday through Friday to report any job hunting activities. We assist them with resume building and mock job interviews. They are required to bring in 10 job searches a week. We then assist them in properly following up with the employer. We try to determine the reason the person is not employed and assist them in making changes so they can become employed. This could include alcohol and drug counseling, AA/NA meetings, Doctor’s appointments for disabilities, GED, or working with getting charges annulled off of criminal records.

We average 55 clients on this program. If this program was not available, most of these individuals would have ended up in jail. The participant would not have been able to pay any child support or do job searching to gain employment.
More importantly, since the program started we have been able to collect $349,255 in child support, according to DHHC Child Support Division. From the 36 participants who have exited the program, they have continued to pay another $223,000 in child support since exiting the program.

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Strafford County Community Corrections would like to acknowledge and gratefully thank the Strafford County Superior Court, Circuit Court and Family Court Judges, the County Attorney’s Office, Local Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys, The New Hampshire Public Defenders Office, Local Police Departments and the Strafford County House of Corrections for their continued support.

We would also like to thank the Strafford County Board of Commissioners and the County Administrator, Ray Bower for their continued support and innovative guidance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph R. Devine, Jr.
Joseph R. Devine, Director
In 2012 the Alternative Sentencing Programs in Strafford County experienced continued growth and programmatic enhancements. By rehabilitating and supervising offenders in the community, we save taxpayer money while maintaining public safety and returning offenders back into the community as law abiding citizens. The Alternative Sentencing Programs co-exist in this county as part of an overall philosophy shift to supervise and rehabilitate offenders in the community with help from the entire-county infrastructure. Without any piece of this infrastructure, these programs would not be able to operate as efficiently or as successfully as they do. This infrastructure includes; Strafford County Community Corrections, including the Community Work Program, the NH Public Defenders-Dover office, the County Attorneys’ office, the Strafford County Department of Corrections, including the Therapeutic Community, the Strafford County Sheriff’s Department, Southeastern NH Services, NH Department of Corrections Probation/Parole, and the Strafford County Superior Court, Rochester and Dover Circuit Courts and the Family Court Division. Of course, County-alternative sentencing programs require local government support and without this support from the Strafford County Commissioners, Chairman George Maglaras, Robert Watson, and Leo Lessard, these programs would not exist. The leadership from County Administrator Raymond Bower has been crucial over the past year as he provides the initiative and support we have needed to grow. In 2013 we will continue to seek the enhancement of our County Criminal Justice Programming and the infrastructure that supports these programs.

The Strafford County Adult Drug Treatment Court: Following a year-long pilot program, the Drug Court commenced full-operations on January 19, 2006 after securing a Department of Justice grant for 3 years and was the first adult drug court in New Hampshire. The Drug Court is a specialty court program that connects felony and misdemeanor-level, substance-abusing offenders and NH State Prison Parolees who meet the same criteria, sentenced out of Strafford County Superior Court, to an integrated system of intensive alcohol and drug treatment in the community, combined with case management, community monitoring, strict court supervision and progressive incentives and sanctions. By linking participants to treatment services, the program aims to address offenders' addiction issues that led to criminal behavior, thereby reducing recidivism, and protecting public safety. The Drug Court is designed to be a 12 to 18 month felony-level, and a 6 to 12 month misdemeanor-level, alternative sentencing program, divided into three phases, and followed by one year of probation. The Drug Court utilizes such programs as the Work Program, Therapeutic Community, Transitional Housing, and Re-Entry Clinicians to help support sanctioning and clinical interventions. Over the past year, the Drug Court held steady with an average enrollment of 50 participants and an average of 18 to 19 graduates from the program each year. Since 2009, Strafford County has
participated in a state-wide drug court meeting where all of the drug courts from New Hampshire discuss successes and challenges, while reviewing best practice models. A background check of all our graduates and terminated participants found the graduates’ recidivism rates over the past 5 years for a new criminal charge is 10%, while the recidivism of the terminated drug court participant was 57%. This data was collected in 2011 and included everyone that began the program on January 19 2006 and forward. The study was performed in 2010 and concluded almost the exact same recidivism rates. In 2012, Strafford County Adult Drug Treatment Court graduated its 100th participant since inception in 2006, and ended the year with an overall total of 109 program graduates. For more information regarding the Drug Treatment Court please contact: Alex Casale, Director @ 516-7193 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.

**Strafford County Community Corrections Mental Health Pre-Trial and Post-Trial Supervision:** Strafford County Pre-trial Mental Health Supervision provides case management and supervision of defendants, who have been diagnosed with a mental illness, while residing in the community and awaiting trial. Through case management and supervision, the defendant is assisted to obtain and maintain appropriate mental health services and access medications to ensure stability and while in the community. Defendants are released from jail without (in most cases) having to post cash bail. Supervision consists of daily/weekly phone and/or office check-ins, case management, voluntary referrals to services, medication checks, drug screens, and mental health compliance. In 2012, The Pre-trial Mental Health Supervision program averaged 40 clients at any given time and had a total of 156 total intakes.

Strafford County Post-Trial Mental Health Supervision offers community based supervision to inmates of the Strafford County Jail. The Administrative Home Confinement program is a court ordered program in which inmates are found eligible for release once sentenced from court. The Step-down Program is a jail program that provides incentives for inmates who exhibit good behavior and willingness to participate in appropriate rehabilitative programs while incarcerated. All inmates released into the community are required to wear a GPS tracking device and/or a Sobrietor. Program participants with mental illnesses are required to continue medications and mental health treatment in the community as part of conditioned release. In 2012, Mental Health Post Trial-supervised on average 6 inmates in the community and had a total of 36 intakes for the year. For more information regarding the Mental Health Court, please contact Blair Rowlett, Director @ 516-5182 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.

**Strafford County Rochester Circuit Court Mental Health Court Pilot Program:** This alternative sentencing program commenced operations in June 2007. The Mental Health Court provides court supervision and treatment services to mentally ill defendants to promote engagement in treatment, improve quality of life, decrease recidivism and increase community safety and awareness of mental health issues. The Mental Health
Court is a 3-phase specialty court program designed for adults who have one or more misdemeanor-level and/or felony-level offenses and who are eligible for mental health treatment. The Mental Health Court involves frequent court appearances, as well as individualized treatment planning and case management. This program also awards incentives for healthy, appropriate behavior and imposes sanctions for negative behavior. The Strafford County Community Corrections program (SCCCP) has made great strides in identifying and releasing clients with Mental Health issues. In coordination with Strafford County Judges and the local mental health center, SCCCP has helped develop bail language that compels defendants to get mental health treatment as a condition of their bail. The continuity of supervision that is provided from Pre-trial to Post-trial is a major factor in the referral and success of the program. The program is used in lieu of a jail sentence. Majority of successful completions result in convictions being vacated. The Mental Health Court team consists of Judge Cappiello, Thomas Velardi, Carrie Lover, Blair Rowlett, Alexander Roth, Rochester Police Department, Judi Rogers, and Elizabeth Solof. In 2012, the Mental Health Court averaged 8 participants and graduated 9 participants. The Mental Health Court was an outgrowth from the Strafford County Mental Health Council. In 2007, the Council also began a Crisis Intervention Team which includes staff from the Rochester and Dover Police Departments, Community Partners and NAMI-NH. In 2008 this team became certified as a Crisis Intervention Team who responds to mental health-related police calls to ensure a more systematic, sensitive approach to persons with mental health issues. For more information regarding the Mental Health Court, please contact Blair Rowlett, Director @ 516-5182 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.

The Strafford County Habitual Offender Academy Program: After the NH Department of Corrections eliminated funding for the “traditional state wide “Academy Program in 2009, the Strafford County Attorney's Office identified a need for the continuation of such programming for an identified Habitual Offender (HO) population. The primary goal of the Habitual Offender Program is to help persons with a Habitual Offender charge, work towards getting their driver's license back. This process entails guiding participants through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Those who participate in the program are also on Administrative Home Confinement through Strafford County Community Corrections Program. There are two tracks to the HO Program; one track for those who do not have any substance abuse issues and one track for those that do have substance abuse issues. Those who have a history with substance abuse are required to participate in counseling and self-help meetings as determined by a drug and alcohol evaluation. All those who participate in the Habitual Offender Program, regardless of the track, are required to attend the Life Skills group that the program runs. All participants are required to complete 150 hours of community service, call in for nightly curfew checks, and maintain a full time job or full time schooling. In 2012, the Habitual Offender Academy Program had 21 referrals with an average daily headcount of 13 participants. For more information regarding the Academy Program, please contact Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.
Specialized Transitional Housing Program: Strafford County Specialized Transitional Housing Program opened its doors on November 16, 2009, piloting a 12 bed residence for males. Strafford County received a federal grant from the Department of Justice that provided grant funding through March 2012. In 2013, we will move forward with a plan to pilot female transitional housing and expand our number of male beds and current staffing patterns to meet the needs of the house. The focus of the Housing Program is to reduce the recidivism rate of the jail and prevent more county residents from being victims of crimes. Strafford County recognizes the importance of providing a smooth transition from the House of Corrections back into the community. Some of the roadblocks those individuals face exiting the House of Corrections are homelessness and lack of structure. The purpose of the Housing Program is to provide those individuals with a residence for up to 90 days which allows them the ample time to find employment and a stable living environment. Individuals who will be considered eligible for the program will have completed extensive programming inside the House of Corrections and will complete the screening process for the program. Residents are considered “outmates” of the House of Corrections and will have to follow strict rules in order to reside there. Residents will be subject to curfews, mandated to attend in house programming, and will be expected to complete job searches every day. The grant provided Strafford County with the ability to hire a Specialized Transitional Housing Director and a Re-Entry Case Manager with responsibilities to include monitoring the daily occurrences at Housing, helping the residents find employment and permanent housing, as well as running programming at Transitional Housing. In 2012, Transitional Housing-housed 74 residents, with an average length of stay of 62 days. Out of the 74 residents who were eligible for employment, 59 obtained employment while residing at Transitional Housing and 7 residents completed their GED’s. For more information regarding the Specialized Transitional Housing Program, please contact or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.

Re-Entry Clinicians: Strafford County was awarded a 1 year grant in the amount of $160,730 through The Second Chance Act Federal Grant Program through September, 2011. Strafford County was invited to extend this grant through 2014 and received $500,000 in funds. This grant has allowed Strafford County Community Corrections to hire 2 full time Re-Entry Clinicians along with other ancillary services to benefit re-entry. The Second Chance Act of 2007 provides a comprehensive response to the increasing number of people who are released from prison and jail into communities and the subsequent challenges communities face as offenders attempt to reintegrate into society. A combination of trends in sentencing, incarceration, and post-release supervision has brought prisoner reentry to the forefront of discussion among policy makers, practitioners, and researchers. Without consistent support systems, access to resources, and positive intervention, a newly released offender is at risk to return to a life of crime therefore creating more victims of crime in our local community. A national average suggests a drug court participant commits 105 crimes before entering the program. Re-
entry and transitional services allows for additional resources to be dedicated to prisoner/community integration, thus decreasing the potential number of victims associated with criminal activity. Further, many offenders have substance abuse or mental health problems that require immediate and persistent attention. Through this grant award, Strafford County will continue to build upon its overall therapeutic approach towards public safety and offender-community reintegration. *For more information regarding Re-Entry, please contact Thomas Herzig @516-7198, or Christine McKenna, Re-Entry Specialists @ 516-7191 or Carrie Lover, Coordinator @ 516-7195.*

Strafford County’s Alternative Sentencing/Supervision Programs and Specialty Courts team members who exhibited dedication and professionalism in 2012:

*Alex Casale, Drug Court Program Director
*Jamie Bennett, Drug Court Senior Case Manager and Pre Trial Supervision Officer
*Christopher Gowell Specialty Courts Case Manager and Pre Trial Supervision Officer
*Blair Rowlett, Mental Health Programs Director
*Amanda Vachon, Mental Health Programs Case Manager
  Tom Herzig, Reentry Clinician
*Christine McKenna, Reentry Clinician
*Carrie Lover, Criminal Justice Programming Coordinator

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie Lover
Carrie Lover, MSW, Corrections Officer
Strafford County Criminal Justice Programming Coordinator