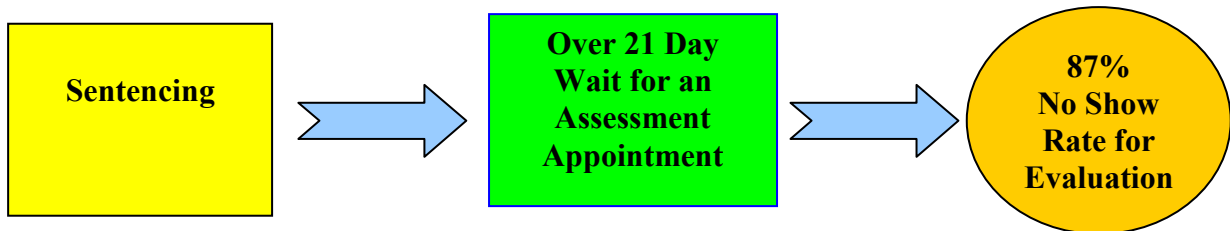
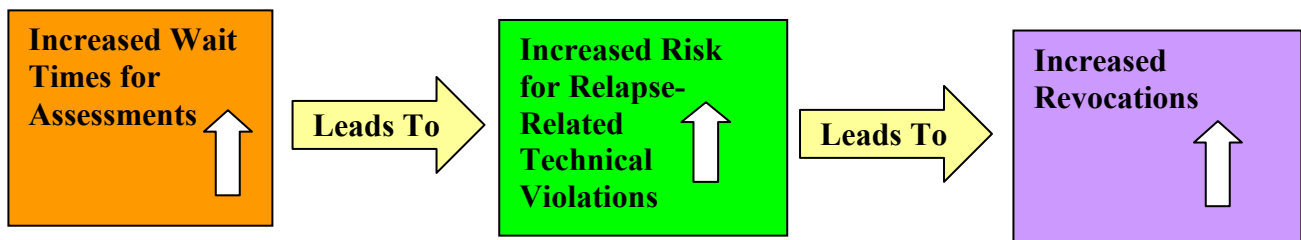


Dallas County CSCD
Reductions in Assessment and Treatment
Services and Technical Violations
A Lesson from 2003 Funding Cuts

In 2003, the Dallas County TAIP funding was cut from \$1,692,000 to \$1,232,655 and the Intensive Services grant funding for mentally ill offenders was cut completely, resulting in an additional \$723,561 decrease in funding for assessment and treatment services. **Overall, Dallas County assessment and treatment services funding was reduced from \$2,415,561 to \$1,232,655, equivalent to a 49% cut.** Without adequate funding, assessment lag times increased over 200% (from a median of 15 to 50 days) after the 2003 cuts. As shown below, the increased lag times for assessment and treatment services are highly correlated with increases in relapse-related technical violations. The bottom line, without adequate funding for assessment and treatment services, technical violations will mount, resulting in higher numbers of revocations and increased demand for prison beds.



In Dallas County, a process analysis has shown that evaluations scheduled more than 21 days from sentencing results in significantly higher no show rates and increased risk for relapse-related technical violations.



An analysis of a sample of Dallas County CSCD clients with technical violations in 2004 showed that 58% of technical violators had relapse-related violations. In most cases, the violator had an evaluation scheduled well over 21 days after sentencing and failed to show for the evaluation and/or had a positive urinalysis resulting in a violation before they could be evaluated.