

Secure Unit Review

In June 2016, the Secure Unit was established as part of the newly developed young adult housing plan for young adult¹ males who have a history of persistent violent and/or assaultive behavior. In the time since, and with the addition of Enhanced Supervision Housing (ESH) as a housing option for young adults, the criteria for placement in the Secure Unit has been further refined. The placement criteria is geared to identify and address the behavioral issues of young adults who have begun to exhibit increasingly violent behavior or have a past history of violence and have engaged in recent concerning violent acts such that immediate intervention is needed to prevent further escalation of violence. The Secure Unit is uniquely situated within the housing continuum as it is a housing option for two categories of violent young adults: those whose history of violent behavior may not rise to the level of consideration for placement in ESH but require the structure and programming/therapeutic offering specific to the unit and those who have advanced from ESH. Young adults transitioning from ESH are afforded incremental increases in out-of-cell time from seven (7) hours while in ESH to ten (10) hours in Secure Unit Phase I while continuing therapeutic engagement.

Secure Unit maintains a phased structure designed to facilitate enhanced safety and security while fostering an environment where young adults can obtain skills for positive change. Enhanced staffing ratios of trained and dedicated staff, both uniform and non-uniform, engage with the young adults in furtherance of positive behavioral changes and encourage the achievement of individualized goals. With consistent positive behavioral changes, young adults can progress through all three phases with increased out-of-cell time from ten (10) hours in Phase I to twelve (12) hours in Phase II, and to Fourteen (14) hours per day of lock-out in Phase III.

As of October 31, 2017, there have been forty-five (45) young adult males whom have entered the Secure Unit, totaling in fifty-four (54) individual stays.

Key Facts²

Total Placements	54
Total Unique Inmates	45
Average Daily Population	8.2
SRG	35
Brad H	37
Self-Reported Drug Usage upon Admission to DOC	3
Number of Inmates Previously in TRU/Second Chance/ESH ³	34

Reasons for Discharge from Program

Completed all three phases	14
Transferred to Another Unit	18
Adjudication Determined Not Recommended	1
Discharged from DOC Custody	14
In Secure as of October 31, 2017	7
Total	54

Characteristics of Stays by Progression Track

	<i>Progressed through All Phases</i>	<i>Did Not Progress through All Phases</i>	<i>Currently In Secure</i>	Total
Number of Stays	14	33	7	47
Avg. Length of Stay in Secure	108.07 Days	52.48 Days	N/A	71.85 Days
Enrolled in School While In Unit	79%	33%	43%	46%

¹ Eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years old.

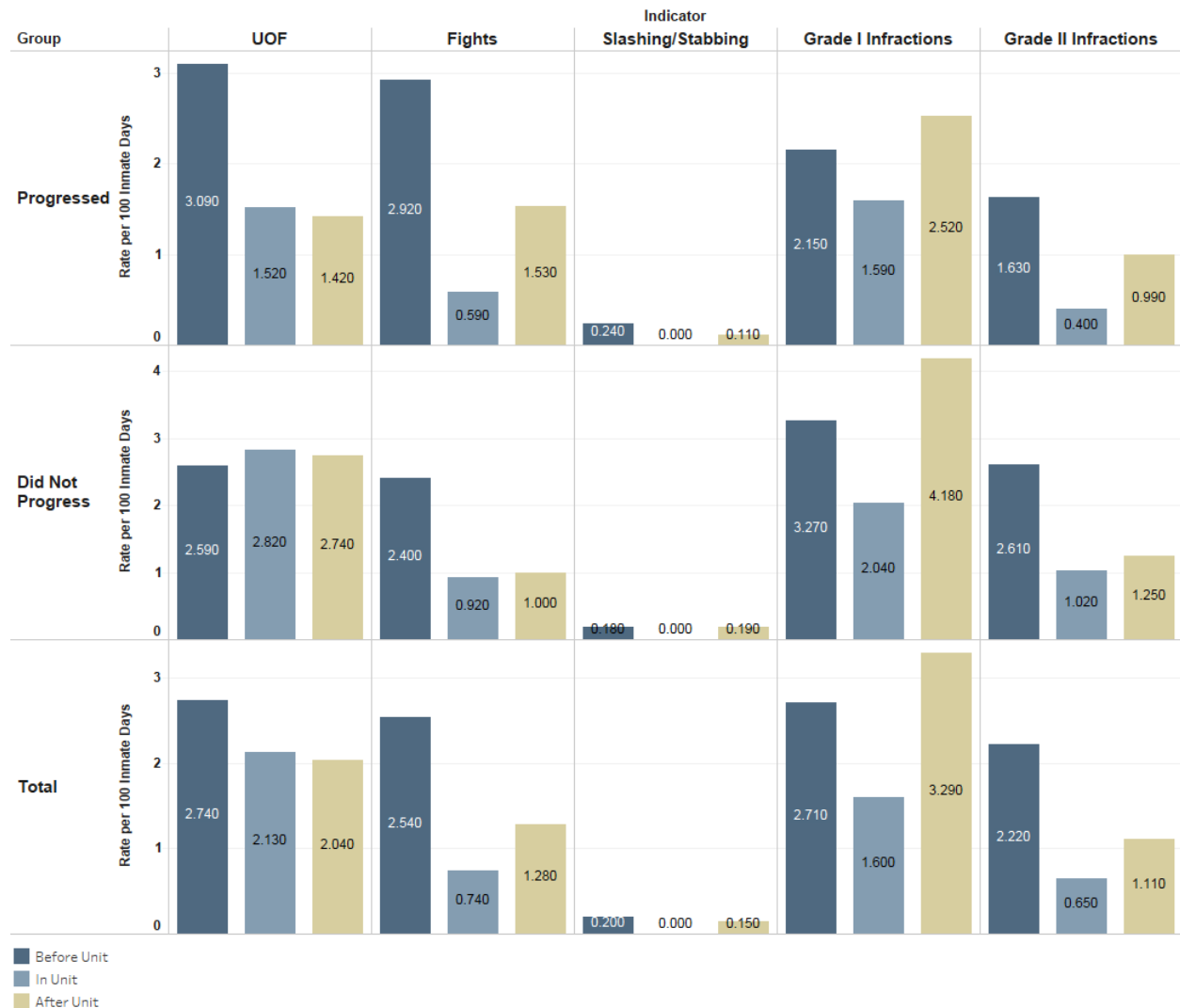
² SRG, Brad H, and Drug Usage are identified for individual inmates, not separate stays.

³ TRU is Transitional Restorative Unit, and ESH is Enhanced Supervision Housing.

Incident Outcomes by Progression Track⁴⁵

Inmates who passed through the Secure Unit showed notable progress in reducing violent or disruptive behaviors. These patterns were particularly pronounced for those inmates who progressed through all three phases of Secure. Inmates belonging to this latter group (first row in chart below) showed reductions in incident rates after Secure compared to their time in custody before entering Secure, and also showed reductions in rates of less serious infractions. For those who did not progress through all three phases (second row), results were less striking. This group showed reductions in fights and less serious infractions, but showed less improvement with other incident and infraction types.

Incident and Infraction Outcomes



⁴ Incident Metrics measured per 100 Inmate Days. Ongoing stays as of October 31, 2017 are not recorded in this table.

⁵ The “after” period is defined as the time between the end of a stay in Secure and DOC discharge date, or between the end of a stay in Secure and the end of the reporting period. For those with multiple stays, it is also the period between the end of one stay in Secure and the start of a subsequent stay in Secure.