

2012-2014 Recidivism Study  
SHORTSTOP and STOP SHORT of Addiction programs

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The most recent recidivism study completed by the Orange County Bar Foundation, in partnership with the Orange County Probation Department, studied the recidivism rates of youth participants in our SHORTSTOP and STOP SHORT of Addiction diversion programs. The study involved tracking approximately 961 youth for a year after they completed the program to determine if there was a probation referral for a new law violation in that time.

% OF YOUTH PARTICIPANTS THAT DID NOT REOFFEND WITHIN A YEAR	
SHORTSTOP	93%
Programa SHORTSTOP—Spanish services	95%
STOP SHORT of Addiction	92%
STOP SHORT of Addiction—Spanish services	91%

Youth who passed OCBF programs had a recidivism rate of 7% (n=857), whereas those that failed OCBF programs had a recidivism rate of 25% (n=104). These findings are consistent with past recidivism studies; youth that pass our diversion programs are less likely to have a referral to probation within a year than youth who fail.

Overall, these results continue to underscore the OCBF's positive outcomes with at-risk youth that successfully complete the SHORTSTOP and STOP SHORT of Addiction diversion programs.