

Collection of Restitution in Utah Courts

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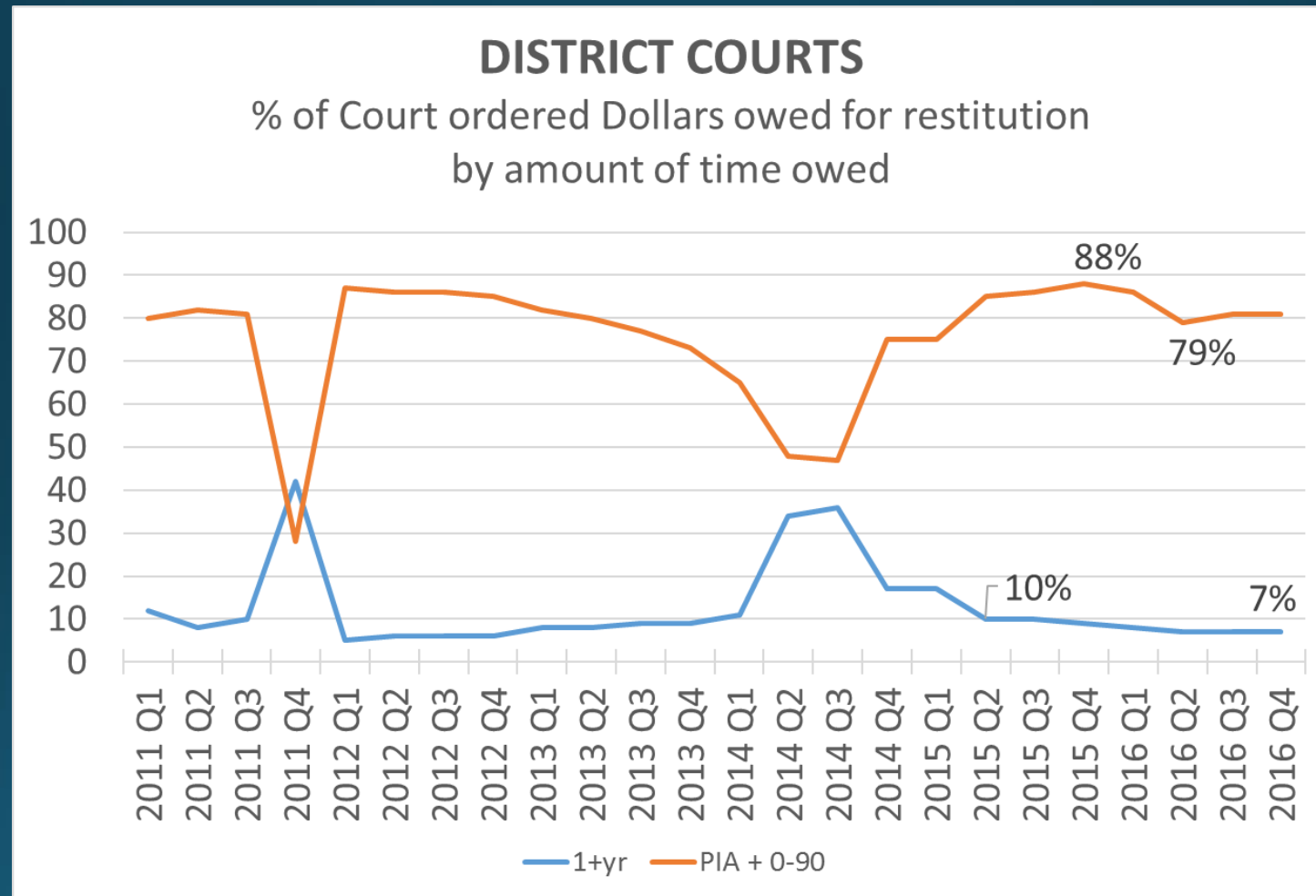
Purpose of this Presentation

- Report on collection rates of restitution in Utah courts; and
- Discuss policy options to improve collection efforts

Findings

- Collection rates have improved in the last two fiscal years;
- Restitution, amounts owed by court order that are older than 3 years mostly result from incarceration of convicted individuals

Restitution Collection Rates



Policy Options

- Status Quo
- Pay restitution up front to victims, with the state taking on burden of collecting restitution from offenders (Vermont model)
- Establish “restitution courts” to focus on collection efforts (Maricopa County model)
- Reframe efforts to collect restitution as a means to rehabilitate offenders (Juvenile offenders in the Florida Eighth Judicial Circuit)

Questions?