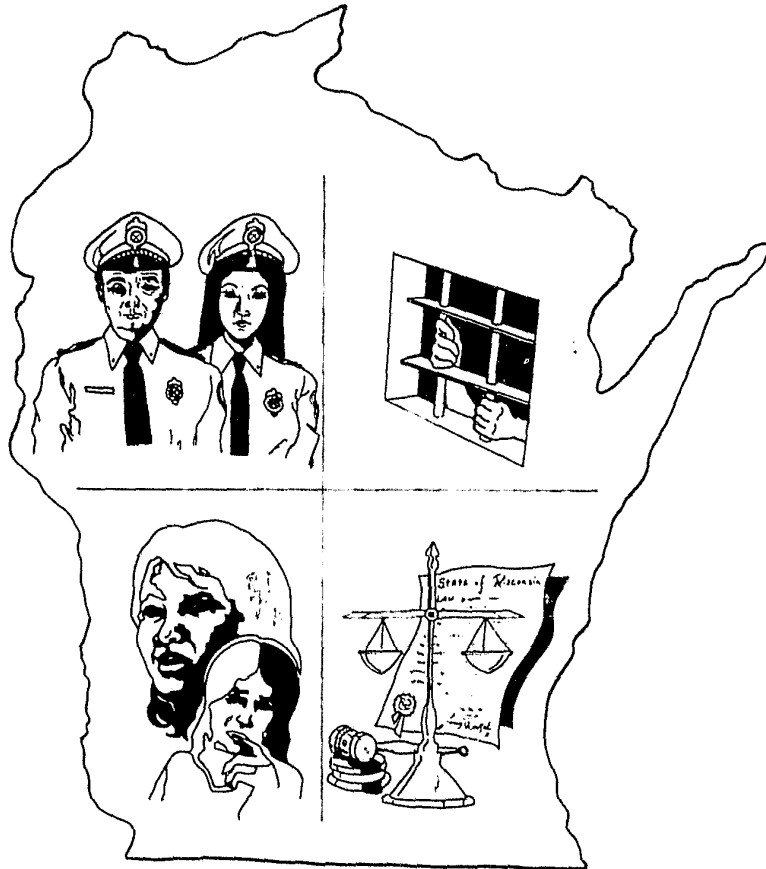




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The ATTIC
 Progress Toward Goals and Objectives
 January 1 - November 1, 1978

Objective	Progress	Comments
1. Provide an alternative to incarceration at the pre-adjudication, pre-sentence and revocation stages for fourteen to twenty-eight adult male correctional clients in the first twelve months of operation.	Fulfilled	1. To date, 16 clients have been served as an alternative to incarceration.
2. Reserve one bed as an aid to reintegration for adult male correctional clients.	Fulfilled	2. One bed is reserved for "reintegration" clients.
3. Provide reintegration services for three to six adult male correctional clients in need of such services during the first twelve months of operation.	Partially Fulfilled	3. To date, two clients have received reintegration services.
4. To provide each client with one counseling group session per week as a means of confronting behavior patterns, thus controlling recidivism, facilitating community reintegration and increasing personal problem-solving skills.	Fulfilled	4-6. These objectives relate to regular components of The ATTIC's program and are therefore routinely provided to all clients.
5. To provide each client with at least one individual counseling session per week as a means of controlling recidivism, facilitating community reintegration and increasing personal problem-solving skills.	Fulfilled	
6. To give each client completing the program assistance in finding jobs and independent living situations.	Fulfilled	
7. 75 to 80% of the clients who complete the in-house program will not be convicted of an offense for a period of twelve months after leaving the facility.	N/A	7. These data have not yet been collected.



Project Title: The ATTIC
Subgrantee: Vets House, Inc.

Funding History:

<u>Grant Number</u>	<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Federal Share</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
78-4A-SC-07-7	\$145,082	\$130,574	1/1/78 - 12/31/78
*79-4A-SW-3263-9	\$138,147	\$110,517	1/1/79 - 12/31/79
*Requested			

I. Project Summary

The ATTIC is an eight-bed residential facility which provides a community alternative to incarceration for adult male offenders. The project attempts to reduce recidivism and facilitate reintegration of its clients into the community by providing services within a structured, supportive environment.

II. Purpose of Report

The ATTIC is being evaluated by the Program Evaluation Section (PES) of the Wisconsin Council on Criminal Justice (WCCJ). The evaluation design calls for collection of individualized data on all clients served by the project. The report presents a summary of the data collected from March through October, 1978 and is intended to provide the Executive Committee of the WCCJ with information relevant to refunding the project.

III. Summary of Client Data

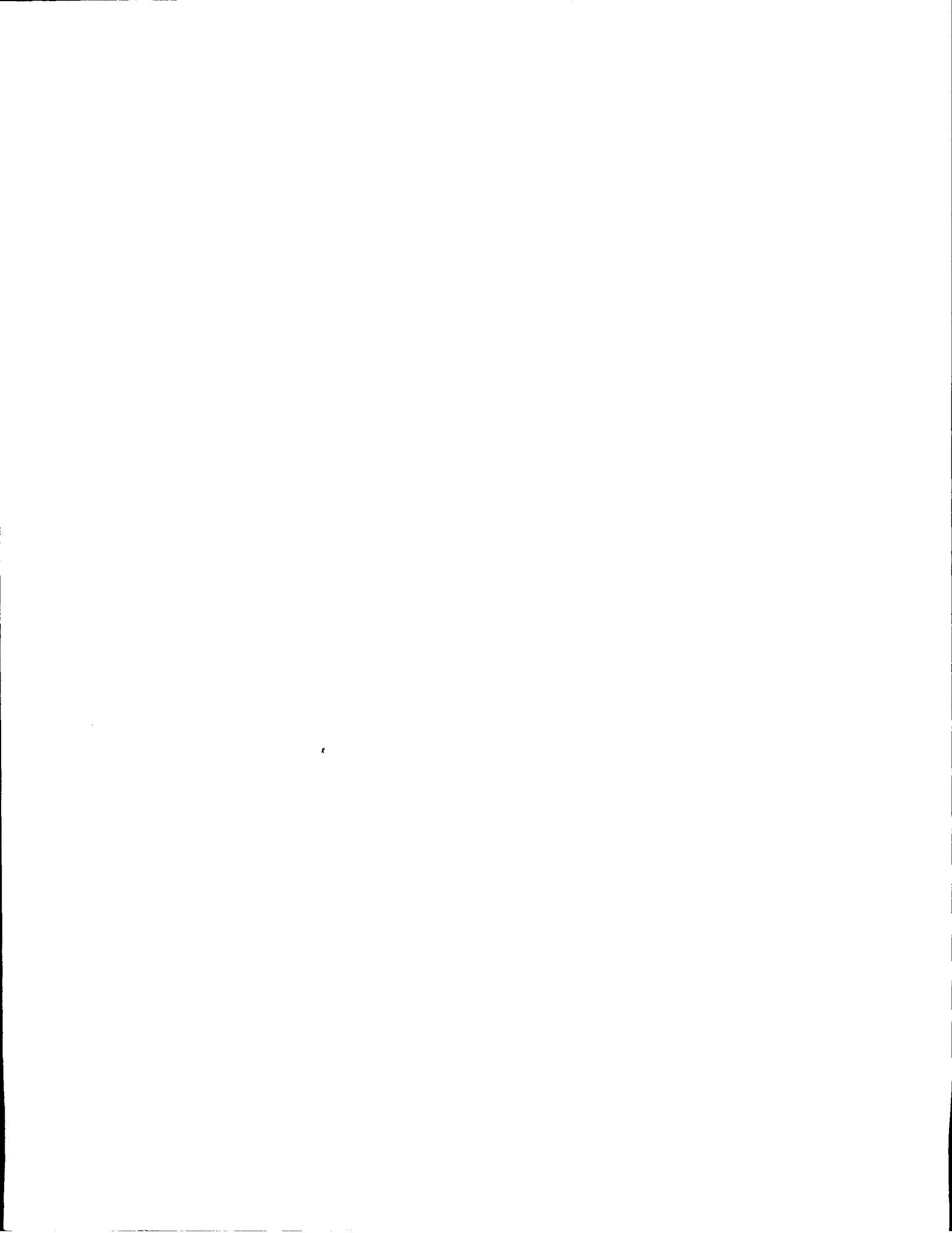
A. Client Characteristics

Through the end of October 1978 the ATTIC has served eighteen clients. Of these, ten had been terminated and eight were still in residence on November 1, 1978. Table 1 describes various characteristics of the client group. The data in Table 1 show that most clients have been young, white males, never married, with some history of alcohol abuse. Most have had at least one conviction prior to the offense which led to their involvement with the ATTIC. All were on probation or parole at the time of referral, and fourteen were reported to be in danger of revocation. (Revocation proceedings had already begun for five clients.) The most frequent offense for which clients were involved in the project was burglary.

Table 1

Client Characteristics (N=18)

Characteristic	# Clients	%	Characteristic	# Clients	%
<u>Age at Intake:</u>			<u>Prior Convictions:</u>		
Under 18	2	(11.1)	None	2	(11.1)
18-21	11	(61.1)	Misdemeanor(s)	8	(44.4)
22-25	3	(16.6)	Felony(ies)	8	(44.4)
26 +	2	(11.1)	<u>Probation/Parole</u>		
<u>Race:</u>			<u>Status:</u>		
White	17	(94.4)	On Probation at Intake	16	(88.8)
Other	1	(5.5)	On Parole at Intake	2	(11.1)
<u>Marital Status:</u>			<u>Current Offense:</u>		
Single	15	(83.3)	Burglary	6	(33.3)
Married	1	(5.5)	Grand Theft	2	(11.1)
Separated	2	(11.1)	Battery	2	(11.1)
<u>Education (Grades</u>			Bodily Harm	1	(5.5)
<u>Completed):</u>			Reckless Use of Weapon	1	(5.5)
7-9	5	(27.7)	Mail Fraud	1	(5.5)
10-12	4	(22.2)	Narcotics Violation	1	(5.5)
High School Graduate	8	(44.4)	Criminal Trespass	1	(5.5)
Post-High School	1	(5.5)	Criminal Damage	1	(5.5)
<u>History of Chemical</u>			Leaving Scene of		
<u>Abuse:</u>			Accident	1	(5.5)
None Noted	7	(38.8)	Absconding	1	(5.5)
Alcohol	10	(55.5)	<u>Facing Revocation at</u>		
Marijuana	1	(5.5)	<u>Intake:</u>		
<u>Referral Source:</u>			Yes, Preliminary		
Probation/Parole			Hearing Held	5	(27.7)
Agent	15	(83.3)	Yes, No Preliminary		
Attorney	3	(16.6)	Hearing	9	(50.0)
			Not Facing Revocation	4	(22.2)



B. Services Provided

Prior to intake, project staff develop an Assessment/Treatment Plan describing client needs and goals in six general areas: vocational, educational, basic skills, physical, inter-personal and support systems. Staff provide or coordinate provision of services to enable clients to meet their goals. Staff provide individual and group counseling opportunities as well as weekly workshops in a variety of interest areas.

Table 2 describes the services provided to the ten clients who have been terminated from the project. The data show that at least half the clients received the following services while residents of The ATTIC:

- Residence
- Employment Counseling
- Job Placement
- Personal Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Financial Evaluation
- Financial Counseling
- Weekly Workshops.

Staff meet with clients every two weeks to evaluate progress and determine additional service needs. When a client has fulfilled the goals in his Treatment Plan, he has completed the residential phase of the program and may seek an independent living situation.

C. Client Termination and Status Changes

Although clients remain in "follow-up" status after they stop residing at The ATTIC, for the purpose of this report they are considered to be "terminated." Of the ten clients who were terminated as of November 1, 1978, seven had successfully completed the program, two had quit the program prior to completion and one was dropped due to behavior problems.

Tables 3-5 show the changes in client status from intake to termination for criminal justice system status, employment and monthly income. Not reflected in any table is the fact that two clients also began attending school while in the project and were still attending at termination.

Table 3 depicts changes in clients' criminal justice status. The data show that all clients but one were able to avoid incarceration through participation in the project. (It should be noted, however, that two clients were still awaiting trial at termination.)

Table 2
Services Provided to Clients*

Service	Provided By			Total (%)
	Direct	By Referral	Both	
Residence	10			10 (100%)
Assistance Finding Shelter	4			4 (40%)
Vocational Evaluation		2	1	3 (30%)
Vocational Counseling		2	2	4 (40%)
Vocational Training		1	1	2 (20%)
Employment Counseling	4		3	7 (70%)
Job Placement	2	1	2	5 (50%)
Medical/Dental		2		2 (20%)
Individual Counseling (Personal)	9		1	10 (100%)
Group Counseling	8		1	9 (90%)
Legal Advocacy	4			4 (40%)
Financial Evaluation	5			5 (50%)
Financial Counseling	8			8 (80%)
Educational Services	1	1		2 (20%)
Workshops	6			6 (60%)

*This table refers to services provided to terminated clients only.
(N=10)

Table 3

Criminal Justice Status at Termination,
by Status at Intake

Status at Intake	Status at Termination			Total %
	Pre-Trial	Serving Sentence in Community	Serving Sentence Incarcerated	
Pre-Trial	2	2		4 (40%)
Pre-Sentence		2		2 (20%)
Serving Sentence in Community		1		1 (10%)
Serving Sentence (Incarcerated)		2	1	10 (100%)
Total (%)	2 (20%)	7 (70%)	1 (10%)	10 (100%)

Not reflected in the table is the fact that revocation proceedings against four of the clients had been dropped due to participation in the project.

Tables 4 and 5 show changes in employment status and monthly income, respectively. Table 4 shows that the unemployment rate among clients decreased from 80% at intake to 30% at termination. Six clients improved their employment status while in the project, and one client experienced a negative status change. The general improvement in employment status was accompanied by a general improvement in monthly income levels, as depicted in Table 5, although those data show that income levels were relatively low, even among employed clients.

Table 4

Employment Status at Termination,
by Status at Intake

Status at Intake	Status at Termination		Total %
	Employed (Full or Part-time)	Unemployed	
Employed (Full or Part-time)	1	1	2 (20%)
Unemployed	6	2	8 (80%)
Total (%)	7 (70%)	3 (30%)	10 (100%)

Table 5

Monthly Income at Termination,
by Income at Intake

Income at Intake	Income at Termination				Total (%)
	0	1-200	201-400	401-1000	
0	2	1	4	2	9 (90%)
401-1,000				1	1 (10%)
Total	2 (20%)	1 (10%)	4 (40%)	3 (30%)	10 (100%)

IV. Occupancy Rates

At full capacity, The ATTIC provides residential service to eight clients. During the period from March 20 to October 31, 1978 there were 226 days. The ATTIC would have provided 1,808 client/days of service if it had operated at full capacity each day (226 x 8 = 1,808). The actual number of client/days provided was 1,533, or 84.7% of capacity.

Table 6 presents a different perspective of occupancy rates by showing what proportion of time the project had a given number of residents:

Table 6

ATTIC Occupancy Levels, 3/20 - 10/31/78

Number of Clients in Residence	Number of Days	Percent of Days
4 or less	7	3.0%
5 - 6	78	34.5
7 - 8	141	62.3%
Total	226	99.8%

(Does not total 100% due to rounding.)

The data in Table 6 show that The ATTIC has avoided one of the problems common to new, private residential corrections programs, i.e. a lack of clientele. The ATTIC has been at or above 50% occupancy since the first weeks of operation and has been near capacity almost two-thirds of the time.

V. Conclusions

The ATTIC appears to be operating within the intent of the program under which it was funded. That is, most of the clients are involved with the project as a direct alternative to incarceration. The project seems to have avoided many of the problems faced by similar projects and has succeeded in meeting its objectives for the first year of operations.



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