

Selection Criteria

The youth involved in the SHOCAP program are typically 12 years of age or older and have been involved in crimes of a serious and escalating nature. When prioritizing potential candidates, consideration is given to age and the likelihood of successful intervention.

Profile of a typical SHO

- Trouble at home
- Trouble at school
- Reported missing frequently
- Minor thefts, shoplifting
- Substance abuse
- Victim of assaults and abuse
- Perpetrator of assaults and abuse
- Escalating property crime to support substance abuse
- Street connections grow to gang affiliations
- Violent crime escalates as habits urgently need to be fed
 - Personal robberies, home invasions, armed robberies
 - Countless court appearances
 - Noncompliance and eventual incarceration
 - Successful intervention by intensive programming and supervision



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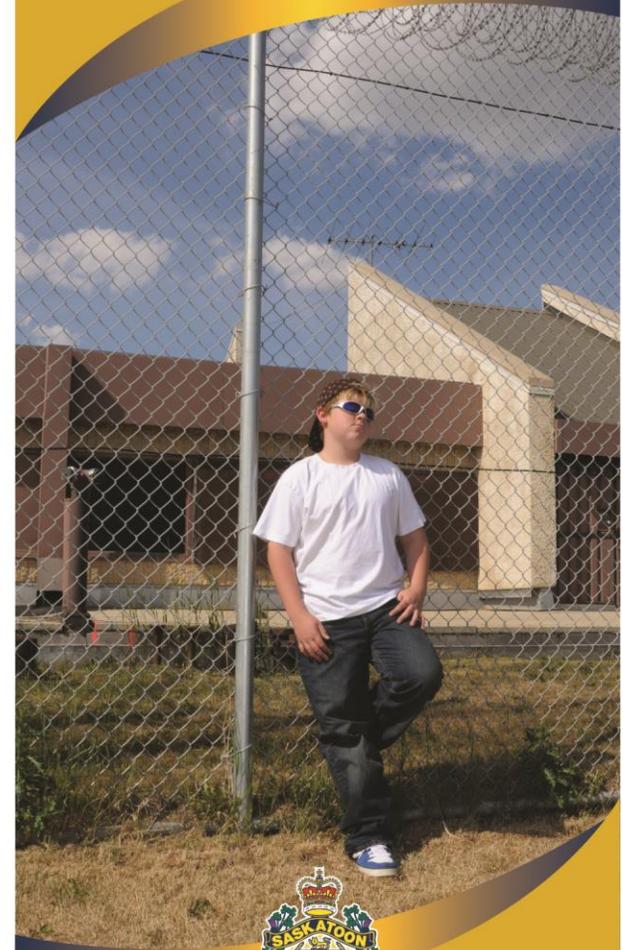


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SHOCAP

**Serious Habitual Offender
Comprehensive Action
Plan**



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A COORDINATED APPROACH

**Social Services, Prosecutions,
Corrections, and
Police**

Saskatchewan has implemented the SHOCAP program in Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert.

SHOCAP is an acronym for **Serious Habitual Offender Comprehensive Action Program**, and is an interagency effort designed to provide a coordinated approach and enhanced communications between agencies working with young persons who are habitual offenders.

In Saskatoon this program provides a network between the Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Justice Prosecutors Office, Community Corrections and the Saskatoon Police Service. To a lesser degree this network also includes local School Boards, Tribal Council, and Legal Aid.



The Saskatoon Police Service SHOCAP Unit, in cooperation with the other agencies, tracks the activity of a select group of young persons. Based on their arrest records, frequency in crime and escalation in crime, young people are placed on the SHOCAP program by a joint committee made up of DSS, Prosecutions, Community Corrections and Police Service staff. Based on certain criteria they are considered Serious Habitual Offenders (SHO's).

Once selected as a SHO the youth stays on the program until they complete one crime free year on the streets. Periods of incarceration are not included in one crime free year. They will also be removed from the program if they move outside of the jurisdiction, or upon reaching the age of twenty one. If a SHO moves to another jurisdiction, the police agency in that area is notified, and takes over monitoring the SHO.

The SHOCAP Unit attends the SHO's court appearances and works closely with the DSS youth workers in case planning. This ensures that these offenders are held accountable for their criminal activities. In addition, these individuals are closely monitored and supervised on the street, in their homes, and schools. This serves as a control over their activities and provides a true picture of their living environment.

As a result, all agencies involved obtain in-depth information for the Courts, obtain strict compliance from the SHOs on sanctions imposed on them, and allows the SHOCAP Unit the ability to immediately intervene should any problems arise.



The intensive supervision and Interagency case planning supplied by the SHOCAP program allows for the policing of certain individuals within the community, providing an alternative to custody. SHOCAP blends well with the current trends of trying to handle offenders in the community.

SHOCAP's ultimate goal is to assist the youth in modifying their behavior and provide incentive leading to conformity with societal rules. This in turn results in a productive citizen. The alternative is the protection of society by incarcerating the offender should they not comply with the law.

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