



United States Department of
Health & Human Services
Administration for Children and Families

Mentoring Children of Prisoners

- Goals of the program were announced by the President at the State of the Union in 2004
- A goal was set of 100,000 matches of mentors with children with in a four year period

Why help these children?

- Children of incarcerated parents are seven times more likely to become involved in the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems.
- Research indicates that young people in long term mentoring relationships:
 - 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
 - 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
 - 52% less likely to skip school
 - 37% less likely to skip a class



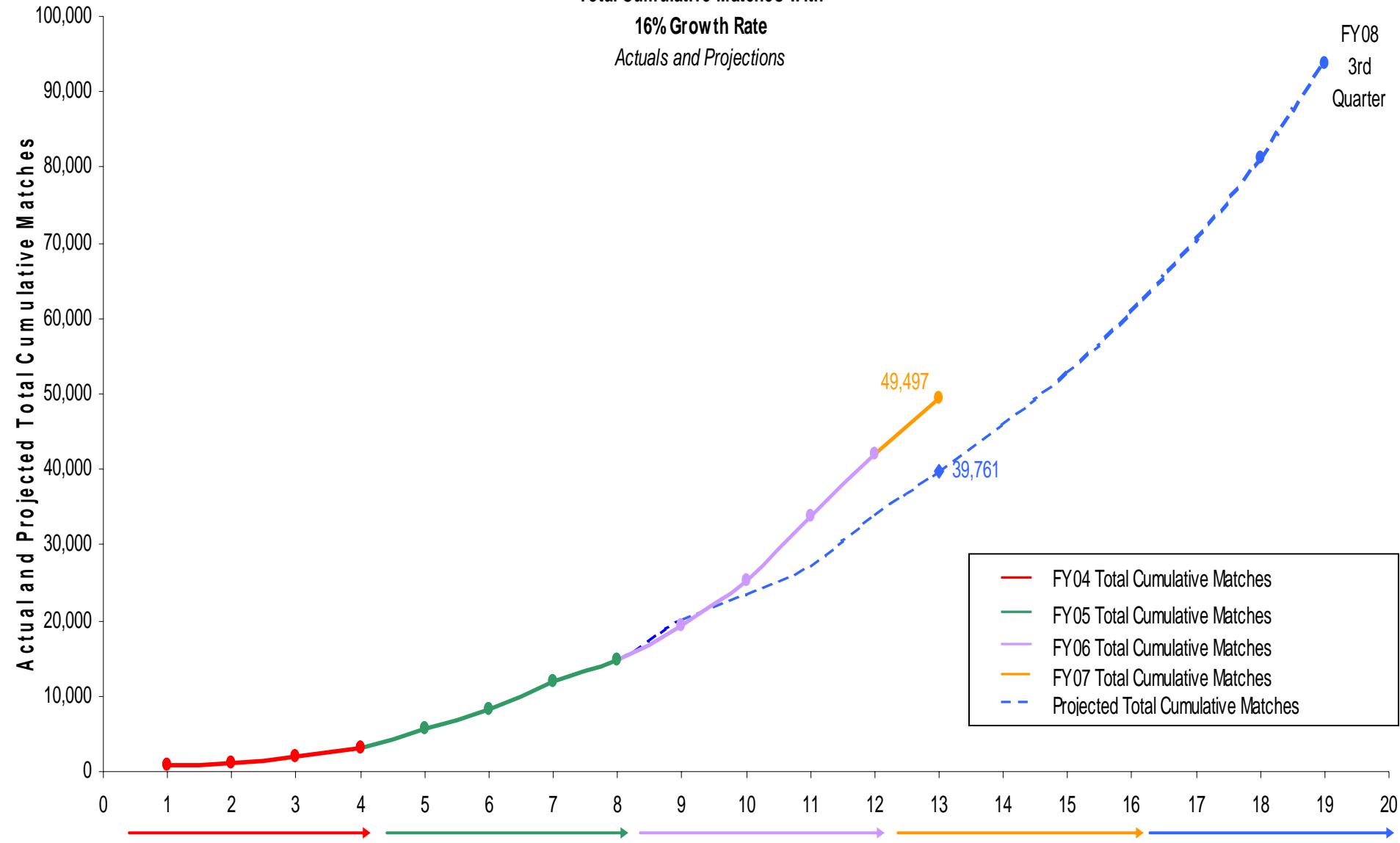
List of Reforms to MCP

- Strengthened oversight of federal grantees
 - Encouraged deficient grantees to relinquish in favor of successor organizations
 - Improved data collection and verification procedures
- Technical assistance to improve grantee performance
- Established quarterly benchmarks for reaching 100,000 matches



MCP Program Results

Total Cumulative Matches with
16% Growth Rate
Actuals and Projections



Vouchers

- The voucher program will take advantage of the over 4,000 accredited mentoring programs across the country that could match mentors with these children.
- The voucher system was proposed to Congress in the FY '06 Budget.
- Congress passed the voucher program in the Safe and Stable Families Act of 2006 (Sept)

