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Community corrections bring different thoughts to an individual mind when it comes to developments that took place in this field after the 1960s. However, this does not mean that before the 1960s era no developments were being made as far as community correction is concerned. One of the developments in community corrections during this period that I believe was important was the introduction of the crime control model that led to the abolishment of community rehabilitation (Hanser, 2013). This was mainly propagated by the fact that community rehabilitation resulted in a low recidivism rate and hence viewed as less effective. Notably, after the 1960s there was an increase in crime and thus the Supreme Court saw no need for use of community rehabilitation anymore.

Secondly, there was the elimination of parole in states such as New Mexico, Delaware, North Carolina and Kansas among others. In line with this, the introduction of determinate sentencing laws helped to keep offenders behind bars for a considerable period. According to the US Parole Commission, the recidivism rate in the above-mentioned states reduced hence indicating that the strategy was effective (Hanser, 2013). Last but not least, containment and incarceration is another crucial improvement towards community correction. Since then few changes have been made to make the improvements stronger towards combating crime. The main focus has not only been in few US states but also in the entire country thanks to initiators of the developments. Summing up the improvements are recommendable although a lot still needs to be done to combat crime to the lowest level as possible.

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