

Monroe County Reentry Services at Catholic Family Center

**Thinking smart about crime , public safety and
former offender reentry**

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Monroe County Reentry Task Force

NYS Division of Parole
SMART (Safer Monroe Area Reentry Team)
Spiritus Christi Prison Ministry
The Salvation Army
DePaul
NYS Department of Corrections
Huther-Doyle
Catholic Family Center
NYS Department of Corrections
OASAS
Rochester Works!
VESID
Pre-Trial Services
Step-by-Step
Monroe County Legal Assistance
Empire Justice Center
The Judicial Process Commission
The Monroe County Sheriff
Rochester Police Department
Monroe County's District Attorney Victim/Witness Program
Monroe County Dept. of Human Services
Monroe County Office of Mental Health
Cephas Attica

Goals of the Reentry Task Force

- ◆ To assist individuals released from prison with obtaining services
 - ◆ To conduct strategic planning and improve system wide coordination
 - ◆ To conduct public education and outreach
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Addressing Criminogenic Needs

- Anti-Social Personality
- Anti-Social Attitudes & Values
- Anti-Social Associates
- Family Dysfunction
- Poor Self-Control
- Poor Problem-Solving
- Substance Abuse
- Lack of Employment or Employment Skills

One Stop Model: Reentry Center

Parenting group

Financial literacy training

Employment opportunities

Pro social opportunities

Action Committee

Food Pantry, Clothing

Fitness Center

Community learning lab

Household furnishings

Volunteer opportunities

Basic Education/GED

Social Activities

Case management

Housing assistance

Fatherhood workshop

Meeting/ gathering space

Community events

Children's workshop

Legal services

Transportation

There is no “*silver bullet*”



- The Department of Correctional Services, must focus on risk management concerns, often to the exclusion of evidence-based practices.

- This can mean that inmates have limited opportunities to build and practice skills that will ultimately shape their success post-release, and few opportunities to make decision, carry responsibility or interact in normal ways with people around them



Successful Services Delivery Includes...



- A robust, sincere relationship between staff and clients
- Services need to begin well before to release so that a **relationship** is forged
- Staff must be able to reserve judgment

- Services must be responsive and personal
- We need to acknowledge everyone is worth more than the worst thing he/she ever did...



Help people have a life worth losing

Prodigal Sons & Daughters Action Committee

Increase leadership skills
Practice getting along with friends and colleagues from diverse backgrounds and points-of-view
Sharpen problem-solving skills
Enjoy the pleasure of giving back to family, friends and community
Get involved in positive, pro-social activities
Be part of the reentry family



Action Committee Members participating in Teen Empowerment's Teen Conference

- Help them meet their stabilization needs
- Give them a way to belong



Clients visiting patients at Monroe Community Hospital, Christmas

- Include family...they will be there after we've all moved on



Thanksgiving Dinner

Engagement of Former Offenders and their Families

- Cultural competence
- Welcoming atmosphere
- Pro social environment
- Relationship building
- Rapid engagement for needed services
- Stabilization needs
- Staff attitude and skills
- Children's activities
- Rewards and incentives

Reentry Services

- Second Chance – Services to offender and his/her family
- Prodigal Sons & Daughters – high risk state releasees
- Rochester Safe & Sound – 16 – 26 year old gang-related violent offenders
- CCSI Forensic Beds – supported housing for SPMI violent offenders
- Orleans Project – 60 bed unit at Orleans Correctional Facility providing pre and post release services
- Transitional Housing
- Alcohol and Substance Abuse Evaluation and Mental Health Screening
- Fatherhood Initiative – support and skill building for non-custodial parents
- Adolescent Reentry Coordinator