



## PARTNERS REENTRY CENTER (PRC) STATISTICS

### January 2019

- Individuals served as of January 31, 2019 since opening August 14, 2013 (includes individuals PRC is working with pre-release) 7705\*
- Number of new clients for January (including pre-release applications) 154\*
- Daily average number of reentrants at Center (January) 69\*
- Average number of reentrants actively in Center working toward self-sufficiency 359\*
- Housing Assistance (Since September 2013)
  - o Temporary/Transitional Housing Placements 3,149
  - o Long-term housing placements (at least 70 with children) 267
  - o Assistance to Avoid Eviction (58 with children) 204
- TOTAL Re-entrants housed since opening August 2013** 3,620
- o Total receiving housing in January 184
- Reentrants who have received individual supportive services (bus passes, clothing vouchers, food cards, State IDs, etc.)
  - o Total service items provided 24,503
  - o Reentrants receiving supportive services this month 215
- Unique reentrants actively using Job Readiness services in January 374

(Note: \* numbers include reentrants, approximately 10% of the totals, who have had a break in monied services due to returning to incarceration for 1 day or more.)

### KEY OUTCOMES IN JANUARY

- Employment: 58 participants were hired in January.

- Employers: Over 755 employers have hired participants since opening in 2013.
- Housing: Over 131 landlords have rented to program participants since opening.
- Financial Management: Money Management, Inc. consulted with 19 participants to review credit reports and educate on budget management.
- Peer Support Groups: PRC hosts 2 weekly Peer2Peer group, the FOCUS group on Thursdays and ‘Successful Living’ peer group on Monday evenings. Average weekly attendance was 10 – 12.
- MRT® behavioral modification treatment: Five groups are offered through PRC. Average attendance per group was 8 -10. As needed, MRT ® is required of participants in the Vivitrol program.
- On-line parenting classes – 55

### **PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH PRC**

- Vivitrol Pilot Program (MAT “Medically Assisted Treatment”)
  - 401 offered this option to date. (Pilot Program began 9/2015)
    - 197 have accepted the Vivitrol program as part of their post-release plan.
      - 71.5% - 141 remained in the community with housing and employment during the time PRC monitored their community status.
      - 28.5% - 56 have recidivated
    - 204 declined taking Vivitrol as part of their post-release plan
      - 47.5% - 97 remain in the community.
      - 48% - 98 have recidivated
      - 5% - 9 died of a heroin overdose
- Employment Readiness
  - Job Readiness Lab Orientation.
  - 4 Weekly Employment Workshops.
  - Individualized Computer Lab Assistance.
  - Daily Updates on Immediate Job Openings.

- Enhanced employment and job training case management for SNAP recipients.
- Reentry Coordinated Services and Support Groups.
  - Intake and Orientation.
  - Individual meetings with Case Coordinators.
  - Individualized referrals to other programs, services and assistance.
- Programs offered by PRC for Re-entrants.
  - Ready-To-Rent (upon request)
  - Financial Management (credit report and repair) with Money Management, Inc.
  - Peer Support groups
  - One-on-one behavioral counseling
  - On-line Parenting classes
  - DOL Job Search Presentations and referrals to DOL MASST, DOL Workforce and Training and Veteran's Programs
  - MRT Classes (SAMSHA approved behavioral modification training shown to improve success of reentrants)
  - Individualized referrals to other programs, resources, and assistance.
  - PRC Bike program for reentrants who are employed but have no transportation options. To date, 106 reentrants have received bikes through this program. (NOTE: The bike program is available when weather permits.)
- Assistance and Supportive Services for:
  - Housing (emergency, transitional, permanent, and/or preventative)
  - State IDs, Birth Certificates, Social Security cards, Medicaid eligibility, Food Stamp applications
  - Food Handler Cards
  - Appropriate work clothes
  - Bus Passes for job search and employment
  - Food Cards (for emergency food and toiletries)
  - Taxi service to medical appointments
  - Referrals to social security specialists and mental health counselors

### **NEW SERVICES OFFERED**

- Repurposing Project - In collaboration with local realtors, Partners Reentry Center accepts donations from the community of household

items and furniture. These donated items are re-gifted to reentrants who have successfully participated in the reentry program and are moving into permanent housing. To date, 82 furniture donations have been accepted and 79 reentrants have received furnishings.

- On-site Medicaid and Public Assistance Enrollment – In partnership with Alaska Food Coalition, Southcentral Foundation, and the United Way, Medicaid and public assistance enrollment, and benefit reviews are done. Since the inception of this collaboration, over 1000 reentrants have applied for Medicaid, APA and Food stamps at PRC with these partners.
- Alaskan All Nations Reentry Group – Created in April 2015, this group is designed as an advocacy group, now with weekly attendance at 10 – 12 people. One goal, through the use of a restorative justice model, is to safely return Alaskan Natives, back to their communities. To date, 19 individuals have returned home to their villages through this group’s work. 5 participants are actively working on returning home. None have recidivated.
- In-reach at Hiland, Anchorage Correctional Complex, Goose Creek, and Spring Creek – PRC regularly goes into each of these facilities to help inmates plan reentry plans which include housing immediately upon release, employment, immediate referrals for medically-assisted treatment for substance abuse issues, etc. In January, Skype meetings were held between PRC reentrants who have served long sentences and Spring Creek inmates preparing to release. PRC staff traveled to Spring Creek for pre-release planning, work with the Reentry community, and to meet with members of Spring Creek’s Restorative Justice group.
- F.O.C.U.S. PRC started a peer-driven group for reentrants who have done 15+ years of incarceration. This group provides healthy, pro-social support to its members as well as reaching into the community. Members of the group are engaging with teens and community members in discussions to educate, in a positive way, about how to make decisions that will not result in incarceration and to look at the criminal justice system from the perspective of a reentrant.
- Dept. of Correction’s Second Chance Grant Collaboration - PRC agreed to collaborate and house high-risk reentrants who were sponsored by DOC for monitored release. With the transition in state government, the Second Chance Grant program was suspended by DOC and all reentrants under the program were absorbed into PRC’s

reentry program. Over 4-5 high-risk reentrants were expected to be released under this pilot program. The reentrants are still releasing but, the services DOC committed to provide are now being provided by PRC.

- Project Access – This program provides medical services to vulnerable individuals who are unable to get medical and dental services in any other way. Project Access and PRC will be partnering, beginning in February to have a Project Access representative on-site one morning per week to connect reentrants to these needed services.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION**

- Building relationships with private employers in order to refer qualified job applicants to employers-pre-screening for employers.
- Building relationships with private landlords to expand housing options to individuals with a criminal history.
- Collaboration with the Department of Labor for job search, specific certifications, and specialty work gear.
- Collaborating with housing options. There are over 300 beds available for reentrants and homeless individuals who are willing to work on sustainable life plans.
- Reentry Walks (providing educational opportunities for professionals and students to learn about reentry).
- Community presentations to business and community organizations.
- Coordinating Community Mentorships with women from "Success Inside and Out" which was held at Hiland in October.
- Clothing drive with community volunteers (PRC receives 1 – 3 donations from community members per week).
- Outreach to the Veteran's Administration to provide additional supports to Veteran reentrants.
- PRC staff participation in Anchorage Reentry Coalition, DOC's Statewide Recidivism Reduction Task Force, Citywide Case Management, Community Panels and Forums, UAA guest

presentations, and the Anchorage Homeless Coalition projects to end homelessness.

- Providing technical support to help create effective programs throughout Alaska.
- In January, PRC continued to receive professional clothing as the recipient of the Men's Wearhouse Men's Suit Drive.
- Taxi/Uber program. For many, transportation is key to success. PRC now orders and pays for taxis for reentrants who need immediate medical treatment, are involved in the Vivitrol Pilot, to and from medical appointments, or need transportation from a DOC institution or PRC to housing.
- Collaboration with the Downtown Soup Kitchen/Hope Center. To date 27 PRC participants have participated in Hope Center's Culinary Arts program. 3 are currently in the program.
- Spring Creek – PRC is actively collaborating with Spring Creek Correctional on “Non-Violent Conflict Resolution” projects, funding Anchorage Daily News digital news (through private donations), incentivizing participation in GED classes, enhancing hobby shop craft sales, and supporting peer-driven mentorships pre-release. In January 2019, Spring Creek was the leading institution in administering and passing GED graduations in the state. Spring Creek has also requested PRC provide ‘normal’ clothes, ties, budgeting classes, and social security card applications to the reentry mod in order to get individuals prepared for returning to their respective communities.
- Frequent flyer ‘Reset Your Path Home’ program. With the use of frequent fly miles, Partners for Progress has assisted reentrants return to their families after successfully completing probation.
- Alexander Creek King's Lodge Pilot Project – In collaboration with Great Commission Alaska and Tim Turner, PRC is piloting a new housing project for Alaska Natives currently called “Native Brotherhood Restored.” The concept is to provide remote, faith-based housing and services for Alaska Natives who do not thrive in Anchorage. This project is still under development and, because of the transition in state government, is currently suspended.

- Yoga – In collaboration with Turiya of Alaska, PRC is piloting an 8 week yoga class in the computer room at PRC, once per week. The goal is to begin introducing yoga and mindfulness to reentrants so that these tools can be used to assist reentrants handle stress.
- Pre-screening for marine and boat refurbishing and repair. In collaboration with Rainbo Marine, in Seward, Alaska, PRC is selecting and supporting motivated reentrants to work in Seward on boat repair, dry-docking and refurbishing. Currently 2 reentrants have been selected and are employed through this project. 2 additional reentrants were interviewed.
- Successful Living Support Group – Offered every Monday between 6:30 – 7:30, Sid Atwood facilitates a support group for participants who struggle with substance abuse issues and life challenges. The group has grown to 10 – 15 consistent members each week.