



Partners Reentry Center

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PARTNERS REENTRY CENTER (PRC) STATISTICS

September 2017

• Individuals served as of September 30, 2017 since opening August 14, 2013	5110
• Number of new clients for September	109
• Daily average number of reentrants at Center (September)	63
• Average number of reentrants actively in Center working toward self-sufficiency	329
• <u>Housing Assistance (Since September 2013)</u>	
o Temporary/Transitional Housing Placements	1,820
o Long-term housing placements (at least 51 with children)	207
o Assistance to Avoid Eviction (52 with children)	170
TOTAL Re-entrants housed since opening August 2013	2197
o Total receiving housing in September	102
• <u>Reentrants who have received other individual supportive services (bus passes, clothing vouchers, food cards, State IDs, etc.)</u>	
o Since opening	2,894
o Last 60 days	188
• Unique reentrants actively using Job Readiness services (monthly averages)	369

KEY OUTCOMES IN SEPTEMBER

- Employment: 60 participants were hired in September.
- Employers: Over 755 employers have hired participants since opening in 2013.
- Housing: Over 127 landlords have rented to program participants since opening.

- Financial Management: Money Management, Inc. consulted with 6 participants to review credit reports and educate on budget management. (Note: Several appointments needed to be cancelled because Money Management's headquarters in Texas were impacted by Hurricane Irma. Those appointments have been re-scheduled for October).
- Peer Support Groups: PRC hosts 2 weekly Peer2Peer groups. Average weekly attendance was 11 – 16.
- MRT® behavioral modification treatment: Six 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 – 36

PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH PRC

- Vivitrol Pilot Program
 - 254 offered this option to date. (Pilot Program began 9/2015)
 - 142 have accepted the Vivitrol program as part of their post-release plan.
 - 64% - 92 remain in the community with housing and employment.
 - 36% - 50 have recidivated
 - 112 declined taking Vivitrol as part of their post release plan
 - 16% - 18 remain in the community.
 - 80.0% - 90 have recidivated
 - 4% - 4 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.
 - Weekly computer class for individuals who need to learn how to use a computer.
 - 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.
 - Referrals to Apprentice and Training Programs offered by AK DOL, Ironworkers, and Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- Programs offered by PRC for Re-entrants.
 - Ready-To-Rent
 - Financial Management (credit report and repair) with Money Management, Inc.
 - Peer Support groups
 - 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, 81 reentrants have received bikes through this program.
- Assistance and Supportive Services for:
 - Housing (transitional, permanent, and/or preventative)
 - State IDs and Birth Certificates
 - 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

NEW SERVICES OFFERED

- Repurposing Project (in partnership with New Life Development) - 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, 55 furniture donations have been accepted and 50 reentrants have received furnishings.

- On-site substance abuse assessments (in partnership with CITC Recovery Services). No to low cost substance abuse assessments are available at the Center each week for both Alaska Natives and non-Natives. In the month of September, 7 assessments were scheduled, either at PRC or at CITC for PRC reentrants.
- 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 800 reentrants have applied for Medicaid, APA and Food stamps at PRC with these partners.
- Alaskan All Nations Reentry Group – Created in September 2015 this group is designed as an advocacy group, now with weekly attendance at 23-28 people. One goal, through the use of a restorative justice model, is to safely return Alaskan Natives, back to their communities. To date, 7 individuals have returned home to their villages through this group's work.
- In-reach at Hiland, Anchorage Correctional Complex, Goose Creek, Wildwood, 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.
- Anchorage Public Library - PRC has invited Anchorage Public Library librarians to come and sign reentrants up for library cards.
- SNAP Grant Recipient – Partners for Progress was the recipient of an employment and training grant which is allowing our program to expand and enhance job training for participants who are receiving SNAP benefits. This is a pilot program that is aimed to working with reentrants in order to allow them to gain employment that will advance them beyond the need for public assistance. To date 91 individuals have been served under this grant.
- F.O.C.U.S. PRC is developing and starting a peer-driven group designed to connect, mentor, support and advocate with, reentrants who have done 15+ years of incarceration. This newly-formed group has the intention to provide healthy, pro-social support to its members as well as to reach into the community and engage 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.

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 New Life Development (reentry residential program).
- 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".
- Clothing drive with community volunteers.
- Outreach to the Veteran's Administration to provide additional supports to Veteran reentrants.
- Partners staff participation in Anchorage Reentry Coalition, DOC's Statewide Recidivism Reduction and Citywide Case Management.
- Providing technical support to the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition, the Bristol Bay Reentry Coalition, Juneau, Kenai, and other community reentry programs to help create effective programs throughout Alaska.
- Collaboration with Code for America. Code for America is a national nonprofit that organizes networks of technical professionals to build technology to help local governments to create healthy, prosperous, and safe communities. Code for America has selected PRC as a beta-testing site for testing information systems designed to assist homeless reentrants work toward gaining self-sufficiency.
- In September, PRC continued to receive professional clothing as the recipient of the Men's Wearhouse Men's Suit Drive.

- Taxi 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 to housing immediately upon release.
- Collaboration with the Downtown Soup Kitchen/Hope Center. To date 5 PRC participants have participated in Hope Center's Culinary Arts program. 3 have been accepted to begin the program in October.
- Spring Creek – In-reach and current development of a “Non-Violent Conflict Resolution” seminar to be facilitated by a UAA Professor. This class is being taught by Dr. Frank Jeffries, and began Friday, September 22, 2017.