# REENTRY INITIATIVE: TRANSITION FROM JAIL TO COMMUNITY (TJC)



#### TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY AND REINTEGRATION OUTCOMES.

**History:** Based on a 27% increase in the jail's average daily population from 2003 to 2004, Sheriff McGovern invited the National Institute of Corrections to conduct a Jail System Assessment. This assessment planted the seed that intervention was needed at all levels: From the jail and criminal justice system into the community, there are numerous stakeholders that must invest in the improvement of public safety through inmates' successful reintegration.

**Mission:** "The Transition from Jail to Community Initiative is to develop & sustain a collaborative that improves public safety outcomes by increasing successful reintegration."

**Measurements:** TJC aims to improve public safety and enhance reintegration efforts. Douglas County's key measurements include:

- (1) Recidivism/Re-arrest and return rates to jail;
- (2) # of intervention referrals from jail to the community;
- (3) # of participants who attended first appointment;
- (4) # of participants engaged in service;
- (5) Length of service engagement;
- (6) Still engaged in service;
- (7) Homelessness:
- (8) Employment; and
- (9) Improved collaboration between stakeholders.

### **Processes:**

- Inmate Sentenced
- Screened for community risk via Proxy
  - High-risk Proxy: Assessed via LSI.R
    - △ High-risk LSI.R: Provided highest level of reentry attention
- Referred to programming based on risk(s)/need(s)
- Initiate transition interventions post-release based on risk(s)/need(s)
- Reviewed for inmate worker, job search and work release eligibility based on screening, assessment, facility behavior, risk(s)/need(s)
- Release to community

## Future Endeavors:

- Supportive community-based case management 90-180 days post-release
- Evaluate through core performance measures

## **Collaboration Accomplishments:**

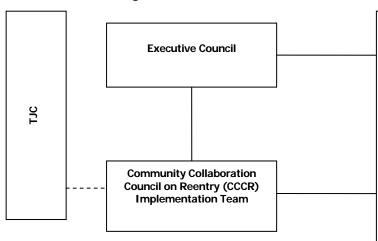
- Developed systemic organization structure of stakeholders from the jail to the community
- Defined shared goals and outcomes for the initiative
- Began data building, extraction and analysis of population characteristics
- Initiate pilot program to track and evaluate inmates post-release
- Completed Case-Flow Mapping (Screening/Assessment; Case Management Services; Facility-Based, Transitional (Work Release) and Community-Based Services & Treatment programs)
- Complete Triage Matrix of 'who gets what' intervention
- Initiated a booking screening assessment for risk

- Developed LoCIRP (Local Correctional Inmate Release Plan)
- Compiled community resource cards
- Measure stakeholder participation annually
- Gained greater understanding of policies, procedures, protocols and practices that impact reentry

### **Future Endeavors:**

- Case management, pre- and post-release
- Expanding program offerings and volunteers to match community-based programs for consistent availability pre- and post-release
- Adding mentoring programs, pre- and post-release
- Intervening with pre-trial population
- Developing additional step-down transition points
- Measuring effectiveness—what works? what doesn't?

# **Committee Members and Organizational Structure:**



## Work Groups:

Mission Statement; Resource Card; Screening & Assessment; Data Evaluation; Case Management and Release Plan; Programs; and others to be determined Chair Shannon Murphy

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