

MONROE COUNTY REENTRY TASK FORCE

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Safer Communities Through Successful Reentry



America is in a reentry crisis. More than 97% of the 2 million people who are in jail or prison will be released—regardless of the crime they committed. More than 2,500 people return to Monroe County

from jail or prison every year—more than any county in the State, except New York City. **It is in the best interest of our communities, our neighborhoods, our families, to provide formerly incarcerated men and women with a realistic path to a successful life.**

The challenges are many—difficulty getting a job and a stable place to live, problems integrating back into their family—or a lack of any family support at all, alcohol and drug abuse, and mental illness, are some of the obstacles that former offenders must overcome.

Law enforcement, the courts, and corrections agencies acknowledge that we cannot incarcerate our way out of this problem. New state and federal laws recognize that ignoring the problems of former offenders puts our communities at risk of more violence, criminal activity, damage to children, families, and

neighborhoods, and increases the tax burden—the cost of keeping people in prison is second only to health care costs in New York State. *In fact, we could literally send someone to Harvard University for what it costs to incarcerate them in State prison for a year.*

Collaboration is the Key.

Beginning in 2006 with a grant from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services and the Monroe County Office of Probation, Catholic Family Center convened the Monroe County Reentry Task Force (MCRTF), a collaboration of more than 50 agencies and individuals who play a role in the reentry process—community corrections and supervision, treatment providers, faith-based groups and



community organizations, and human services agencies. We are beginning to see the benefits of these efforts in lower recidivism rates for men and women who receive these services.

Monroe County Reentry Services at Catholic Family Center

Together with partnering agencies, CFC Reentry Services provides assistance with survival needs, employment, training, education, mental health and counseling, mentoring, family reunification, substance abuse treatment, health care, and housing through its Reentry Services programs:

Prodigal Sons & Daughters. *Providing case management and support services for high-risk or high-needs parolees and*

those who are released without community supervision.

The Orleans Project. *Providing pre- and post-release case management and community in-reach to men returning home to Monroe County who are incarcerated at Orleans Correctional Facility.*

Rochester Safe and Sound. *Providing both diversion and reentry case management and supportive services to 16 – 26 year olds with histories of gang involvement.*

Second Chance at David's Place. *Providing pre- and post-release case management and support services to both returning offenders and their family living in the "Crescent" in Rochester.*

Fatherhood Program. *Providing pre- and post-release case management and supportive services to non-custodial fathers, including legal assistance in resolving child support issues. (beginning June 2010)*

Mental Health Forensic Beds. *Providing case management and housing subsidies to seriously, persistently mentally ill offenders leaving State incarceration.*

The Action Committee. *A unique group of staff, volunteers and former offenders focused on community involvement, community service and positive social networks.*