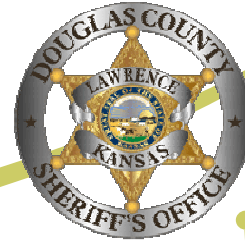


Reentry News

Corrections Division
Reentry Program



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Recommendations from the *National Institute of Corrections' (NIC) Jail Systems Assessment* conducted in 2006 included establishing a "Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee" and "Criminal Justice Master Plan". According to NIC, this committee and evolving plan should foster an ongoing discussion about the community's long-term jail needs. The committee should be focused on system-wide needs and how each part of the system and community interdependence. System-wide tasks include to:

- Develop philosophy for understanding what

needs to be accomplished and how;

- Develop comprehensive management and operations plan, including improving programs and services in the facility AND in the community;
- Creating continuum of sanctions and incentives on all levels;
- Support the need to identify a long-term strategy for crime prevention on a community-wide level.

Thus, Reentry has created a **Community Collaboration Council on Reentry (CCCR)** to focus on these important

issues. The CCCR's goal is to be representative of the stakeholders in the criminal justice system and the community. Invitations to the inaugural meeting will be sent to members including the judiciary, probation, substance abuse and mental health, education, housing, the University of Kansas School of Social Work, jail staff and members of the private sector.

Meetings will be scheduled quarterly. If you'd like more information or are interested in becoming a member, please contact **Shannon Murphy, Reentry Director**.

Programs & Volunteers

Inmate visits to programs within the facility *

- 336—Mental Health (follow up, recovery, DBT, individual)
- 116—Alcoholics Anonymous
- 50—Narcotics Anonymous
- 61—Parenting Class
- 22—Case Management
- 52—Career Counseling

- 8—Anger Management
- 159—Job Interviewing
- 28—Job Retention
- 49—Art Therapy
- 128—High School Completion/Tutor
- 103—Writing Class
- 16—Tai Chi
- 223—Bible Study

**Inmates may attend more than one time and more than one program*

Interested in volunteering your particular niche?

**Contact Mike Caron at
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So far....

53 inmate referrals, as of 04/28/2008:

- 21 intakes;
- 15 declined participation;
- 15 not eligible;
- 11 provided resources & guidance only
- 2 pending

3 state ID's (10 to go)

16 Social Security apps

7 birth certificates

5 SRS assistance

6 clothing vouchers

4 housing applications

7 Job Readiness referrals

7 Mental Health referral

2 Substance Abuse referrals

Social Services Connections

The Programs division and Reentry program co-hosted an informational meeting for social services providers of Douglas County. The March 25th meeting was held at the Douglas County Correctional Facility and included a tour of the facility.

The focus is to bridge the gap of inmate services from jail into the community. Bringing community providers into the facility helps successfully link these transitional processes for the inmate.

National statistics about our ever-growing incarcerated population were presented:

- At midyear 2006, 766,010 inmates were held in the Nation's local jails, up from 747,529 at midyear 2005;
- 94% of the rated capacity was occupied at midyear 2006;
- Adult females in jail increased faster than males;
- More than 1/2 of all inmates, including 64% from local jails, were found to have a mental health problem (2006);
- 34% of jail inmates said they had used drugs at the time of their offense;
- 76% of local jail inmates were dependent on or abusing drugs or alcohol;
- Senator Brownback, co-sponsor of the *Second Chance Act*, stated while 97% of prison and jail inmates are eventually released to the community, nearly 2/3 are re-arrested within 3 years.

PARTICIPANTS

Bert Nash Comm. Mental Health Ctr
 Lawrence Community Shelter
 Douglas County Aids Project
 American Red Cross
 Lawrence/DG CO Health Dept
 Lawrence Memorial Hospital
 Ballard Community Center
 Lawrence/DG CO Housing Authority
 Independence Inc WTCS
 SRS DCCCA ECKAN

“There must be a consensus opinion between the jail and potential community resources on matters of ownership and authorship. Each also must hold a genuine belief that what is being done for an inmate population ultimately benefits everyone and not just one segment, organization or politician.”

Gerry D. Billy, Former Sheriff, Licking County (OH), "Local Corrections and Communities"

From Life After Lockup: Improving Reentry from Jail to the Community, Draft, October 9th, 2007, Urban Institute

Meet and Greet

- Douglas County Commission
- Housing Connection Case Managers
- Shawnee County Reentry Program
- Defense Bar Association
- The Hon. Randy McGrath, Municipal Court
- Hope House
- Sedona Staffing
- Career Day at Wellsville High School
- Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Lawrence Journal World & 6News
- Heartland Medical Clinic (Leo Center)
- Bert Nash Comm. Mental Health Ctr
- Social Security Administration
- Department of Motor Vehicles
- Community Commission on Homelessness
- Johnson County Residential Center
- Urban Institute, Washington DC
- Jayhawk Breakfast Optimists
- Mentors

Facility Spotlight

Our facility is receiving national and local attention for its direct supervision-style inmate management, architectural design and newly created reentry program. Beatrice, Nebraska jail and county administrators anticipating future building needs met and toured with staff in March. Communication from folks in

Pennsylvania is ongoing regarding our reentry program. Local Leadership Lawrence and the Kansas All Hazards Behavioral Health teams have also toured the facility.

For more information on direct supervision, see <http://www.nicic.org/DirectSupervisionJails>.



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Reentry Mission

To enhance public safety by bringing together the public & private resources of Douglas County to help ex-offenders successfully re-enter their neighborhoods as accountable, self-sufficient & law-abiding citizens.

We're on the web!

<http://www.dgso.org>

Click on "Corrections Division" then "Reentry Program"

TO:

What's Next?

- Develop orientation curriculum for mentors
- Convene inaugural Community Collaboration Council on Reentry (CCCR)
- Submit article to *American Jails Association* publication
- Start measuring program effectiveness through the assistance of KU School of Social Welfare