Reentry Program

Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC)

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
Introduction

The Reentry Program is a CPCC-funded initiative including funding to two entities:

- Denver Sheriff Department
- Second Chance Center in the City
- Based on the Transition from Jail to Community (TJCC) model
- Innovative, collaborative, data-driven approach to the jail-to-community transition
- Based on collaborative structure and joint ownership

Following up on questions raised during the July CPCC meeting, this presentation will focus on improvements to the referral process, SCCIC services provided in 2021, and initial outcome data for 2021 participants.
2021 Referral Process

Ideal referral flow
◦ Each individual who participates in the jail-based Reentry Program transitions to the Second Chance Center upon release

Start-up challenges
◦ Contract started in April 2021
◦ Vacant positions on both SCCIC and DSD sides
◦ Challenging context based on COVID-19 pandemic
◦ Hiring and background check processes
◦ Developing a mechanism for referrals
◦ Tracking referral source for walk-ins
◦ Using two different data management systems
2022 Referral Flow

Process improvements
◦ Staffing stabilized on both sides
◦ Improved data collection
◦ Welcome email, then referral link starting in late 2021
◦ In-reach from Second Chance Center staff
◦ Monthly coordination meetings and ongoing collaborative release planning
◦ Shared used of CiviCore and exploration of more user-friendly shared system

From January through August 2022, of 185 Reentry Program participants released, 168 completed an intake with Second Chance Center (91% completion for intakes). In that same period, SCCIC served 745 people who released from DSD facilities within the past year.
2021 Jail-Based Services (DSD)

In 2021, 199 individuals participated in jail-based Reentry Programming

- Automatically eligible to participate if they meet criteria of high-risk, sentenced, not participating in another intensive jail-based program
- 107 participants released between April-December 2021

Each participant received:

- Assessment-based, individualized support
  - Classes including parenting, substance misuse, anger management, and cognitive behavioral interventions
  - One-on-one case management
- Referrals to appropriate community services, including Second Chance Center
- Reentry planning
- Departs with a transition plan
2021 Community-based Services (SCCIC)

SCCIC completed 392 intakes in 2021 (contract started in April).
- In addition to the DSD Reentry Program referrals, in 2021 SCCIC received 44 direct referrals from other DSD programs and community partners, including Probation and the Public Defender’s Office.
- Also completed 303 intakes that were self-referral walk-ins.

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<th>Total Direct Referrals Received 2021</th>
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<td>Total Referrals Completed</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Total Successful Job Placement</td>
<td>21</td>
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Since the beginning of the contract in April 2021 SCCIC has seen a total of 1,137 individuals. The following tables break down the way the clients have engaged in SCCIC services.

### April 2021 through August 2022

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<td>Total unable to engage beyond intake</td>
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<td>Total engaged in re-entry services beyond intake</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>Total engaged clients connected with employment services</td>
<td>136</td>
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<td>Total successful Job placement of employment engaged clients</td>
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<td>Total served with Self-reported Mental Health Concerns</td>
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<td>190</td>
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<td>296</td>
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<td>Total who declined to disclose MH and SUD</td>
<td>507</td>
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2021 Initial Findings

Despite organizational and collaboration-related challenges in 2021, data strongly indicates positive impact for individuals participating in jail-based and/or community-based Reentry programming.

- Reduction in average number of bookings in the 9 months before and 9 months after program participation
  - Average of 1.7 before program participation, 0.8 after program participation
  - From 6% with no bookings in the 9 months prior to 55% with no bookings in the 9 months afterwards
  - 70% of participants had fewer bookings in the 9 months after, compared with 9 months before

- For those who rebooked, extension in time between rebookings
  - Before program participation, average of 72 days between bookings
  - After program participation, average of 111 days between bookings
Future Analysis

- Extend analysis window out to 12 months (could do by year’s end)
- Do same analysis for different time periods to parse out COVID/economic effects
- Compare to population identical on eligibility criteria who do not participate
  - Also: those who are invited but refuse, if known
- Cost savings from earned time credit (ETC) and reduction in jail bed days as beginning of return on investment (ROI) analysis
Questions?

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