

## **Reentry Strategy Workgroup Meeting, Friday, September 21**

### **Vision/Mission**

- What is the state's mission/vision for reentry?
  - Justice Reinvestment
  - Second Chance Society/Reimagining Justice
- Identify goals/outcomes

### **Reentry Population**

- Identify the strategies for each population and crossover or duplication
  - Break down to municipal/regional level?
  - State/local intersection
- Identify any population left unserved or under-served
  1. Persons discharged from prison to community supervision (parole, special parole, probation, TS, halfway house, other early release program)
    - a. Persons discharged to special parole utilize most reentry resources, like halfway house beds
      - i. Fewer resources for persons discharging to "regular" parole, TS, etc.
      - ii. What is special parole population projection over the next 5 to 10 years (OPM)
      - iii. What is technical violation and revocation rates for special parole (OPM, DOC)
    - b. Population is older (groups 30-39 year olds and 40 and older)
      - i. Is this trend the same for males and females (OPM)
      - ii. What is projection (next 5 to 10 years) for population by age group
      - iii. Do older persons present same/different risks/needs?
        1. Can existing programs and services meet those risks/needs?
        2. Are program modifications needed, new programs added, etc?
        3. Are current programs normed for aging population and can outcomes be evaluated with fidelity?
    - c. Younger males higher recidivism and return to prison
      - i. Focus on this group
    - d. Gender specific reentry needs and programs
  2. Persons discharged at the end of sentence (EOS) with no community supervision
    - a. Tend to be short sentences so no time for DOC to process for early release program/option
    - b. Pre-release planning by DOC
      - i. What are risks/needs (DOC) – substance abuse, mental health, housing, employment, etc.
      - ii. Where are they going after discharge? (DOC)
    - c. Welcome Center target population

- d. Reentry Collaborative
3. Persons discharged in pretrial status (from DOC or court)
    - a. 2011 Reentry Strategy did not address pretrial population, but OPM suggested we consider including in updated strategy
    - b. Almost half of DOC discharges each month are persons in pretrial status (approximately 950 of 2,000 discharges)
    - c. Most tend to leave from court so no contact with system for planning, except maybe CSSD bail program
      - i. In 2017, 5,962 pretrial persons released from court (56% of the total 10,668 discharges that year)
      - ii. Most persons incarcerated pretrial have been incarcerated in the past

## Reentry System

- Flowcharts describing decision/contact points and goals/objectives and any change in process for persons with community supervision versus EOS and pretrial
  - Inventory of programs and services (institutional and community-based for Results First cost benefit analysis)
  - State resources
1. State system (DOC and CCSD)
    - a. DOC Assessment/classification
      - i. Statewide Collaborative Offender Risk Assessment System (SCORS)
      - ii. Women's Risk and Needs Assessment
      - iii. Offender Action Plan (OAP)
      - iv. Risk Reduction Credits
      - v. Reentry Services Unit
      - vi. Community Release Unit in Somers
      - vii. Reintegration Units at Willard/Cybulski and York (Ohio model)
      - viii. DOC Inmate programming and services
    - b. CSSD (probation and bail services)
  2. Municipalities
    - a. Do municipalities know who's on parole/special parole/probation and their status?
    - b. Municipalities versus state's roles? Clarification?
  3. Reentry Roundtables
    - a. Need more "reach in" and connection to incarcerated persons prior to discharge?
    - b. Need to be included (more) in Reentry Services Unit process?

## Evaluation

- Design evaluation of Welcome Center models (Hartford, New Haven, Bridgeport)
- Are DOC and CSSD targeting the right populations and are initiatives/programs effective in terms of timing and resources

- Recidivism rates among three reentry populations
- Identify outcomes other than recidivism to evaluate state's reentry initiatives/goals

### **Legislation**

- Amendments to statutes required OPM develop Reentry Strategy and identifying reentry goals
- Justice Reinvestment
- New proposals for 2019 session