Youth Reentry Work Matters
Comprehensive Reentry Planning and Case Management

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Agenda

• Overview of the Office of Justice Programs
• Comprehensive Planning and Case Management
  - Youth C.A.N.—Texas
  - Youth for Change—California
  - Straight Ahead Ministries—Massachusetts
• Breakout Sessions
• Key Takeaways
What Is the Office of Justice Programs?

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.

OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).
Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)

OJJDP provides national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to youth delinquency and victimization.

OJJDP helps States, localities, and Tribes develop effective and equitable juvenile justice systems that create safer communities and empower youth to lead productive lives.

OJJDP Administrator
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OJJDP Youth Reentry Program

OJJDP’s Youth Reentry Program aims to reduce recidivism among youth returning to their communities following confinement.

Under Category 2, nonprofit organizations are authorized to provide transitional services essential to reintegrating reentering youth into the community.

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Comprehensive Reentry Planning and Case Management

YOUTH REENTRY WORK MATTERS!
Community-Based Planning and Case Management in Youth Reentry

- Required service components
- Focus on strengths and needs
- Collaboration is imperative
- Wraparound model
- Promising practice and more recent research
Essentials in Youth Reentry

Reentry Planning
- Assessment
- Teamwork
- Interagency
- Collaboration

Case Management
- Care coordination
- Access
- Collaborate
- Continuity

Youth, Family, and Community
Comprehensive Planning and Case Management

• Youth C.A.N.—Creating New Beginnings
• Youth for Change (Y4C)
• Straight Ahead Ministries
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In Youth CAN,

- We commit to being consistent.
- We commit to meeting youth where they are.
- We commit to empowering youth to reach their fullest potential.
- We support youth and their families every step of the way.
• Who We Serve
• Intake Process
• Holistic Wraparound Case Management
• Collaborations
• How we engage youth and families in case management.
• How we build relationships and collaborations with juvenile probation at all levels.
• How we build awareness of youth reentry through community partnerships.
Enhancing the well-being of children, individuals, families, and communities

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Youth for Change

Youth for Change is a nonprofit, public benefit organization specializing in community collaboration, social services, foster care, adoption, high-fidelity wraparound and specialty mental health services in northern California.

- Reentry Wraparound began February 2022
- Based on the principles of Wraparound
- Team of facilitators, parent partners, and family specialists
- Facilitating child and family team meetings in and out of juvenile hall
- Allows for consistency in treatment providers regardless of custody status
Child and Family Team Meetings

Members and Roles of the Team

Stages of Reentry Wraparound

Case Management

Source: Polk County Wraparound Services, Behavioral Health Department, Polk County, OR, https://www.co.polk.or.us/bh/polk-county-wraparound-services
Family voice and choice can be challenging within the setting of juvenile hall. Success looks different for every youth and is based on the goals established in Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings. Maintaining a strength-based approach depends on the level of trust and belief in trauma-informed care. Family or natural supports sometimes need to be identified and developed in the CFT meeting. Establishing the team, building rapport and trust with the family, and maintaining consistency when the participant is remanded into custody for “reset” has been a successful outcome of Reentry Wraparound.
Reentry Planning/Case Management

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We make a commitment to see youth through every challenge that comes up as they work to develop new skills, deep faith, and strong values. Our engagement model is highly relational, integrating professional case management with adult and peer mentoring relationships and a comprehensive set of activities and opportunities.

https://youtu.be/RS-krhPf1Kw
Relational Approaches to Case Management

EMF = EmailMeForm; DYS = Department of Youth Services
Key Takeaways

- Importance of meeting with youth prior to release
- Being a bridge to the network of supports that youth may have (e.g., DYS Caseworker, Probation, Lawyers, Clinicians, Family)
- Employability training and providing stipends (Straight2Work)
- Honoring youth voice and creative expression
- Bring on staff and volunteers with lived-experience
15-Minute Breakout Session

Participants will have opportunities to meet presenters, ask questions, engage in peer-to-peer discussion, and network.
More Takeaways

Share a key takeaway from today’s discussion.

Any remaining questions or needs that you would like follow-up on?
Feedback Survey
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#SecondChanceMonth23
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