



Marion
County
Re-entry
Coalition

**MCRC COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE**

September 2020

REENTRY PACKETS UPDATE

A simple zip lock bag that includes:

Resource guide that has:

- Contact number to reactivate HIP2.0
- Contact number/address for targeted service providers (PACE, Horizon House)

COVID Info sheet:

- Precautions, Testing Sites

Mask

Hand Sanitizer

Bus Ticket

REENTRY PACKETS UPDATE

- **Distribution began on September 14th at 3 sites that people are released from: Intake, Jail 1 and Jail 2**
- **5,000 packets have been prepared; anticipated that this will last 3 months**
- **Packets have a “ticket” in them. If the individual takes that ticket to either PACE or Horizon House they will receive a “go pack” provided by The Bail Project – the tickets are the mechanism for evaluation**
- **If this is an effective strategy, how do we fund it long term**

HOUSING REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- Support Prosecutor's Office efforts to incorporate reentry housing issues into their landlord training – work to reduce barriers to housing
- Work with landlords so families can stay together when individual returns from incarceration
- Support/Advocate for incentives related to housing and workforce development that are provided by the city/county

HOUSING

WHAT REENTRY PROVIDERS ARE SEEING

- **More difficult than ever before** to find housing for clients
- **Barrier** is either their criminal history OR they cannot find safe, affordable housing
- Need for **Transitional Housing** – that can be accessed quickly and give people time to be become ready to be good tenants/homeowners
- **Often do not qualify for the housing support programs** because they do not meet the HUD definition of homeless – or they are not vulnerable enough

HOUSING POTENTIAL STRATEGIES

- **Reentry Housing Navigator** – would work with all reentry agencies; recruit landlords; maintain housing database
- **Collaboration with CHIP** - “P admission”; Housing Assessment specific to people in the justice system
- **Transitional Housing** – Explore models in other communities; would need to identify funding
- **Housing support programs** that are available for this targeted population

RE-ENTRY SPACE

Located in the new Adult Detention Center

Located between the release area and the exit

Working with MCSO to design the space – it would be operated by community providers

Ability to:

- Provide resources such as bus tickets, new clothing
- Enroll in HIP 2.0
- Be referred/connected to resources

Need to figure out how this is funded

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Recommendation from Study:

Ensure the Assessment and Intervention Center is connected to service providers in the community

MCRC focus is on ensuring there is a warm hand off from the AIC to community-based providers; data integration and collaborative case management

IMPACT OF COVID

Difficulties connecting clients to services:

- Technology barriers – clients and providers
- Information on services available can change quickly if there is a positive COVID
- Decrease in services – all clients have to be served individually
- Inability to connect with clients pre-release



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QUESTIONS?

