Department of Corrections, Community Stakeholders, Coalitions: Working Together to Reduce Recidivism
WHAT THE ISSUE IS

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Vs a Decade Ago:

• Alaska prisons have more nonviolent vs violent offenders
• Alaska prisoners are serving more time for non-violent crimes
• The prisoner population is up 27%; the entire population under ADOC has grown 45% in past decade

Currently:

• Minority populations are over-represented in ADOC:
  • Alaska Natives are 36% of the prison population vs 15% of the State population
  • African Americans are 10% of the prison population vs 4% of the State population
• Only half of the prison population is sentenced; 28% of the population is pretrial, 22% are probation or parole violations
• Female prison population continues to grow at a higher rate than men
• The Elderly prison population continues to grow-increasing medical costs
### WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

• If the increase in Alaska’s prisoner population continues as is; ADOC will be at over capacity by 2017; what will be the solution?

• On average, 1,000 inmates release each month out of a ADOC facility

• In FY2015, out of 36,066 offenders booked in; 3,557 of them were Title 47 bookings

### 2016 DOC DAILY COSTS

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<td>Institutions (hard beds)</td>
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<td>Probation &amp; Parole</td>
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PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESSFUL PROBATION/PAROLEES DISCHARGED SUPERVISION COMPLETE

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OFFENDERS RETURNING TO INCARCERATION WITHIN 3 YEARS

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CURRENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM

AK Prisoner Reentry Initiative (DOC and Executive Agencies)
Criminal Justice Working Group (Executive & Judicial)
Disability Justice Focus Area (Mental Health Trust Authority)
5 Local Reentry Coalitions (Communities)
Alaska Criminal Justice Commission - SB64 (Legislature)
Recidivism Reduction Plan - HB266 (Legislature)

Reducing Recidivism

Safer Neighborhoods, Better Citizens
THE ALASKA PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE

Getting Ready
• Institutional Phase

Going Home
• Transitional Phase

Staying Home
• Community Phase
TPC MODEL: TRANSITION FROM PRISON TO THE COMMUNITY

PHASE 1: GETTING READY

The institutional phase describes the details of events and responsibilities occurring during the inmate’s imprisonment from admission until the point of eligibility for parole or release.

1. ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION: Measuring the offender’s risks, needs, and strengths.

2. INMATE PROGRAMMING: Giving assignments to reduce risk, address need, and build on strengths.

PHASE 2: GOING HOME

The transitional phase begins before the inmate’s target release date. In this phase, highly specific re-entry plans are created.

3. INMATE RELEASE PREPARATION: Developing strong, public safety-conscious parole plans.

4. RELEASE DECISION MAKING: Improving parole release guidelines.

PHASE 3: STAYING HOME

The community phase begins the moment the inmate is released from prison and continues until he/she is discharged from community supervision.

5. SUPERVISION & SERVICES: Providing flexible and firm supervision and services.

6. REVOCATION DECISION MAKING: Using graduated sanctions to respond to behavior.

7. DISCHARGE & AFTERCARE: Determining community responsibility to “take over” the case.
WHY THE AK-PRI?

• Public Safety is the #1 goal of state government — and the AK-PRI is a statewide approach to reduce crime and create safer neighborhoods

• AK-PRI tackles Alaska’s 63% recidivism rate; targets repeat offenders and emboldens self-sufficiency through improved management of personal, institutional and community challenges that have the potential to lead to crime

• Proactive, collaborative approach that allows for engagement on all levels for a fully integrated system of reentry

• Ultimately the AK-PRI will reduce the prison population by reducing the rate of individuals returning to prison; this is cost-effective in many ways
AK-PRI IS NOT:

• An early release plan; it is an intensive release plan that addresses a reentrants needs and provides a wrap-around transitional strategy

• It is not a free-ride for reentrants; the AK-PRI can only work if the reentrant is engaged fully in the OMP and referral process and working hard to address their risks

• It is not about coddling individuals or assuming responsibilities for their lives; AKA: “hug a thug”
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
PARTNERS REENTRY CENTER

It helps to guide and support reentrants as they overcome the barriers after leaving prison.

Partners Reentry Center and its collaborators work together to help reentrants help themselves to a successful and lasting reintegration into the community.

As a team, we assist former prisoners in the process of reentering the community.

Participating in re-entry is VOLUNTARY, not MANDATORY.
HISTORY OF THE CENTER

Created in 2013
Collaboration of 3 re-entry programs
Goals –
Provide immediate services to re-entrants who were homeless upon release
Location near the prison release point and where the homeless and homeless services are located
Collaborate and refer re-entrants to needed community services quickly
Demonstrate that community re-entry is a viable option to reduce recidivism
GOALS OF PARTNERS REENTRY CENTER

Stable Housing
Employment within 30 days
Supportive Services
Behavioral Modification
Reunification with healthy family and pro-social friends and support systems
Support Groups
Life Skills Training
MRT
Probation violation prevention
Interview and employment skills
Goal setting
Controlling emotions
Relationships/getting along
Relapse Prevention

Mentoring
Job Readiness
Budgeting and money management classes
One-on-One support
Short-term assistance with housing, bus passes, clothing, and food
Referrals to other community services and resources
On-line Parenting Classes
PROGRAMS OFFERED THROUGH PRC

Employment Readiness
- Job Readiness Lab Orientation
- Employment Workshops
- Individualized Computer Lab Assistance
- Daily Updates on Immediate Job Openings
- Re-entry Case Management and Support with ANJC
- Orientation
- Weekly Men’s and Women’s Support Groups
- Individual meetings with Case Managers
- Community Service Projects
- MRT Classes
- Individualized referrals to other programs, services and assistance

Programs offered each week for Re-entrants
- Ready-To-Rent
  - Financial management (credit report and repair) with Money Management, Inc.
  - Peer-To-Peer Support groups
  - On-line Parenting classes (Zonta Grant)
  - DOL Job Search Presentation

Assistance & Supportive Services for:
- Housing:
  - Immediate/transitional housing
  - Permanent housing
  - Emergency rental assistance
- State IDs
- Food Handler Cards
- Appropriate work clothes
- Bus Passes for job search and employment
- Food cards (for emergency food and toiletries)
KEY PARTNERS

- Dept. of Health and Social Services
- Dept. of Corrections
- Dept. of Commerce, Community & Economic Development
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Ninestar Education & Employment Services
- Rural CAP
- Access to Recovery
- Anchorage Community Mental Health Services
- Alaska Native Justice Center
- New Life Development
- Money Management International
- Alaska Correctional Ministries
- Case managers at Halfway Houses
- Anchorage Reentry Coalition
- Access Alaska
- Goodwill Industries
- Southcentral Foundation
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Lions’s Club
COLLABORATION AND COMMUNITY COALITIONS

Communities
- Anchorage
- Fairbanks
- Juneau
- Mat-su
- Developing sites: Bethel, Nome, Kenai, Dillingham

Community Coordinator Responsibilities

- Utilize the AK-PRI Framework to engage the community
- Facilitate community assessment of assets, barriers, gaps for returning citizens.
- Develop solutions for case management challenges using evidenced based approaches.
- Design and implement a Comprehensive Community Reentry Plan
- Coordinate Offender Management Plans through Prison In-reach with appropriate prisons officials and release officials.
COMMUNITY ASSESSMENTS
EXPANDING REENTRY ASSETS, BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS AND FILLING THE SERVICE GAPS

- Safe, Affordable and Supportive Housing
- Transportation
- Employment Services
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Mental Health Treatment
- Domestic Violence Services
- Life Skills Programs (financial, cognitive, anger management)
- Adult Education
- Health Care Services
- Workforce Development Services
- Faith-Based Organization Supports
- Sex Offender Services
- Family Support Services
- Victim Services
- Entitlement Programs (Medicaid, veterans, social security, etc)