

CHELAN COUNTY JAIL & REENTRY PROGRAM

The Chelan County Jail and Reentry Program is a holistic approach to reintegration of incarcerated adults into society. Designed to address the complex needs of individuals transitioning back into their communities, the program owes its success to the seamless collaboration among various key partners. This program not only streamlines access to services but also facilitates a comprehensive support system, emphasizing the importance of working together to break down silos.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Jail Liaison: Advocating for Incarcerated Adults

One cornerstone of the Chelan County Reentry Program is the Jail Liaison, whose primary role is to advocate for incarcerated adults. Serving as a bridge between the correctional system reentry, the Jail Liaison ensures that individuals receive the necessary support during their incarceration and are seamlessly integrated into the reentry process. This advocacy establishes a continuum of care that extends from the jail environment to community-based services.

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Recovery Coaches: Lived Experience and Trusted Resource Brokers

The inclusion of female and male Recovery Coaches with lived experience is another distinctive feature of this program. Recovery Coaches serve as trusted resource brokers, using their personal experiences to build trust with individuals undergoing reentry. Beyond providing support, they also actively assist in the navigation of services and act as a warm handoff to additional resources as needed.

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SUD Counselor: Assessments and Treatment Center Connection

The Substance Use Disorder Counselor conducts in-house assessments for individuals with substance use problems. Beyond assessments, they establish a direct connection to local treatment centers, facilitating a smooth transition for individuals seeking support for substance use disorders. This connection ensures individuals receive timely and appropriate interventions tailored to their specific needs.

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Mental Health Support: Recovery Coach and In-House Coordinator

Recognizing the importance of mental health in the reentry process, the program incorporates both a Mental Health Recovery Coach and an in-house Mental Health Coordinator. This approach ensures individuals receive comprehensive care, ranging from coaching to specialized interventions. This creates a well-rounded support system that addresses the diverse mental health needs of the program participants.

KEY SUCCESS FACTORS

Collaboration Between Groups

The success of the Chelan County Reentry Program stems from the seamless collaboration between the Jail Liaison, Substance Use Disorder Counselor, Recovery Coaches, and Mental Health Coordinators. This collaboration fosters a cohesive support network that addresses the multifaceted needs of individuals undergoing reentry.

Connection to Services

The program's ability to directly connect individuals with services, be it substance use treatment, mental health support, or other additional external resources, is a critical success factor. This streamlined access ensures that participants receive timely and tailored interventions, reducing barriers to successful reintegration.

Holistic Approach

By combining advocacy, assessment, lived experience, and mental health support, the program adopts a holistic approach to reentry. This ensures that participants receive comprehensive assistance that considers both the immediate challenges and the long-term wellbeing of individuals transitioning back into the community.

Breaking Down Silos

The program's success underscores the importance of breaking down silos within the support system. By fostering collaboration among diverse professionals, the program exemplifies the effectiveness of a united front in navigating the complexities of the reentry process.

BY THE NUMBERS

These numbers are representative of a 22 month period from January 2022 – October 2023 for two Recovery Coaches.

113

Successful referrals made by recovery coaches to community based resources (resource was accessed).

530

One-on-one meetings between a recovery coach and a recoveree.

58

Individuals successfully placed in recovery housing.

409

Rides given to recoverees.

40

Individuals successfully placed in SUD treatment.

436

Phone calls made to recoverees.