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Reentry in Kentucky

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- * Reentry in KY
- * Why do we need reentry?
- * KARE Committee

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The Kentucky Department of Corrections is fast approaching the two year mark of our initial introduction to reentry. During the November 2009 conference “Reentry in the Commonwealth of Kentucky: Changing Lives to Break the Cycle of Crime” the Department was introduced to the reentry philosophy and why Kentucky might want to change our approach.

As with all projects of this magnitude, it’s good to stop and take stock of our progress, recognize those who are pushing the efforts forward and share plans for the future.

The reentry branch has decided that the best way we can accomplish this goal is to provide you with a brief



monthly newsletter that will update you on the progress of reentry and share plans for the future.

Included in our first newsletter, we would like to introduce you to the reentry repre-

sentative in your area. Pages 2 and 3 have the names and work locations for these individuals.

In future editions, we will examine areas in programs, statistical data, new forms / tracking mechanisms, changes in policy that are related to reentry and other areas you may find of interest.

We will also keep you updated on the Governor’s Reentry Task Force and the accomplishments they have made working with offender barriers.

If you have information that you would like to share or if you have questions, please give us a call/e-mail and we will do our best to assist.



Why does Kentucky need reentry?.....

Public Safety is still the number one answer.....

As you have all heard by now, Kentucky had one of the fastest growing prison populations in the nation in 2007. We can no longer afford to build more prisons yet we are saturated with those needing correctional intervention. With the help of our Second Chance Act Demonstration

grant funds and Transition From Prison to Community funds along with Gary Kemper of the Center for Effective Public Policy and we have made tremendous steps in placing Kentucky in the forefront of reentry initiatives in the nation. It takes time to develop and implement the necessary elements for a successful initiative and we are making steady progress.

Our challenge is to provide the targeted population with the necessary tools so that they are productive citizens making contributions to the community. How are we going to accomplish this task?

Stay tuned with future editions of the newsletter and we’ll discuss the various aspects of this new philosophy and how we plan to achieve our goals.



“If we always do what we’ve always done..... we will always get what we’ve always got.”

- * High Recidivism
- * Crime
- * Victims
- * Expense

Home Incarceration.....
An option?



Institutional Reentry Coordinators

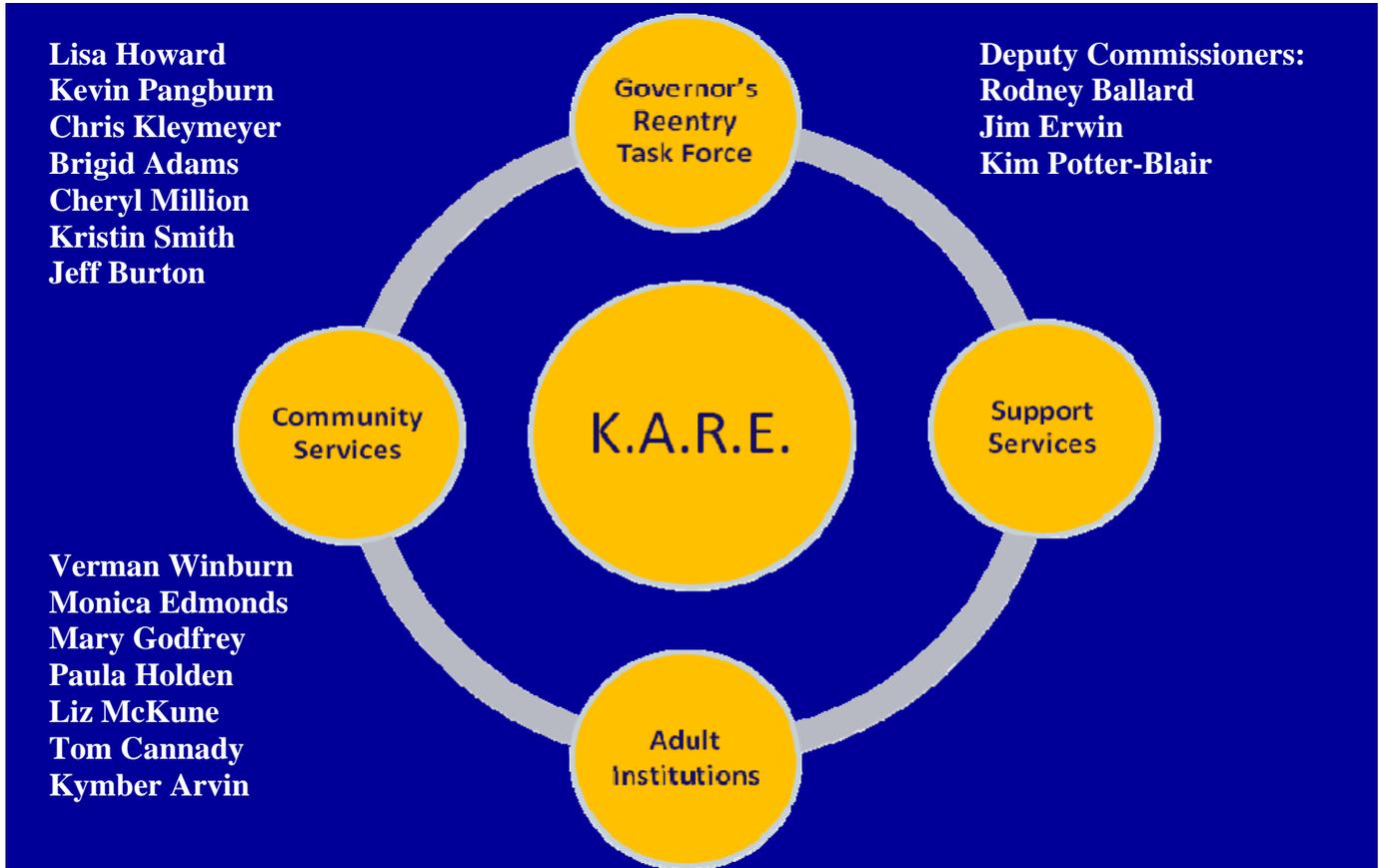
Reentry Coordinator	Institution
Terry Partin	Bell County Forestry Camp
Allison Medley	Blackburn Correctional Complex
Jessie Ferguson	Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex
Stevie Conway	Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex
Robert Jenkins	Green River Correctional Complex
Tom Morrison	Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women
Adam Noles	Kentucky State Penitentiary
Anna Valentine	Kentucky State Reformatory
Jeff Dees	Kentucky State Reformatory
Brenda Huntsman	Kentucky State Reformatory
Ernie Entrican	Luther Luckett Correctional Complex
Robert Turner	Little Sandy Correctional Complex
Michael O’Donnell	Northpoint Training Center
John Thorpe	Roederer Correctional Complex
Linda Green	Western Kentucky Correctional Complex
Joey Jacobs	Marion Adjustment Center
Eddie Newsome	Otter Creek Correctional Center

Probation and Parole Reentry Officers

Reentry Probation and Parole Officers	Louisville District
Rachel Goldstein	16
Vacant	17
Christy Thompson	18
Jordan Harrod	19

Probation and Parole Reentry Liaisons

PROBATION AND PAROLE LS/CMI Liaisons		
NAME	DISTRICT	LOCATION
Gary Blackburn	1	Princeton
Angela Lindsay	1	Mayfield-Fulton
Kristen Dickerson	1	Paducah
Shannon Blalock	1	Murray
Tiffany Lindsey	2	Russellville
Debbie Finley	2	Hopkinsville
Katie Elkins	2	Madisonville
Yutania Huffman	2	Franklin
Dewayne Reid	3	Bowling Green
Chastity McCorkle	3	Glasgow
Marshall Smith	3	Columbia
Lisa Winsett	3	At Large
Tera Vincent	4	Louisville
Heather Meredith	5	Elizabethtown
Aaron Tomes	5	Litchfield
Scott George	5	Shepherdsville
Linzie Abell	6	Bardstown
Samatha Bright	6	Somerset
Staci Garlough	6	Danville
Jayson Flynn	6	Somerset
Sarah Hester	7	Northern KY
Megan Schubert	7	Northern KY
Heather Thomas	8	Mt. Sterling
Eva Smith	9	Lexington
Matthew Armstrong	10	London
John Vanhooose	11	Prestonsburg
Tim Perkinson	12	Frankfort
Klaytor Burden	13	Owensboro
Tommy Kirkpatrick	13	Greenville
Lauren Adams	13	Henderson
Chasidy Wolfe	13	Morganfield
Andrea Singleton	14	Versailles
James "Tuck" Buskirk	15	Catlettsburg
Hannah Hurley	16	Louisville
Robert Taylor	17	Louisville
Eric Stagner	18	Louisville
Jordan Harrod	19	Louisville



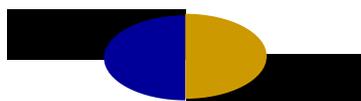
Kentucky Alliance for ReEntry

K.A.R.E.'s Mission Statement:
To enhance public safety,
by increasing offender success
by empowering staff in
creating a seamless reentry
philosophy in partnership
with the Commonwealth.

Approximately two years ago the K.A.R.E. committee was formed to serve as the strategic planning team for reentry. Representatives from Support Services, Community Services

and Adult Institutions were selected to serve due to their knowledge base and decision making abilities.

Just to name a few areas this Committee and their sub-committees have been diligently working on are :



- * Selection of a risk & needs assessment tool
- * Training
- * Case Management Plan
- * Program Development
- * Personnel
- * Grant Support
- * Road Map/Strategic Plan
- * Governor's Reentry Task Force
- * Selection of reentry representatives in all areas of the department.

Parolee Orientation Reentry Training Assimilation Lesson Plan By Mark Stonex

What is PORTAL?

...A fresh new approach to confronting barriers to reentry through a continuation of institutional programming by augmenting community services where they are present, and initiating them where they do not exist.

PORTAL is a product that was designed and engineered by P&P District Supervisor Mark Stonex in 2003; however, it was not until he was involved in the Commissioners Executive Leadership Development Program that he was able to grow it to fruition and begin a pilot program. In the winter of 2007, the first PORTAL to Success pilot class was initiated in the Hopkinsville Probation and Parole Office.

At present there are PORTAL to Success Programs located in the Western portion of the Commonwealth, Louisville and Lexington.

A Sample PORTAL to Success Advanced curriculum:
Making it On Parole-"The Mechanics of Community Supervision"

Employment Workshop
Financial Issues
Adult Education
Health and Wellness
Nutrition
Smoking Cessation
Relationship Issues
Addiction
Effective Parenting Skills
Stress and Anger Management
Decision Making

Recently in Bowling Green, we have begun the newest and most streamlined version of PORTAL is titled PORTAL BASIC. We are very excited about this new approach and it has been very successful with both Parolees and Staff

Sample PORTAL Basic curriculum

Making it On Parole
Decision Making
Adult Education
Housing
Employment
Financial Issues

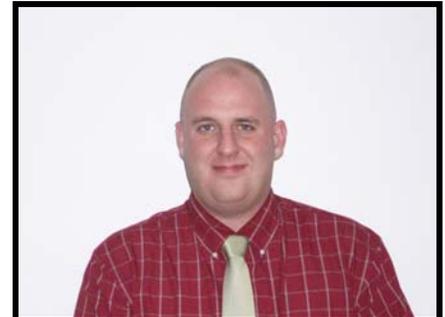
All (6) six of the above classes are taught within the 1st six weeks of a Parolees' release. This is very important due to the vulnerability to recidivate during the first 60-90 days post release.

The most recent development in the PORTAL program is the design and implementation of a master PORTAL Manual that will be utilized to develop a PORTAL program in EVERY region and district of the Commonwealth. It will include. PowerPoints. Lesson Plans, Attendance Sheets, Graduation Certificate Templates, Excel Spreadsheets for Attendance Tracking and processes to track Outcome Measures per HB 463.

Kentucky Success Stories

The Kentucky Department of Corrections has approximately 4,000 employees. Can you imagine if each one of us could help just one offender per year change their life so they could stay out of prison or not return.....what would KYDOC look like in three years?

“Successful reentry of the offender population is a top priority of LSCC. Mr. Turner’s efforts and dedication to reentry is a valuable asset to our mission, the inmate population and the community.” said Warden Joseph Meko.



Robert Turner, Reentry Coordinator
Little Sandy Correctional Complex

I had an offender who was having difficulty finding a place to live. He was born disabled and has been in a wheelchair all his life. He had lived in various foster homes since being a small child. This offender was incarcerated for a sex crime and was going to be released on Sex Offender Conditional Discharge (SOCDD).

“At first we tried to place him with his brother in Michigan but that fell through. Next we tried to get him placed back into...”

At first we tried to place him with his brother in Michigan but that fell through. Next we tried to get him placed back into the assisted living home he had stayed in prior to his incarceration. The facility did not have an open bed for him at his time of release. He was starting to give up hope and even asked if he could just finish his SOCDD time in prison so he wouldn't have to get a place approved by Probation and Parole when he was released. I contacted private halfway houses that I had used in the past and none could take him due to the wheelchair. Next I contacted other reentry coordinators who gave me some ideas on placements. These however, did not work out either.

Finally I contacted some Probation and Parole officers that were responsible for supervising sex offenders. One of the officers put me in contact with a lady who owned a wheelchair accessible house and rented rooms to offenders. She said that she enjoyed helping the guys get back on their feet and that she helped them get clothes, picture IDs and food upon their release.. I talked with the Warden about the situation and he approved rent money for the offender to use until his disability check was restarted. The placement was sent and approved. I have since checked on him and he has moved out on his own and is doing well.

What does it take for reentry to be successful?

- ⇒ Understanding the needs of the offender on an individual basis (Assessment LS/CMI)
- ⇒ Planning (Case Management)
- ⇒ Programming
- ⇒ Multiple options for home placements
- ⇒ Diligent efforts on the part of all staff
- ⇒ Interagency cooperation
- ⇒ Sharing information ...resources, resources, resources
- ⇒ Support up and down the line
- ⇒ Follow up information