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### Reentry Services in Kentucky is Expanding

Please welcome Erica Hargis, Jarvis Livingston, Jennifer Hutchinson, and James “Nick” Sloan to the Department of Corrections Reentry Branch. They will be serving as Reentry Employment Program Administrators, and will oversee finding valuable community resources and employment opportunities that are pertinent for successful offender reentry.

**Erica Hargis:**

Erica Hargis is a 2006 graduate of Western Kentucky University where she earned a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Criminology. In 2010 she earned a Master’s degree from the University of Louisville in Justice Administration. She currently resides in Jefferson County with her husband and children. She is an active member of her local church and city council.



Erica Hargis-Reentry  
Employment Program Administrator

Mrs. Hargis began her career with the Kentucky Department of Corrections in July 2009 as a Probation and Parole Investigator in District 4 (downtown Louisville) writing pre-sentence investigation reports. In June 2010 she transferred to District 19 (Southeast Louisville) as a Probation and Parole Officer supervising a high risk caseload. In February 2012 she worked under the Reentry Branch when she was selected as one of the four (4) grant funded Reentry Parole Officer positions in Jefferson County. While in this role she made relationships with local community partnerships in which she has maintained over the years. In September 2012 she was promoted to Assistant Supervisor at District 4 Probation and Parole, and then transferred to District 16 (East Louisville) in the same capacity in May 2015.

Ms. Hargis has historically been very active in reentry efforts. She has also taught the substance abuse program pre-release classes for the Roederer Correctional Complex (RCC) and Luther Lockett Correctional Complex (LLCC). In addition to these duties, she was an original PORTAL (now PND) reentry team member for District 19 and selected as the District 19 KCCD Achievement Award winner in 2011. After her promotion to Assistant Supervisor she continued to be involved in the Reentry efforts of the department by becoming a trained facilitator of Thinking for a Change (T4C) and co-facilitating multiple programs over the years at local halfway houses. Mrs. Hargis assisted with the creation, development, and implementation of the Field Training Officer (FTO) program that is currently being utilized in all twenty (20) probation and parole districts, earning her a Commissioner’s Award in 2014. Mrs. Hargis is also a 2015 graduate of the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership program. In September 2017, Mrs. Hargis accepted the position of Reentry Employment Program Administrator and started work on September 16, 2017.

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**Jarvis Livingston**

Jarvis Livingston is a 2011 graduate of the University of Kentucky where he earned his Bachelor's degree in Sociology with Departmental Honors. Mr. Livingston is currently working towards earning his Masters of Public Administration degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He currently resides in Woodford County with his wife, son and two dogs.

Mr. Livingston launched his career with the Kentucky Department of Corrections in March 2012 as a Correctional Officer at Blackburn Correctional Complex (BCC). In January 2013, Livingston was promoted to Probation and Parole Officer in District 9 (Lexington). While there, he supervised a regular caseload and facilitated reentry programs such as PORTAL New Direction (PND) and Thinking for a Change (T4C). In November 2014, he transferred to District 14 (Versailles) where he continued to facilitate reentry programs such as Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) and supervised a regular caseload. In February 2017, Livingston gratefully assumed the duties as the Interim Reentry Officer for District 14. While in this role, he was able to magnify his reentry philosophies by creating procedures such as discharge summaries /Reentry Assessments Forms, community outreach, and reentry collaborations with elected officials. In September 2017, Mr. Livingston accepted the position of Reentry Employment Program Administrator and started in the branch on September 16, 2017.



Jarvis Livingston-Reentry  
Employment Program Administrator

**Jennifer Hutchinson**

Mrs. Hutchinson is a 1997 graduate of Northern Kentucky University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. In 2008, she earned a Master's Degree in Counseling from Xavier University. She currently resides in Campbell County with her husband and her children.

Jennifer Hutchinson began her career with the Kentucky Department of Corrections in January 2001 as a Probation and Parole Officer in District 7 (Newport). Her responsibilities included several caseloads to include Sex Offender Officer, Mental Health Court Officer, and Home Incarceration Program (HIP) Officer. She was responsible for writing Pre-Sentence Investigations (PSI's) and was a participant on the committee to incorporate the LSCMI into the Pre-Sentence Investigation. Jennifer implemented the S.M.A.R.T. (Supervision, Monitoring, Accountability, Responsibility, and Treatment) Pilot Program in District 7. In 2012, Jennifer was named as the Reentry Liaison for District 7. She facilitated the first MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy) group in the local Probation and Parole Office, as District 7 was chosen to pilot the Program. In 2013, Jennifer witnessed the first MRT graduates on Kentucky Parole. She has facilitated many MRT groups since then. She is also trained to teach PORTAL New Direction (PND). In September 2017, Mrs. Hutchinson accepted the position of Reentry Employment Program Administrator and started work on October 1, 2017.



Jennifer Hutchinson-Reentry  
Employment Program Administrator

**America is the land of the second chance—and when the gates of the prison open,  
the path ahead should lead to a better life.**

~George W. Bush~

**James “Nick” Sloan**

James “Nick” Sloan is a 2005 graduate of Alice Lloyd College where he earned his Bachelor’s degree in Social Science. He currently resides in Letcher County with his wife and two children. Nick is an active member of his local community. He is the President of his local PTO and coaches various youth sports teams throughout the year.

Mr. Sloan began his career in November 2005 with Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) as a Case Manager at Otter Creek Correctional Center(OCCC). He was promoted to Classification Coordinator in March of 2007. He was promoted, again, in September 2010 to the position of Training Manager. While at Otter Creek, Mr. Sloan was an active CERT member and facilitated various programs for the inmate population including Prison to the Streets and Thinking for a Change (T4C). In July of 2012, he became a Probation and Parole Officer in District 11 (Hazard). As a Probation and Parole Officer, Mr. Sloan supervised parolees in Perry County until March of 2013. In March of 2013, he began supervising sex offenders in Letcher, Knott, and Perry Counties. Mr. Sloan transferred to the Letcher County office in District 11 in February of 2017 and supervised parolees and ICOTS offenders in Letcher County. During his time as a Probation and Parole Officer, Mr. Sloan served as a Portal New Directions (PND) instructor, firearms instructor, Field Training Officer (FTO), and District Armorer. He received the District 11 Achievement Award in 2014. Mr. Sloan graduated from the Commissioner’s Executive Leadership Program in May of 2016. Mr. Sloan’s CELP group is responsible for the Professional Boundaries training program that has been implemented in, both, pre-service and in-service training. Mr. Sloan accepted the position of Reentry Employment Program Administrator and began work on November 16, 2017.



James “Nick” Sloan -Reentry  
Employment Program  
Administrator

**MORAL RECONATION THERAPY (MRT) GRADUATE GIVES BACK TO OTHERS**

Michael Graham graduated from Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) in February of 2017. On the night Michael graduated, he asked if he could come back to class and help others because he has learned so much. I told Michael we would love to have his help. Michael has attended every single MRT meeting with the exception of a few times when he had health issues.

To date, Michael has helped several parolees complete MRT. These parolees had little to no education and several were illiterate. I can safely say that without his help, the likelihood of these parolees graduating was not very promising.

Michael really takes the time to go over each requirement with his mentees and makes himself available both before and after class, if it is okay with their supervising officer, to go over his mentees’ work. When any of his mentees are giving their testimony, Michael makes sure he is close by to offer encouragement and support. This is especially comforting to those students who have severe social anxiety. If one of his mentees begins to struggle, Michael gives them a big smile, talks to them and tells them that they are doing great.

I would love for Michael to receive recognition for all that he is done to help so many.

Submitted by: Officer Kimberly Bradley-Officer  
District 4 - Louisville -Probation and Parole -MRT Facilitator

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IMPLEMENTS NEW RISK/NEEDS ASSESSMENT TOOL

Over the past several years, Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) has utilized an assessment tool called LS/CMI, however on July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, the department implemented a new assessment tool derived from the University Of Cincinnati Corrections Institute (UCCI). Their tool known as Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) was adapted and formed into what we now call KyRAS.

KyRAS was selected by a committee formed of DOC employees from both institutions and Probation and Parole, along with individuals of various other positions in the DOC. Numerous assessment tools were reviewed and the decision was made in November 2016 to integrate to the KyRAS. KyRAS was selected over other assessment tools due to the similarity in scoring against the LSCMI, its time efficiency for staff, cost effective for the department and ability to be intertwined into our Kentucky Offender Management System (KOMS) program.

KyRAS breaks down the principle of classification by using:

- ⇒ **Risk-** Who we target (Moderate/High Offenders)
- ⇒ **Need** – What we target (Criminogenic needs)
- ⇒ **Responsivity-** How we target (help break down and reduce barriers)

KyRAS consist of four (4) assessment tools: The questions in the tools are predictors of recidivism based on the UCCI study. These tools determine the level of supervision and are utilized for case management plans:

- ⇒ **CST- Community Supervision Tool**
- ⇒ **PIT- Prison Intake Tool**
- ⇒ **RT- Reentry Tool**
- ⇒ **SRT- Supplemental Reentry Tool**

A group of eighteen (18) employees were selected to be KyRAS trainers for the state. KyRAS trainings were conducted over the past several months throughout the state to ensure all employees required could attend the training. The training was a three (3) day course that spent the first two (2) days on learning the four (4) assessments tools and testing out their new skills. The last day was spent on case management with the new assessment tool.

The KyRAS tool is being utilized as designed in all institutions and within Probation and Parole. The Reentry branch has been tasked with quality control and scheduling of training of KyRAS. Training for new hires will be conducted quarterly in each regions for institution staff and P&P staff will be trained at Basic Academy. The new direction of the assessment tool will help the department continue to strive to achieve its mission statement of integrating clients back into the community and helping reduce recidivism.

Submitted by: Andria Barkett-Reentry Branch  
Corrections Program Administrator

IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT DOES REENTRY OR OFFERS REENTRY SERVICES  
AND WOULD LIKE TO SPOTLIGHT THEM, PLEASE LET THIS OFFICE KNOW:

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## From an Officers' Perspective.... "Spotlight" on Life Learning Center

I cannot say enough positive things about the Life Learning Center in Covington, Ky. It is one of the biggest Reentry resources that we have in Northern Kentucky to serve our clients. They state on their website that 47% of their clients have a criminal background. The Program is an education and resource center to help people make long term changes. The Program is geared towards employment but helps with barriers that interfere with employment such as past convictions, emotional issues, health issues, housing, lack of transportation, childcare concerns among many others. They have additional resources on site including childcare, representatives from their partnership with the Freestore Foodbank, and St. Elizabeth medical staff.

Submitted by: Jennifer Hutchinson  
Corrections Program  
Administrator



Pictured above: Life Learning Center

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<https://www.facebook.com/Life-Learning-Center-Northern-Kentucky-110292732367429/>

### Services:

Life Learning Center's mission is to support 'at-risk' individuals in our Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky regional community who are ready to commit to long term life change. Our holistic continuum of education and care focuses on the five domains of life: physical, emotional, financial, spiritual and relationships.

LLC offers a 12-module program designed to help each person build a sense of hope, purpose, and the ability to achieve long-term financial stability and dignity. Classes and personal life coaching sessions are provided to all qualified participants free of charge.

LLC serves individuals in our regional community who are currently facing a multitude of challenges from difficult family situations, criminal background, limited education, unemployment or underemployment, as well as other serious threats to homelessness or even survival.

### Story:

Life Learning Center (LLC), a proud partnering agency for United Way, is a non-profit organization working with multiple community partners and progressive employers. Our goal is to take individuals who demonstrate commitment to stable employment and prepare them for full-time, sustainable careers through education, training, and life coaching.

Our small, caring staff adds a personal touch by partnering with each candidate to determine his/her priorities, set goals, and help them to achieve them by becoming self-sufficient.

## Jail Spotlight: Crittenden County Detention Center

In Western Kentucky, a detention center is changing the way a correctional facility runs. Since 2015, they have been promoting programs within their walls and finding them to be successful. Lt. Athena Abshire is the Class D coordinator for the Crittenden County Detention Center with stacks of letters to prove what they are doing is working.

Lt. Abshire has found that implementing programs has changed the 172-bed center tremendously by cutting down assaults on staff and other offenders, along with reducing grievances and help reduce recidivism.

They are currently offering the following programs:

- PORTAL/ New Direction
- NCRC
- MRT Mentor
- MRT—Anger Management Mentor
- MRT—Relapse Prevention/Thinking for Good
- MRT—Trauma Men & Women
- GED Testing
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)
- MRT—Anger Management
- MRT—Parenting—Men & Women
- MRT—Untangling Relationship

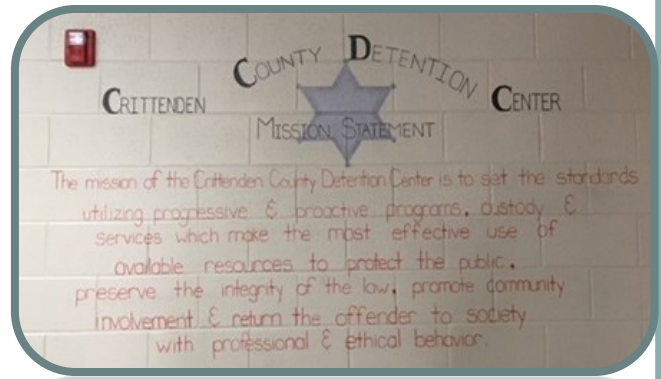
In addition to these programs, they also have many religious groups that come into the facility and have a music group that is made up of offenders. They currently have two facilitators who teach 10 classes a week. The offenders can take up to two (2) programs at a time.

Lt. Abshire states that it just happens to work for them because every staff member from the Jailer down is on board with the mission of the jail. She states that they have meetings and discuss game plans on addressing certain situations. Sometimes allowing an offender that is in the mentor class to try to fix a situation before it gets out of hand.

Lt. Abshire states, “the programs are funded through the Commissary account, therefore we are using the money that the inmates spend here to help them become productive citizens when they are released.”

When you walk into the center, they have a mission statement that reads as follows: “The mission of the Crittenden County Detention Center is to set the standards utilizing progressive & proactive programs, custody & service which make the most effective use of available resources to protect the public, preserve the integrity of the law, promote community involvement & return the offender to society with professional & ethical behavior”. After spending a couple of hours in this facility and speaking with Lt. Abshire, I believe that this center lives up to that mission and more.

Submitted by: Andria Barkett-Reentry Branch  
Corrections Program Administrator



## OWENSBORO HOSTS A POVERTY AND REENTRY SIMULATION

The Green River Reentry Council teamed up with the Reentry Branch and Audubon Area Community Services to host a combined **Poverty/Reentry Simulation** for other members of the council, District 13 - Owensboro Probation and Parole Officers and other local community members participated in the simulation. The event took place at a local Recovery Kentucky Center, Dismas Charities Owensboro who also provided the help of approximately twenty-one (21) of their residents who operated the different resource desks for the simulation. The resource desks supplied resources for those that were participating in the simulation. The resources were anything from the members in the courthouse, members of the jail, interfaith groups and utility companies.



This was our courthouse and the family in the back was planning a scheme.

The Poverty/Reentry Simulation is a real life scenario meant to give participants a look into the daily stress and hardships people already in poverty deal with and included having a family member that were recently released on supervision whom added extra stress or difficulties. The simulation itself takes place over four (4) “weeks” in which members of the council break out into 20-minute intervals to simulate the real-life scenario. Family groups were chosen at random by drawing name tags. Each family must follow the scenarios in their family packet. During each “week” 20 minute family session, the families must travel to various vendors (played by the Dismas Charities residents) to accomplish grocery shopping, paying rent or utilities, school, and/or work. If a family does not have enough money to accomplish all the weekly tasks for their family, they may have to go sell their valuables at the pawn shop or go to interfaith agencies to ask for assistance. Based on the simulation, some of the participants felt the need to steal money if found unattended. A whistle blows after the twenty (20) minutes, and families go back to their homes and take about fifteen (15) minutes to make a game plan to complete the next week’s scenario.

Each family had one (1) member on supervision who had to report to his Parole Officer, for treatment, and other stipulations of their parole, etc. Each person on supervision was asked to submit to a drug test. If they were unsuccessful during their supervision and did not meet their stipulations for Parole, they could have been put in jail until their families could post bail.

The residents at Dismas Charities and the vendors with resources really enjoyed playing their roles and really got into their characters. Some of the vendors could relate to dealing with poverty at one point in time during their lifetime.



Participants in their “homes” awaiting instructions.

Overall, I think this was a great community engagement event and was well received from all involved. One participant from a local clothes closet ministry stated that she would have preferred to be in jail rather than trying to make it with all of her requirements of community supervision. If that does not convince you to support reentry efforts in your local community, I am not sure what will!

Submitted by: Officer Jonathan Staples  
District 13-Owensboro Probation and Parole

## **SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS AND NEW PROGRAM!!**

My name is Kathy Nichols and currently I am the mentor for two (2) Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) classes in Paducah, KY. In July, 2016 I was released from prison on parole after serving three (3) years on a fifteen (15) year sentence. One of my stipulations of parole was that I complete MRT class. Upon contacting my parole officer I was told there was a class starting in a couple of weeks. It would be the first MRT class in the Paducah area. I went into this class with the mind set to just get it completed and the parole obligation met. What I received out of it was so much more. One of the things that it taught me was that I had to be honest with myself first and then to be honest with all the people that I had hurt because of my crime. While my crime was not of the drug or alcohol nature it was still serious and this class taught me that. I was able to really look at myself and see what I had done that hurt my family, friends, even people that I worked with. It taught me not to worry about things that I have no control over, only worry about the things that you can control. Things in life happen and there is nothing you can do about it. I've mended some broken relationships, started some new ones, my home and family life has become so much more than what it was. This class made me think about my actions and think about what the consequences would be. As I came to the end of the class I had to set master goals for one, five and ten years and actually put a date on when they would be completed. I am happy to say that 8 out of 10 of my one year goals have been met and I'm working on the 5 year ones now.

When I completed the class in November, 2016 I was given the chance to become a mentor. I prayed about what I should do and the Lord led me to continue in the program. His words were I'm not done teaching you and you can be an example for other people. What a great time it has been. I've had the opportunity to meet several different people from all walks of life, hear their story, tell them mine, gain their trust in people and society and assure them that there is light at the end of this long tunnel. I've seen people grow from hating to be there, to can't wait for the next week. Hopefully, I can set an example, be a friend, say something that gets them out of the rut in life they are in or encourage them to seek a different path in life. If it saves one life or puts someone on a different path then my purpose of being there is well worth the time I spend mentoring.

The class has grown from a few people in one class to four (4) different classes. I will still continue to mentor until someone tells me differently. I encourage you to continue to sign people up for this class and hopefully they will get as much out of it as I have.

Submitted by: Andria Barkett-Reentry Branch  
Corrections Program Administrator

## **SOFT SKILLS BOOTCAMP NEW PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT**

Watch for upcoming information about a new program being offered in KyDOC Institutions and Probation and Parole. This program created by Greg Coker will teach attendees soft skills needed for succeeding in the workplace. It will be available on tablets in the Institutions and will also be available for those offenders on supervision with Probation and Parole. A 30 day good time credit will be awarded for successful completion of the program. Coming spring 2018!

Submitted by: Kristin Harrod-Reentry Branch  
Corrections Program Administrator



## Moral Reconciliation Therapy—KCI Celebration

Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) has been around for over 25 years and has been so beneficial for so many people. When people enter the program they are hesitant to be personal with a group of people that they don't know, however, as they follow the Freedom Ladder to the Normal stage they start to open up.

Mondays-3 pm at the KCI Halfway house became a time where men would come together for an hour and a half to help improve themselves.

This class has been active for over a year, while maintaining a decent class size during its duration. Instructor's Adam Wofford, Andria Barkett and Michelle Alexander have had over 25 graduates.

These men spent an average of 20 weeks focusing on themselves and learning to change their way of thinking. Many of these weeks were not easy for these men, however, with a group of people encouraging and holding them responsible, a percentage of these men came out of the program with not only days off their sentence, but a better understanding of themselves and their actions.

On September 12, 2017, Reentry Officer Michelle Alexander planned a special celebration for the men that were still at the halfway house that had graduated MRT. She prepared snacks for the group to enjoy and to acknowledge their hard work that they put into completing the class.

Submitted by:

Andria Barkett-Reentry Branch  
Corrections Program Administrator

### Comments from the MRT Group:

*The MRT class gave me a deeper insight into....What I really want out of life and my future.*

*-Ravon Russell*

*The MRT class improved my problem-solving/thinking skills by...Understanding who I am and how I think and understand my ADHD.*

*-Mark Travis*

*What advice would you give to another student who is considering taking MRT?*

*Take the Class. It teaches you to not worry about things you have no control over.*

*-Robert Conner*

# Recent Reentry Collaboration:

## PRISONS HOST 'RELEASE EXPO' EVENTS

On October 19, 2017 two Eastern Kentucky prisons hosted reentry events that were the first of their kind in the state. Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex (EKCC) in Morgan County and Little Sandy Correctional Complex (LSCC) in Elliott County invited area resource providers to come inside their facilities and meet with participants identified to be within three to six months of potential release back into the community. Presented as a Reentry **'Release Expo'**, participants from inside the institution were invited to voluntarily participate in this event if they had been identified as a person nearing release. A Reentry Release Expo is an event designed to provide community resource information to incarcerated individuals nearing release from an institution. In appearance, these events are very similar to a career fair. Our partners (community resource providers) set up at tables in the facility gymnasiums and our participants are able to visit each resource provider's table and obtain flyers of information and ask specific questions of each provider.



The area providers represented on October 19<sup>th</sup> were: Gateway Community Action Agency - multiple representatives came to answer questions about their variety of programs -childcare and early learning, adult education and career training, transportation as well as housing and weatherization. Commonwealth Educational Opportunity program was on hand with information about furthering education. Pathways, Inc. provided information on their available services - mental health care, the prevention and treatment of alcohol and other addictions, and services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Kentucky Adult Education Center was on hand with information about GED and post-secondary educational opportunities.

Also represented at these events were the Division of Probation & Parole, who provided supervision officers to offer insight to any who might have had questions about the reality of being on community supervision. The Department of Corrections Reentry Branch was present with information for the Reentry Councils throughout the state, contact information for Employment Program Administrators in the Jefferson and Fayette County areas, as well as other Reentry Support resources.



Both Warden Kathy Litteral and Warden David Green, along with their Deputy Wardens were there to support this endeavor at their respective institutions. Many staff from the institutions were present and highly interactive with the participants and providers.

**Reentry Expo continued from page 9:**

It is the intent with these events that incarcerated persons who are nearing potential release will have the opportunity to interact with those providing services in our communities. They will be able to learn about programs being offered in many areas and find out more about where they are located - and to whom they can speak once they are home. These events offer them the ability to see that there is deep concern for their success in returning to our communities. They are encouraged to succeed and reach out for help.

The planning process for these events includes the intent to continue offering 'Release Expos' on a quarterly basis. At both EKCC and LSCC these events will be held on the third Thursday of each quarter. The next Expo will be on January 18, 2018. As planning continues, it is anticipated that many more providers will sign on to participate regularly. Plans are already underway to provide information for a broader area of the state, in order to reach people who are releasing to communities all over Kentucky.

If you are interested in attending in person as a resource provider or even sending resource packets to be made available at these events, please contact:

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Submitted by:

Christi Sorrell—Reentry Branch  
Program Administrator

**“Region 2 Expungement Workshops”**

On September 26 the Southern Kentucky Reentry Council held an expungement workshop in conjunction with Department of Public Advocacy, Kentucky Legal Aid of Bowling Green and Bowling Green Workforce. The workshop had approximately 100 attendees with just over 60 people getting a free copy of the record and talking with an attorney. This workshop was a little different than the ones that have been done previously across the state, as Workforce helped identify those that are work ready and will continue to help them get their record expunged with their October 25th event. The Southern Reentry Council is working to set another workshop up in March 2018.

Also, on October 17 the Central Kentucky Reentry Council in conjunction with the Department of Public Advocacy in Elizabethtown and Legal Aid Society of Louisville held an Expungement Workshop and Resource Fair at the Hardin County Adult Education. The event was a great start for the council and completed approximately 30 record checks and allowed anyone to speak with an attorney regarding their expungement eligibility. The council looks forward to another event in early 2018 and possibly working with Elizabethtown Career Center and Workforce.

Submitted by: Kerry Mears—Reentry Branch Program Administrator

YOU HAVE A VOICE!!! Want to use it??  
 Interested in joining a Kentucky Reentry Council in your area??

**Kentucky Reentry Councils**

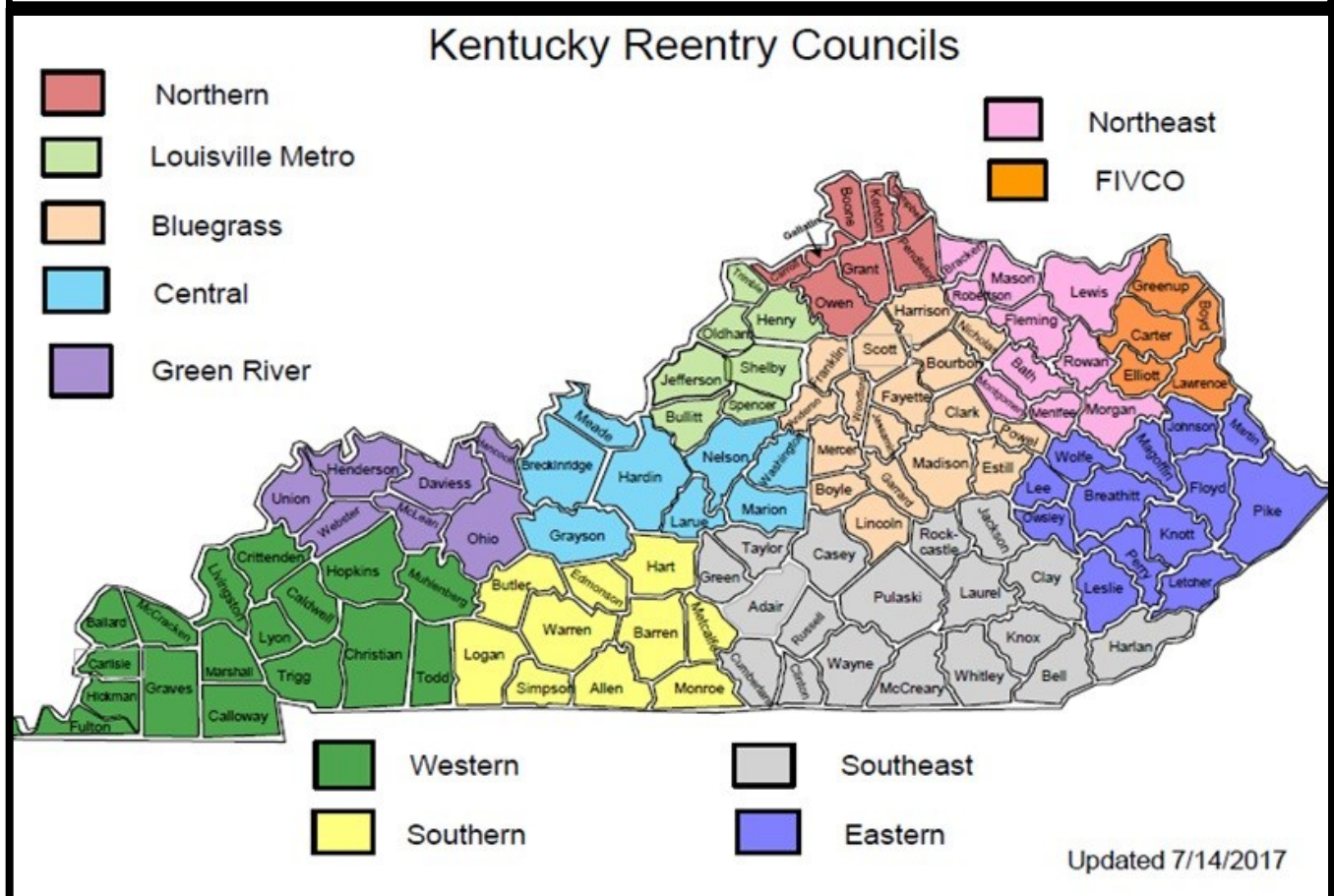
Kentucky Reentry is made up of reentry task forces or councils throughout the state of Kentucky. The reentry groups do not provide services for ex-offenders, nor do they have reentry programs. They are made up of individuals and organizations networking together to share information and improve the reentry process. The members may be organizations and/or individuals that provide services and/or have interests in helping. Each group is focused toward ex-offenders coming back to their areas, the issues involved, and making their community safer.

The basic purpose of each group are:

- To address the current issues returning citizens face
- To develop a network of resources and service providers within their area
- To communicate and advocate for the justice involved population to the community and their leaders.

If you would like to join, please visit our updated website: [www.kentuckyreentry.org](http://www.kentuckyreentry.org) for meeting dates, times and locations in your area!

Also, visit us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/kentuckyreentry>



## KENTUCKY REENTRY

[www.kentuckyreentry.org](http://www.kentuckyreentry.org)

If you need reentry information, have questions, or would like to attend your local council meeting, please contact them!



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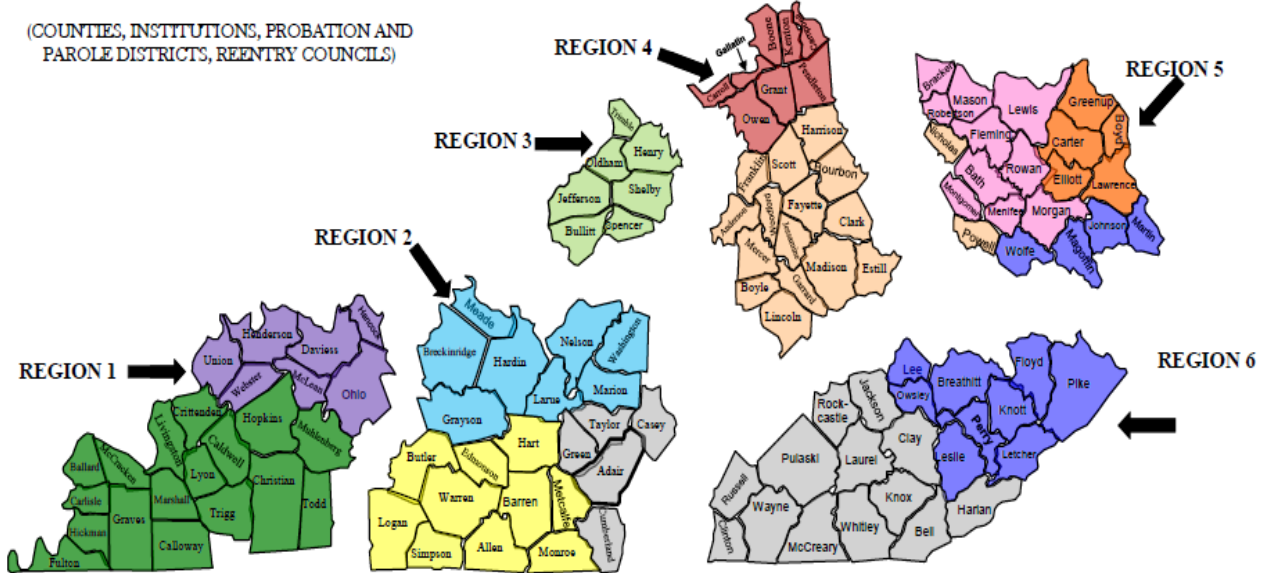
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### KENTUCKY REENTRY REGIONS

(COUNTIES, INSTITUTIONS, PROBATION AND PAROLE DISTRICTS, REENTRY COUNCILS)



REGION 1 ANDRIA BARKETT			REGION 2 KERRY MEARS			REGION 3 TARA HARROD			REGION 4 KRISTIN HARROD			REGION 5 CHRISTI SORRELL			REGION 6 PAMELA BENTLEY		
CALDWELL	FULTON	KSP	LOGAN	SIMPSON	GRCC	JEFFERSON	RCC	CARROLL	BOONE	KSR	BRACKEN	ROWAN	EKCC	LETCHER	CLAY	BCFC	
HICKMAN	GRAVES	WKCC	BUTLER	MONROE	NTC	OLDHAM	LLCC	BOURBON	FAYETTE	KCIW	ROBERTSON	GREENUP	LSCC	BREATHITT	LAUREL	DST. 10	
CARLISLE	MCLEAN	DST. 1	WARREN	ALLEN	DST. 2	BULLITT	DST. 12	KENTON	GRANT	BCC	NICHOLAS	CARTER	DST. 8	KNOTT	LEE	DST. 11	
BALLARD	TODD	DST. 13	WASHINGTON	LARUE	DST. 3	SPENCER	DST. 16	CAMPBELL	CLARK	DST. 7	MONTGOMERY	ELLIOTT	DST. 15	JACKSON	BELL	DST. 20	
MCCRACKEN	TRIGG		EDMONSON	ADAIR	DST. 5	SHELBY	DST. 17	JESSAMINE	SCOTT	DST. 9	POWELL	BOYD		OWSLEY	PULASKI		
CRITTENDEN	HOPKINS		GRAYSON	GREEN	DST. 6	HENRY	DST. 18	GARRARD	ESTILL	DST. 14	MAGOFFIN	MASON		PERRY	WAYNE		
CALLOWAY	WEBSTER		BRECKINRIDGE	TAYLOR		TRIMBLE	DST. 19	PENDLETON	MADISON		LEWIS	WOLFE		LESLIE	RUSSELL		
MARSHALL	UNION		MEADE	CASEY				HARRISON	OWEN		FLEMING	JOHNSON		HARLAN	KNOX		
LIVINGSTON	LYON		HARDEN	MARION				GALLATIN	BOYLE		BATH	MARTIN		WHITLEY	FLOYD		
HENDERSON	DAVIESS		METCALFE	NELSON				FRANKLIN	LINCOLN		MENIFEE	MORGAN		ROCKCASTLE	PIKE		
MUHLBERG	OHIO		CUMBERLAND	HART				ANDERSON	MERCER		LAWRENCE			WHITLEY	PIKE		
CHRISTIAN	HANCOCK		BARREN					WOODFORD						MCCREARY	CLINTON		
WESTERN & GREEN RIVER COUNCIL			CENTRAL & SOUTHERN COUNCIL			GLRC			NORTHERN & BLUEGRASS			FIVCO & NORTHEAST COUNCIL			SOUTHEAST & EASTERN COUNCIL		

**RESOURCES:**

# Courageous Kids

We offer support, a listening ear, and fun activities for children who are experiencing the stress of incarcerated parents/relatives. Sometimes having friends who know what you are going through can make all the difference! We can be that group of friends for you!



**Join us on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30–6:45 p.m. at the Erlanger Library 401 Kenton Lands Road Erlanger, KY 41018**

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Sept. 14 - Fun and GAMES     | Feb. 8 - Art for All                  |
| Oct. 12 - Pumpkin Decorating | March 8 - Drum Time                   |
| Nov. 9 - Puppy Tales         | April 12 - It's a Garden              |
| Dec. 14 - Lego Holiday Party | Monday, May 7 - Party with the Ponies |
| Jan. 11 - New Year, New Yoga |                                       |

**Grades K–6  
No registration required  
Call 859–962–4147 for information**



**Lead your child toward an even brighter future ...**

**Get on the path to a better life for you and your family with PATHS 2 PROMISE!**

Through PATHS 2 PROMISE, you may get free monthly childcare and transportation payments.

If you receive SNAP in Bell, Knox, Clay, Whitley, Perry, Leslie, Letcher or Harlan County, you could get:

- Help in preparing for a new career while receiving SNAP benefits;
- Help with transportation (up to \$200) and child care expenses each month;
- Free training, worth thousands of dollars, to help you get a good-paying career;
- Match-up with employers for immediate work experience and internship opportunities;
- Support from a personal Career Navigator and Success Coach.

**LIMITED SLOTS AVAILABLE! Call your county contact (below) or, to receive more information, register online today: [www.paths2promise.com](http://www.paths2promise.com)**

**Bell-Whitley Community Action Agency**  
Martha Williams • 606-337-3044, ext. 207

**Knox County (KCEOC Community Action Partnership)**  
Candace Smith • 606-546-2639, ext. 16

**Clay County (Daniel Boone Community Action Agency)**  
Sherry Marcum • 606-598-5127, ext. 261

**Perry, Leslie or Letcher County (LJLP Community Action Agency)**  
Allison Brown • 606-436-3161, ext. 5016

**Harlan County Community Action Agency**  
Jill Blevins • 573-5330, ext. 238



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# Inclusion *drives* Innovation




**NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH**

**#NDEAM**



[dol.gov/odep](http://dol.gov/odep)

**RESOURCES:**



**THERE IS HOPE**  
PAL provides continuing education and support, at no charge, for parents struggling to cope with a son or daughter addicted to drugs or alcohol.

**For Spouses Too**  
PAL can also help spouses who are forced to *act like a parent* to their addicted partner. All other sober family members and friends are also welcome to attend our meetings.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE**  
By attending our meetings, you will learn proven ways to help your loved one toward recovery from addiction. You will also be able to give and receive support from others who are facing the same challenges as you are.

**MONDAYS**  
**7:00-8:30**  
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
117 East Jefferson Street, Georgetown, Kentucky 40324

FACILITATED BY PARENTS ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY  
For more information, [www.pal-group.org](http://www.pal-group.org) or text or call 859-421-3484

*Parents of Addicted Loved Ones*  
**Support Group**

**Group is Free – No Registration Required**



*Join Us*  
**Every Wednesday**  
**6:30-8:30**  
3629 Church St. Latonia, KY 41015

*There is Hope!*  
PAL meets every week and provides continuing education along with support, at no charge, for parents with a son or daughter suffering from alcohol or drug addiction.

*You are Not Alone!*  
Many families are affected by addiction. PAL will allow you to give and receive support from others who are facing the same challenges you are. The guiding principles of Pal are confidentiality, respect, acceptance and support.


*For Spouses Too!*  
PAL can also assist spouses who are sometimes forced into acting like a parent to their addicted partner who is abusing alcohol or drugs

**www.covingtoncharities.org**

*For More Information Contact:*  
 Laura Jackson / Paula Weber  
Catholic Charities  
(859)581-8974  
 Tina & Tony Garera  
PAL Group Facilitators  
(859)760-0954



*Never Lose Hope.*



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**TUESDAYS**  
**6:30-8:00**  
**MENTOR CHURCH**  
3724 Smith Rd. California, KY 41007

FACILITATED BY LISA RUSCHMAN & TONI BEASLEY  
TWO PARENTS ON THE SAME JOURNEY.

For more information, [www.pal-group.org](http://www.pal-group.org) or text or call Toni Beasley 859-414-8873 (calls will be returned after 5 pm or on weekends)

**Someone to call**



**The Peer Support program**  
Some days are better than others. But it helps to have someone to talk to, someone who can relate to your recovery experience.

**People who care and understand**  
Our Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Medicaid Peer Support program offers you more than just a listening ear. Sometimes the best way to learn about recovery is from someone who's been there. Anthem certified Peer Support Specialists understand because they've successfully managed their own recovery. They can also tell you how to get services that are already included in your Anthem benefits or available locally through one of our partners. Programs such as smoking cessation, free mobile wellness apps or local support groups are all within your reach to help with your recovery.

**You set the pace**  
You decide how often you want to talk. When you participate in the program, one of our Peer Support Specialists will:

- Set up a schedule for when we'll talk
- Help you find resources from Anthem, your community or online
- Provide you with tools to better communicate with your provider
- Listen and offer recovery support

We'll do our best to help you with the tools you need for your recovery.

**Stay in touch**  
Keep our phone number handy:  
**1-844-879-3599 (TTY 711) Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern time.**

**If you need help when we're not available:**

- To talk to a nurse, night or day, call the Care on Call line at 1-866-864-2544 (TTY 711).
- For information about your benefits, call 1-855-690-7784 (TTY 711), Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

**Anthem BlueCross BlueShield Medicaid**

[www.anthem.com/kymedicaid](http://www.anthem.com/kymedicaid)

We can translate this at no cost. Call the Member Services number on your member ID card. Podemos traducir esta información sin costo. Llame al número de Servicios a Miembros que figura en su tarjeta de identificación de miembro.  
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**RESOURCES:**

**Parents of Addicted Loved Ones  
Support Group – Lawrenceburg**



**There is Hope!**

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) meets every week to provide continuing education and support, at no charge, for parents trying to save a son or daughter from addiction to alcohol or drugs.

**For Spouses Too!**

PAL can also help spouses who are forced to *act like the parent* to their addicted partner who is abusing alcohol or drugs. All other family members and friends are also welcome to attend our meetings. (Must be 18 years of age or older.)

**You Are Not Alone!**

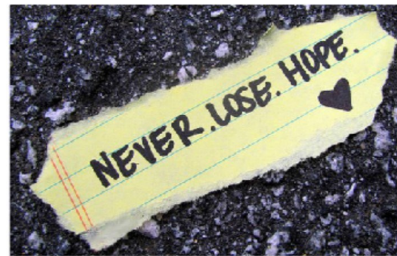
By attending our meetings, you will learn proven and suggested ways to help your loved one, and yourself, in recovery from addiction. You will also be able to receive support from, and give support to, others who are facing the same challenges you are in your journey of addiction of a loved one.

**PAL Support Group – Lawrenceburg, KY Meeting**  
Thursday Evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Anderson Christian Church, 1631 U.S. 127 Bypass South, Lawrenceburg, KY

**HOPE - EDUCATION - SUPPORT**

For additional information, please visit: [www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org)



**Do you have family or a friend  
in jail or prison?**

Are you looking for a safe,  
welcoming community where you will be  
accepted without judgement?

Join us the 3rd Tuesday of the  
month from 6:30-8:00pm.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**



**Catholic  
Charities**  
Diocese of Covington  
*Extend a Hand. Change a Life.*

**PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY INC  
SUPPORT GROUP**

**WHEN**  
3RD TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
6:30-8:00PM

**WHERE**  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
3629 CHURCH ST.  
COVINGTON, KY  
41015

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Maria Meyer  
mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org  
859.581.8974 ext.117  
[www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org)

**OWENSBORO/DAVIESS COUNTY  
BOUNCE-BACK SUPPORT GROUP**



**FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**We Will Be Offering A Lite Meal And Free Child Care**

Families of the Incarcerated is a group of family members in the Owensboro, Kentucky area with loved ones incarcerated, committed to providing support to one another and provide for a smoother transition for the families once their loved ones return-home.

**Where:** Craven Elementary School  
2741 Cravens Ave. Owensboro, KY

**When:** 2nd Monday of each month

**Time:** 5:30-7:00 PM

We welcome all families who are seeking a place of love, support, and encouragement as they deal with having a family member in jail.

**PLEASE RSVP TO:**

***Tonya Barr- Owensboro Middle School***  
270-686-1159  
[tonya.barr@owensboro.kyschools.us](mailto:tonya.barr@owensboro.kyschools.us)

***Shannon Rafferty- Cravens Elementary***  
270-686-1190  
[Shannon.rafferty@owensboro.kyschools.us](mailto:Shannon.rafferty@owensboro.kyschools.us)

If you know of any support groups or family/offender resources you would like to see published, please email:

Melissaj.moore@ky.gov  
Reentry Branch



**RESOURCES:**

Central Kentucky's Family & Friends  
of the Incarcerated & Convicted

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Second Saturday of each month  
Memorial United Methodist Church

(In Collaboration with MUMC and Feeding America Food Distribution)

631 N. Miles St  
Elizabethtown, KY 42701  
8AM-12PM

Stop by our table set up. We help find resources, give moral support and answer questions relating to loved ones going into prison/jail or being released.

Central Area covers: Breckinridge, Hardin, Marion, Nelson, Grayson, Larue, Meade and Washington counties of KY.

Contact Eva, email: [freedomministriesky@gmail.com](mailto:freedomministriesky@gmail.com) or Frank (270) 769-8735, email: [frank\\_anglin.kyreentry@yahoo.com](mailto:frank_anglin.kyreentry@yahoo.com) for more information

CENTRAL KENTUCKY'S FAMILY & FRIENDS  
OF THE INCARCERATED & CONVICTED



SECOND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE  
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

(IN COLLABORATION WITH MUMC AND  
FEEDING AMERICA FOOD DISTRIBUTION)

631 N. MILES ST  
ELIZABETHTOWN, KY  
8:00 AM—12:00 PM

STOP BY OUR TABLE AND WE CAN HELP YOU FIND  
RESOURCES, GIVE MORAL SUPPORT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS  
RELATING TO LOVED ONES ENTERING OR RELEASING LOCAL  
JAILS OR INSTITUTIONS.

CENTRAL AREA COVERS: BRECKINRIDGE, HARDIN, MARION, NELSON,  
GRAYSON, LARUE, MEADE & WASHINGTON COUNTIES

CONTACT  
FRANK AT 270-769-8735 OR EMAIL:  
[FRANK\\_ANGLIN.KYREENTRY@YAHOO.COM](mailto:FRANK_ANGLIN.KYREENTRY@YAHOO.COM)

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[central@kentuckyreentry.org](mailto:central@kentuckyreentry.org)



FREE is a Family Centered Care Group that focuses on sharing and helping those involved in the criminal justice system and their families to overcome obstacles and find community resources that are available with an understanding of life after incarceration.

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We are currently looking for both a location and a facilitator to start up again a formal group.

If you are interested, please contact Kerry at: [kerry.mears@ky.gov](mailto:kerry.mears@ky.gov) or 502-229-9638

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[www.facebook.com/FREEmeetings/](http://www.facebook.com/FREEmeetings/)  
[www.facebook.com/southernkentuckyreentry/](http://www.facebook.com/southernkentuckyreentry/)  
[WWW.KENTUCKYREENTRY.ORG](http://WWW.KENTUCKYREENTRY.ORG)

“ [I]mproving rehabilitation programs and reentry outcomes doesn't just help formerly incarcerated individuals; it's also good for our communities as a whole. ”  
- Attorney General Loretta Lynch,  
2/23/16