

Summary of Priorities for the Impact Groups for 2021-2022

Mental Health Impact Group

Purpose: *Collaborate to provide the appropriate coordinated, trauma informed care & evidence-based solutions to the obstacles associated with the mental health care needs of reentrants transitioning back into their community. We are focusing on those who typically fall through the cracks & are most vulnerable to recidivate.*

Priority Area 1: Identify all individuals in need of mental health services during intake process

Priority Area 2: Ensure insurance is active upon release

Priority Area 3: Ensure that individuals with mental health needs are leaving prison with their intake/assessment, 1st therapy appointment medication, prescription refills & co-pays

Recovery Impact Group

Purpose: *Collaborate to provide the appropriate coordinated, trauma informed care & evidence-based solutions to the obstacles associated with the recovery & restoration needs of reentrants transitioning back into their community*

Priority Area 1: Focus on reentry planning

Priority Area 2: Provide support for reentrants who have more severe co-occurring issues including intellectual disabilities

Priority Area 3: Provide/Create linkage of peer support for reentry not already legally mandated

Employment / Education / Training Impact Group

Purpose: *Collaborate to provide the appropriate coordinated, trauma informed care & evidence-based solutions to the obstacles associated with the employment, education & training needs of reentrants transitioning back into their community*

Priority Area 1: Better assessment of employability skills and job search preparation

Priority Area 2: Enhance education and employment training and skills of reentrants

Priority Area 3: Greater advocacy and public education around employment needs

Family Services & Reunification Impact group

Purpose: *Collaborate to provide the appropriate coordinated, trauma informed care & evidence-based solutions to the obstacles that the individual & families face from the time a family member is incarceration through reunification.*

Priority Area 1: Lack of awareness and education on the traumatic impacts that incarceration has on children and family members.

Priority Area 2: Lack of support from arrest through incarceration to release for families & children

Priority Area 3: No reunification plan started upon commitment

Steering Committee:

Purpose: *Collaborate to identify and address systemic changes needed, strategize and act on these emerging needs by providing the appropriate coordinated, trauma informed care & evidence-based solutions to the systemic obstacles associated with the reentry needs of individuals transitioning back into their community*

Priority Area 1: Ensure that those released on Friday afternoon, after normal work hours or over the weekend are connected to services

Priority Area 2: Funding for MH intakes in the prison ensuring that services and appointments are set up upon release

Priority Area 3: Ensure that individuals have a secure place to keep documentation and while incarcerated have these documents upon release.

Priority Area 4: Formulate a strong relationship with the Lancaster County Criminal Justice Advisory Board to coordinate and collaborate our collective efforts around reentry.

Future

Housing Impact Group - Plan is to officially launch in mid to late September.

Purpose: *Collaborate to provide the appropriate coordinated, trauma informed care & evidence-based solutions to the obstacles associated with the housing needs of reentrants transitioning back into their community*

Focus – barriers associated with:

1. Low barrier emergency shelter,
2. Temporary housing, and
3. Permanent Housing

Sustainability Impact Group – Plan is to officially launch in the fall

Purpose: *Collaboratively research funding opportunities to support the ongoing work of the coalition as they continue to provide reentrants every opportunity to succeed through strategy, screen opportunities, select the lead agencies, etc.*

Mentor – Plan is to officially launch in the fall

Purpose: *Collaborate in creating mentor groups for reentrants throughout all of Lancaster County*

Community Awareness and Engagement – Plan is to officially launch in the fall

Purpose: *Collaborate to provide creative ways to education & encourage engagement with reentrants throughout our communities*