

## Atlanta Metro Collaborative Reentry Project: Families First

**Problem Statement:** 95% of all prisoners incarcerated today will eventually be released and return to communities. Two-thirds of all inmates released from prisons nationally re-offend in 3 years post-release. Therefore, transition from jail or prison to the community is a critical time to intervene to ensure that prisoners are safely and successfully reintegrated into the community.

**Goal:** To address the challenges posed by offender reentry and recidivism by offering the combination of comprehensive transitional case management and mentoring services pre and post release to prisoners in Fulton and Clayton county jails, thereby ensuring that less than 25% of inmates served will have repeat offenses during a 2 year period.

### Long-term Outcomes

- Improved client sense of self efficacy and locus of control
- Clients maintain stable housing, employment, and are drug/alcohol free 3 months after program completion
- Reduced number of clients who offend/reoffend
- Increased percentage of clients exhibiting changes in targeted behaviors

### Resources:

- GA Justice Project (GJP) staff
- Full-time case manager
- Part-time mentoring coordinator
- CQI and evaluation contractor
- Atlanta Urban League for job training
- Odyssey for psychiatric evaluations
- Man Up peer mentor referrals
- John Marshall Law School for legal mentors
- Fulton and Clayton County jail facility and staff
- Clayton county district attorney
- Office space
- Program Supplies and Technology
- Care Logic client database

### Activities:

- Recruit and train mentors
- Client referrals from GJP
- Screen client referrals to program
- Conduct intake 24-48 hours after referral
- Provide pre and post release transitional services and referrals addressing legal, housing, mental health, substance abuse, vocational, support groups, financial assistance, and family connections
- Establish community partners to refer for transitional services
- Establish pre and post release mentoring services
- Provide child(ren) reunification services

### Outputs:

- 40 peer mentors recruited and trained per year
- 75% of mentors successfully complete training
- 150 clients referred to program
- 100% of referrals screened for services
- 40 inmates enrolled per year
- 100% of clients receive transitional services and referrals
- 75% of offenders retained in the program
- 8 active partners
- 95% of clients linked to a mentor
- 75% of clients needing child reunification services will receive them

### Short-term Outcomes

- Increased mentors' knowledge/skills related to mentorship of offenders and the criminal justice system
- Increased family and child connections among offenders
- Strengthened connections between offenders and mentors
- Increased offenders' connections to services, supports and opportunities from pre through post release
- Offenders are satisfied with mentoring and transitional services.

### Intermediate Outcomes

- Increased number of mentors from the beginning to the end of the program
- Improved client coping and functioning
- Increased clients securing housing and employment
- Increased client participation in alcohol and drug service
- Increased client contact with family members and children