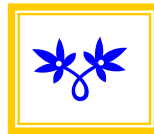


Re-Entry Program

The Reentry Program in the District of Puerto Rico aims to assist participants in their transition from prison to their communities. In order to assist and support our population, the Probation Officers refer their clients to a diversity of programs:



United States District Court
District of Puerto Rico
U.S. Probation Office
Federal Office Building
150 Chardón Ave. Room 400
San Juan, PR 00918-1741

Re-Entry Program



Striving for a Safer Community

**Transition from
Corrections to
Community and the
World of Employment**



RE-ENTRY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OUR PARTICIPANTS

Job Readiness

Allows participants to learn the basic employability skills that are necessary for obtaining, keeping and doing well at a job. These skills are: Critical thinking, resume building, interviewing, basic education skills.

Training is based on group projects, dialogue, daily lessons, mock interviews & video recording. Offenders learn how to effectively present themselves to employers and retain employment.

Agencies:

One Stop Career Center PR, Forjando un Nuevo Comienzo

- Testing and work skills evaluations
- Job Readiness Training
- Individual Career Counseling
- Subsidized On-the-Job Training
- Job Placement and Retention
- Client Transportation and Expenses
- Employee Tools, Equipment and license
- Reentry Grant for HIV Clients

Budget Management Seminar

- How to open a checking account
- Credit reports
- How to establish and maintain good credit
- Correct credit problems
- Identity theft

The course is offered in partnership with Citifinancial.

Community Service Work

Partnership agreement with local Agencies and Educational Institutions.

2nd Chance Funds Services

Act aimed to: reduce recidivism, rebuild ties between offenders and their families, support evidence based practices, protect the public, and assist offenders in establishing a self-sustaining life. **Emergency Services:** Food, shelter, medication, transportation (basic humanitarian needs), clothing. **Transitional Services:** Vocational Trainings, Transportation, Job Readiness, Job Placement and Retention, Tools & Equipment/Housing Assistance.

Supervision of Participants with Treatment Services Needs

The challenge to eliminate substance abuse and stabilize mental health issues can be further complicated by the criminal thinking patterns. The application of the principles of good supervision ensures that resources are effectively utilized on those offenders who need them most in order to achieve desired outcomes.

Manualized Cognitive Behavior Group—MRT

- Moral Reconation Therapy
- “Reconation” implies a reevaluation of decisions. “Moral” indicates the process of making correct, prosocial decisions about behaviors.
- The underlying theory of MRT is that offenders and drug abusers have low moral reasoning.
- MRT is conducted in open-ended groups that may meet once per week.
- Homework tasks and exercises are completed outside of the group and then presented to group members during meetings. MRT does not require high reading skills or high mental functioning levels, as participants.

Makin’ it Work Course

Program is designed to help our offenders who have spent time in prison to successfully make the transition into the community and the “World of Work”

This program will help to:

- Understand negative “thinking traps” that make it easy to act impulsively or illegally, even when there are negative consequences.
- Understand employer’s hidden code of expectations.
- Recognize and manage emotions before they get out of control.
- Resolve workplace problems logically instead of impulsively.
- Express legitimate complaints and take constructive criticism in more professional ways.

Re-Entry Closet

The Re-entry Closet was created to assist persons currently released from incarceration that do not have the resources or other help in obtaining their wardrobe. It also provides professional attire for those clients getting ready for employment interviewing and placement. In general, it is available for clients as requested and it also provides basic toiletries. This service is free of cost and feeds from donations from employees of US District Court and US Probation.

Parenting Classes

The U.S. Probation Office has partnered with the Puerto Rico Department of Family Affairs and is providing in-house parenting classes. The targeted group are the new releasees with children, clients that have been ordered to attend by Court, or as recommended by the Probation Officer.

General Educational Development Test (GED)

Partnership with different Educational Institutions (since January 2012) to offer GED course to our participants in our facilities or the Department of Education.