

Our Vision

Transform Lives for the Safety of All

- Investing in Individual
- Creating an Environment for Change & Well Being
- Enhancing & Maximizing Communication
- Fostering Dignity & Safety
- Engaging & Strengthening Our Partnerships



What are the obstacles?

TRANSPORTATION

To Work
To Recovery Meetings
To Worship Services

COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION

Driver's License
Identification

HOUSING

EMPLOYMENT

EDUCATION

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Our Mission

Partnering to promote safety and responsibility through best practices.

Strengthening Our
Community by
Working Together

How Can You Help

The Work Between the Prayers

Inside Kansas Correctional Facilities there are many ways to volunteer or become a Mentoring 4 Success Mentor. The opportunities are abundant within the community as well.

No one leaves prison wanting to come back but there are endless obstacles preventing success.

We can help by navigating hurdles that come up which assists returning citizens to a pathway to success.

By partnering with community and corrections, we can work together to help returning citizens find success.

Share your Gifts & Talents

As we work to strengthen our communities, we hope you will consider working together with our teams to make progress in the areas mentioned above. Contact your area Mentoring Coordinator to make an impact in your area of strength.

TRANSPORTATION

- Locate & access public transportation
- Address fines/suspensions on their driver's license
- Develop a budget to buy a vehicle
- When appropriate and safe, provide transportation for specified trips like treatment & job searches

COMMUNITY IDENTIFICATION

- Guide returning citizens to find the status of their driver's license
- Help returning citizens negotiate payoffs of fines so they can obtain a driver's license
- Assist in applying for a KS ID, SS card, birth certificate, or DD214
- Identify organizations that will help cover the cost of the fines and fees

SOCIAL & LEISURE ACTIVITIES

- Set up and oversee socially acceptable small group leisure time outings
- Introduction to a church or faith family
- Discovering new skills & interests
- Guide returning citizens to plan and arrange for family events that are positive in nature

HOUSING

- Identify barriers to stable housing and make a plan
- Access to willing landlords
- Teach tenant responsibility to a small group of mentees with lots of role play
- Identify organizations that will help cover rent &/or utilities on a short-term basis

if not
**ME, THEN WHO?
NOW, THEN WHEN?**

EMPLOYMENT

- Tutor in a GED Program
- Work a few hours in a resource room helping residents with resume, applications, job search, etc.
- Guide returning citizens with willing employers
- Conduct mock interviews
- Practice felony & elevator speeches
- Do a skills/interest assessment
- Work alongside a facility or community Job Specialist taking assignments of this nature
- Help offenders Develop sustained employment plans by identifying and addressing barriers
- Assist in the job search upon release
- Prepare for on-the-job conflict resolution
- Identify how new employees can add value to the employer (e.g. be on time, learn the job, be proactive, utilize their skill set, etc.)

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