



Re-Entry

Entering back into the community after a period of incarceration can be frightening. Not being aware of resources or options available can present as a roadblock in the transition from inmate to member of outside society. This is how the Re-Entry process is looked at. In addition, this is why community connections and resources are so imperative.

Here is an overview of the services Case Management provides:

- Individuals with scheduled release dates from the House of Correction are seen on a one to one basis with Case Management to review whether all their needs after discharge are met, or if they are in need of any additional assistance in finding resources within the Milwaukee and surrounding areas.
- From March 2014 through the beginning of May 2014, 619 individuals have met with a case manager to assess their personal plan of action once they leave the doors of the HOC.
- Special attention is paid in the area of housing in collaboration with *Special Need Housing* through the Department of Health and Human Services. This connection is vital with the mental health and homeless population. They are able to assist with not only emergency housing, but also long term for those that qualify for their services.
- We also coordinate services for those in need of counseling and mental health services. This includes AODA, domestic violence/sexual assault, and medication needs. We have utilized Wisconsin Community Services-Central Intake Recovery services to inquire if the individual qualifies for personal funding. Other options include the Access Clinic through Behavioral Health and the United Way's Impact 211 program.
- Some other examples of special partnerships case management utilizes include the City of Milwaukee's Health Department for establishing insurance for those leaving with the Community Healthcare Access Program. For the female population, the Benedict Center works with women specific issues. We also collaborate with Milwaukee VA Medical Center to assist veterans returning to their respective communities.
- Other areas taken into account before release includes: needs in relation to employment- obtaining GED/HSED; making sure one has copies of their birth

certificate/social security card/ Wisconsin identification card; solidifying employment and job training, and proper attire for interviews.

- Final areas addressed during the re-entry process include, dissemination of resources for food pantries, food share, meal programs, financial assistance for energy bills and further assistance with legal matters.

To sum it all up, Case Management looks at Re-Entry as our last chance to make a person successful when they return back to their families. We try to build the bridge between the outside community and we, as case management.

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