

McKean Re-Entry Initiative

Offender Transition Program

Established in early 2005, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative was designed to facilitate the creation and implementation of proactive reentry programs. Through its comprehensive approach to offender reentry, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative has created and implemented a series of innovative offender reentry programs designed to increase an offenders ability to successfully reenter society.

A collaborative effort between Federal, state and local agencies, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative has established a national network of reentry resources to assist and guide offenders through the challenges of community reintegration. These partnerships enable the McKean Re-Entry Initiative to create realistic reentry plans for each offender releasing from its program. Each reentry plan incorporates a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet the varied needs of both communities and offenders alike.

Major Program Components

- Offender Transition Committee
- Employment Resource Center
- Faith-Based Reentry Center
- Mock Job Fair Program
- Roadmap to Reentry Curriculum
- Offender Transition Day
- Reentry National Media Outreach Campaign
- P.O.V. Community Screening Events
- Reading Is Fundamental

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As part of the Federal Bureau of Prisons' ongoing efforts to reduce rising recidivism rates and ensure public safety, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative, in collaboration with its many community partners has created a 12-week offender reentry program entitled, "Roadmap to Reentry". Building from six core topics: Attitude, Responsibility, Communication, Decision Making & Problem Solving, Preparing for the Workplace, and Individual Financial Development, offenders are taught the skills needed to navigate the road to a successful future.

Building on the success of the President's Faith-Based Reentry Initiative, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative has created a Faith-Based Offender Reentry Center for offenders nearing release. Through this center, offenders are given access to faith-based community organizations in their release area, that by the nature of their work are most capable of offering assistance and guidance to returning offenders.

In addition, the Faith-Based Offender Reentry Center is home to our new and extensive National Reentry Mentoring Project. This program was created to provide offenders nearing release with access to sincere and motivated community members willing to act as friends and mentors upon their release from custody. Through this program, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative and its partners hope to enhance an individuals ability to become a law-abiding member of their community.

The primary mission of the McKean Re-Entry Initiative is to reduce rising recidivism rates through the creation and implementation of new and innovative reentry programing models. In furtherance of its' mission, the McKean Re-Entry Initiative is dedicated to building strong community support and involvement in all aspects of its' program.



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