



Prodigal Sons and Daughters: Easing the Transition from Incarceration to Home

Local resources on prisoner reentry

Monroe County Reentry Task Force

The Monroe County Reentry Task Force (MCRTF) is a joint project of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Monroe County Executive's Office and Catholic Family Center. MCRTF is one of 14 County Reentry Task Forces across New York State, providing services to men and women leaving New York State correctional facilities. The MCRTF's direct service program at Catholic Family Center, Prodigal Sons & Daughters, serves high-risk or high-needs clients.

The staff of the Prodigal Sons and Daughters Program is very willing to assist parishes in planning an educational event, arrange for ex-offenders to speak, and to establish a mentoring program or reentry ministry.

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Catholic Family Center
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Judicial Process Commission

The JPC is a grassroots, nonprofit organization that challenges society to create a just, nonviolent community which supports the right of all people to reach their fullest potential. This is accomplished by providing support services for those involved in the criminal justice system, educating the public, advocating for changes in public policy, and training mentors.

Contact: Sue Porter
Judicial Process Commission
285 Ormond Street
Rochester, NY 14605
(585) 325-7727, <http://www.rocjpc.org/>

Deacons

The following deacons have experience with the corrections system and have volunteered to deliver presentations on re-entry. The county in which each works is noted, though they maybe willing to travel to neighboring counties. Each can be contacted through their entry in the Official Diocesan Directory.

Deacon Paul Clement (Livingston County)

Deacon Laurence Feasel (Monroe County)

Deacon Greg Kiley (Seneca County)

Deacon Alberto Pacete (Chemung County)

Deacon John Tomandl (Cayuga County)

Deacon Nicholas Valvo (Cayuga County)

To be added soon: **More resources for non-Monroe County areas**

National resources on prisoner reentry (alphabetically)

The Fortune Society

The Fortune Society supports successful re-entry of formerly incarcerated men and women and promotes alternatives to incarceration through direct service, education, and advocacy.

<http://www.fortunesociety.org/>

The Interfaith Coalition of Advocates for Reentry and Employment (ICARE) engages communities of faith in advocating for the Restoration of Rights of formerly incarcerated people, while assisting congregations in the development of prison and reentry ministries.

<http://www.nyicare.org/>

National Institutes of Correction

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is an agency within the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons. It provides training, technical assistance, information services, funding, and policy/program development assistance to federal, state, and local correctional as well as non-profit agencies who provide services to offenders and ex-offenders. <http://www.nicic.org/>

Partners in Restorative Initiatives: Partners in Restorative Initiatives (PiRI) is a non-profit organization committed to repairing harm and building community through restorative practices. We offer training, facilitation, education and advocacy, and we work in schools, courts and communities. <http://www.flrjc.org/index.htm>

Pew Center on the States Public Safety Performance Project

A project of the Pew Center on the States, the Public Safety Performance Project helps states advance fiscally sound, data-driven sentencing and corrections policies and practices that protect public safety, hold offenders accountable and control costs. <http://www.pewcenteronthestates.org>

The Prisoner Reentry Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice seeks to spur innovation and improve practice in the field of reentry by fostering effective partnerships between criminal justice and non-criminal justice disciplines; advancing knowledge; and translating research into effective policy and service delivery.

<http://www.jjay.cuny.edu/centersinstitutes/pri/aboutus.asp>

Reentry Net/NY is the first ever support network and information clearinghouse on prison and jail reentry, and the consequences of criminal proceedings on individuals and families in New York State. Attorneys, social service providers, policy advocates, individuals with criminal records, family and community members are encouraged to join for full access to the online resource library, monthly mailings, and calendar updates.

<http://www.reentry.net/ny/>

The Sentencing Project is a national nonprofit organization which promotes sentencing reform and the use of alternatives to incarceration through program development and research on criminal justice issues. The Sentencing Project's research addresses the causes and consequences of racial disparities, as well as practical responses to these problems. <http://www.sentencingproject.org/>

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics

This website provides data on many aspects of criminal justice and the corrections system.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/welcome.html>

U.S. Department of Justice Prisoner Reentry Initiative

This initiative provides funding and resources to develop, implement, enhance, and evaluate reentry strategies that will ensure the safety of the community and the reduction of serious, violent crime.

<http://www.reentry.gov/learn.html>

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