IDOC Case Management Rocks!

Every day, case managers coordinate and provide offenders specific needed services in order to adjust to incarceration and prepare for seamless, successful re-entry into the community.

Our special guest, and featured presenter for the June 20-22, 2017 Case Management Conference, will be The Carey Group. They are nationally recognized experts in evidence-based practices for case planning and management. Because of their years of real-world experience in the field of corrections, The Carey Group brings a unique perspective to the rewards and challenges facing case managers. The Carey Group can best be described in their own words as “practitioners helping practitioners.”

The Carey Group will provide participants with up-to-date strategies and tools designed to support ongoing skill development for meeting the challenges of our field and excelling in our profession.

Your Re-Entry Team

**David:** Edinburgh, Indiana Women’s Prison, IREF, Madison, Plainfield, and Pendleton

**Maranda:** Branchville, Heritage Trail, New Castle, Putnamville, Rockville, Wabash

**Catherine:** Chain ‘O Lakes, Correctional Industrial Facility, Indiana State Prison, Miami, Westville, South Bend

**Jenna:** Works alongside existing Re-Entry Monitors focusing on ensuring the agency is following best practices, utilizing evidence-based programming, and measuring our programming for effectiveness. She will also assist in rolling out new Re-Entry initiatives and providing training to Re-Entry staff.
In December of 2016 an offender was referred to his Wexford Liaison, who referred him to Counseling for Change, a substance abuse evaluation and began to attend weekly recovery support meetings. He connected with additional resources and met with his liaison weekly for support. He now has a full-time job.

In March of this year a female offender was released. Wexford Liaison worked with the offender on finding a job, maintaining a stable residence for her and her daughter, and taking care of her medical needs. She is currently working and residing with her grandparents. She is in her daughter’s life regularly and is working towards finding an apartment/house where they can live together. She is attending follow up appointments to address her medical needs and is currently doing everything she can to achieve her personal goals and remain compliant with parole.

During the first week of our medical contract, Offender was released to home in need of 24-hour oxygen. Arrangements were made for him to be sent home with two tanks of oxygen and a concentrator to get him by until his insurance had approved payment for the oxygen. Wexford received a call the night of his release to let her know that offender had been released from the facility without his oxygen equipment and he was at the emergency room. Wexford made a call to the facility he was released from and worked with the Health Services Administrator and the facility Captain to have evening facility custody staff drive the equipment to the emergency room where the offender was. The equipment was taken to the hospital as requested. The following morning, Wexford learned that the oxygen tank delivered to the hospital was empty and offender was sent home via ambulance on oxygen and connected to his concentrator at home.

Writer worked with Wexford Corporate and Maverick to have new tanks sent to his house, Home Health Depot to get him connected with home oxygen, kept parole in the loop so he wasn’t violated for missing any of his appointments and the ED of Medicaid and Re-Entry to get the oxygen approved by Medicaid.

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RELAY FOR LIFE— GETTING INVOLVED FOR OTHERS

On a hot summer day in 2014, I walked my first Relay for Life on the track at NCCF. I participated in 3 sessions totaling approximately 8 hours that day. At the end of the day, a friend from my pod and I had walked nearly 27 miles. I remember close to the end of the final session when my muscles ached, feet sprouted fresh blisters, and a middle toe cried out at the loss of its toenail. Mosquitos were out in full force, ecstatic by the gathering of mammals walking in circles. As a result, we endured until the end gaining much more than physical reminders. We gained confidence that we could walk along with those with cancer and empathize, in the slightest way, with their struggle. We could share their pain, to an extent, and strengthen them to endure.

I encourage you to join a Relay For Life team in your area or get involved in Henry County. The event will be held on Friday June 16, 2017 from 4 to 11 pm.

(HOOSIER INITIATIVE FOR REENTRY)

HIRE is a cooperative effort between the Department of Workforce Development, Department of Correction, and Hoosier employers to place ex-offenders in positive employment situations. HIRE provides incarcerated individuals and discharged ex-offenders job readiness training and job placement assistance to help them transition back into their communities.

- More than 15,000 ex-offenders are released from Indiana prisons each year.
- About one-third return to prison within three years - rates increase to 60% when individuals remain unemployed.
- The estimated incarceration cost to taxpayers is $20,000 a year per inmate; the av-

PLUS—HITS THE STREETS

The Purposeful Living Units Serve (PLUS) program at the Putnamville Correctional Facility donated $500 dollars to buy items that could help the needy. Although the original purpose of the Blessing Boxes around Brazil was to serve as a way for locals to give and receive anonymously, the offenders incarcerated at Putnamville wanted to get involved and encourage others to do the same. Now there are eight in Clay County.
Promotions

- Connor Williams  JCU CWM
- Dennis Reagle    CIC UTM
- James Williams   MCF UTM
- Jenalea Bevins   NCF UTM
- Blake Huber      NCF UTM

Please contact your Re-entry monitor if your promotion has not been acknowledged.

**RE-ENTRY VISION STATEMENT**

The Re-Entry Division, utilizing evidence-based practices; promotes the assessment of each offender’s criminogenic needs and encourages a culture of accountability and collaboration. We value targeted programming to establish a comprehensive re-entry model that advocates for a skilled and ready workforce.