Working with Justice-Involved Individuals Under the Opioid Grants

Area 16 Best Practices
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About 66 percent of offenders held in state prisons and local jails have issues related to substance misuse


Between 24 – 36 percent of opioid-dependent adults cycle in and out of jails each year

Unique Aspects of Area 16’s Service Model

- Strong ties to the local justice system
- Robust menu of supportive services
- Effective connections to employment and training opportunities
The Area 16 WDB has contracted with Jefferson County CAC to provide Career Services in the OhioMeansJobs Centers.

Jefferson County CAC has a MOU with The Ridge Project to provide TYRO Leadership Training and Workshops to incarcerated individuals.
Strong Ties to the Local Justice System

• **Early Intervention Career Services via JPAY System**
  - Streamlined eligibility while incarcerated
  - Assess for barriers to determine needs upon release

• **TYRO Leadership Training and Workshops**
  - Resiliency and Fortitude
  - Leadership
  - Communication Skills
  - Self-Regulation Skills
  - Love and Relationships

• **Referral to OhioMeansJobs Center upon Release**
  - Update assessment and create training plans
  - Identify supportive service, training, employment, and other needs

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**Covid-19 Update:**
Because prisons and jails are currently on lockdown, Area 16 is working to provide training & workshops via video conferencing. They are also working to contact any individuals who may have been released early due to the pandemic.
Robust Menu of Supportive Services

• **Justice System**
  - $65 cash and a release card

• **Opioid Grants, Community Services Block Grants & Charities**
  - Leased van for transportation of customers
  - Identification card and/or birth certificate
  - Clothing
  - 1st month’s rent
  - Security deposit
  - Utility deposit (or payoff outstanding balance)
  - Appliances and furnishings
  - Hygiene needs
  - Moving (relocation) fees

• **Websites**
  - [www.auntbertha.com](http://www.auntbertha.com)
  - [www.relink.org](http://www.relink.org)
Connections to Employment & Training

• **OhioMeansJobs**
  - Enroll in opioid grant, WIOA, and/or CCMEP as applicable
  - Identify and secure supportive services (see previous slide)
  - Assist with Medicaid enrollment
  - Refer to basic education, legal aide, and other services based on specific needs

• **Training Enrollments**
  - EMT
  - Nursing
  - CDL
  - Work experience

• **Employment**
  - Job Fair - 40/60 employers indicated they were recovery-friendly
  - Employers are informed that some customers may need to take time away from scheduled work hours to check-in with parole officer and/or participate in drug testing activities
  - Early parole and recovery
Summary: Pro Tips

• **Target outreach efforts on specific populations.** Area 16 is concentrating heavily on incarcerated individuals.

• **Create new solutions to meet customer needs.** Area 16 developed cooperative relationships with a variety of community partners to secure a broad array of supportive services. Additionally, because they are in a rural area with limited public transportation, they have leased a van to transport customers.

• **Educate employers about what is means to be recovery-friendly.** Area 16 informs employers that new hires may need time off from work to attend parole meetings, go to support groups, and/or participate in drug testing.
Questions

What questions do you have for Area 16?
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