OFFICE OF PROBATION AND CORRECTIONAL ALTERNATIVES PRESENTS
LUNCH & LEARN:
Enhancing County Re-entry Task Force Membership and Bi-monthly Meetings
Welcome and Introductions
Learning Objectives
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✓ Review county re-entry task force structure and required membership

✓ Discuss strategies to boost membership and attendance

✓ List required meeting topics and dynamic themes

✓ Voice from the Field
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County Re-Entry Task Force Structure

1. CRTF Coordinator

2. County Co-Chair

3. DOCCS Co-chair
Bi-Monthly Meeting Membership

• County Social Services Commissioner or designee (REQUIRED) - In NYC, Department of Homeless Services and Human Resource Administration;
• County health, mental health, motor vehicles, probation, veterans’ services, district attorney’s office, court representatives, and/or the county legislature;
• State representatives from Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) Field Office, Adult Career and Continuing Education Services/Vocational Rehabilitation District Offices (ACCES-VR), Office of Mental Health, Economic Development Councils, SUNY Educational Opportunity Centers;
• State Department of Labor’s Career Center and County Workforce Investment Boards;
• Direct service providers and community-based organizations (with particular emphasis on those who (a) utilize a cognitive-behavioral approach to treatment services; (b) deliver services which address criminogenic needs; (c) deliver services which address significant stabilization needs; and (d) provide job readiness assistance.);
• Law enforcement officials affiliated with the Gun Involved Violence Elimination Initiative (GIVE), and regional Crime Analysis Centers (CACs), and/or SNUG, if appropriate;
• Individual(s) formerly under DOCCS supervision;
• Victim advocacy organization(s);
• Local housing authority and programs;
• Local research partners, educators and academia;
• Representatives from the business community;
• Health Homes providers; and
• Mentoring and Peer Support services.
Membership and Attendance

- Bring a “Friend”
- Invite County Executive, Legislative and City Council members
- Attend other bi-monthly meetings at neighboring counties
- Advertise on social media, websites and/or flyers
- Follow-up with key invitees
Required Meeting Topics

• Year to date outcomes and achievements
• Barriers or obstacles experienced by CRTF staff or referred services
• Open discussion
• Discuss public outreach events
• Co-Chair Updates
Dynamic and Engaging Meeting Topics

- Testimonials from CRTF Participant
  - Negative/positive

- Hear from DOCCS Staff
  - Housing, Benefits, Medication, Employment

- New Programs

- Themes

- COVID-19 Updates
Bi-Monthly Meeting Tips

• Share the agenda and the snapshot report visually on the screen when discussing those topics

• Utilize the Chat Box, as a “sign-in sheet”

• PowerPoint Slides

• Record Meeting

• Meeting Minutes
Voice from the Field

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QUESTIONS?
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