



Welcome to

New York Re-entry Today

This bi-monthly newsletter brings news, policy and program updates, and best practice information to the 19 County Re-entry Task Forces (CRTFs) and stakeholders.

CRTFs are in the following counties:

- Albany
- Bronx
- Broome
- Dutchess
- Erie
- Kings
- Manhattan
- Monroe
- Nassau
- Niagara
- Oneida
- Onondaga
- Orange
- Rensselaer
- Rockland
- Schenectady
- Suffolk
- Ulster
- Westchester

Recently released Quarterly Report highlights CRTF activity through March 2013

A total of 2,585 individuals who returned to communities after being released from state prison were admitted into the 19 County Re-entry Task Forces during the period from Jan. 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013, according to the quarterly report issued by DCJS earlier this month. These participants have been assessed as moderate to high-risk offenders and special populations, including juveniles, females, severe medical cases, sex offenders, and maximum expiration cases. Among these participants:

- 2,537 were under Parole supervision;
- 46 served their maximum sentence and were not under Parole supervision;
- 2,397 were male, 168 were female and in 20 instances, gender was not reported;
- 12 were 17 or younger; 587 were between the ages of 18 and 24; 1,746 were between the ages of 25 and 49; and 240 were 50 years or older.

Of the CRTF participants, 1,257 received services for more than 90 days, while 377 cases were active for between 45 and 90 days. A total of 290 participants were engaged for less than 45 days.

To review the quarterly reports, visit: <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/re-entryinitiatives>

CRTF Referral Process Change

Supervision levels, as determined by COMPAS Re-entry, will now be used to identify individuals who are Track 1 eligible. Priority is given to Supervision Levels 1 and 2, however, Level 3 cases determined to be in need of services may also be considered for Track 1. CRTF referral packets will include the COMPAS Re-entry narrative and Legacy Bar Chart, in addition to a redesigned referral form. In June, DCJS sponsored a webinar that outlined these new changes. A recording of this webinar, presented by the DCJS Re-entry Staff with DOCCS Re-entry Services Manager Ana Enright, is available at: <https://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/re-entryinitiatives>.

The goal of re-entry efforts in NYS is to reduce recidivism by providing essential services that support behavioral change in those returning home from prison. CRTFs secure and case-manage services to moderate-high-risk parolees and provide access to cognitive behavioral therapies and employment services.



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2013/14 CRTF Renewal Contracts

All 19 CRTF applications for SFY 2013-14 funding have been approved. DCJS has distributed, via GMS, renewal contracts for county signature. CRTFs are urged to e-sign the contracts as quickly as possible so they can be approved by state control agencies. Questions or issues related to the renewal contracts should be sent to funding@dcjs.ny.gov.

2013 Fall Offender Workforce Development Specialist Training (OWDS)

OWDS training will start this fall in Albany at the state Department of Labor. Registration is now closed for the three-

week training program, which will be held on the following dates:

- September 23-27, 2013
- November 18-22, 2013
- January 13-17, 2014

If you wish to be placed on a waiting list for a future OWDS training, please contact Cynthia Blair at the Office of Probation and Correctional Alternatives at Cynthia.blair@dcjs.ny.gov.

New CRTF Coordinators

Please welcome two new coordinators: Eileen Ridgeway joined the Schenectady CRTF in July and Nina Saponara joined the Albany CRTF in August.

Rockland County Re-Issues RFP for CRTF Services

Earlier this month, Rockland County re-issued a request for proposals to solicit applications from organizations or individuals for CRTF coordination. The RFP is available at

www.rcpurchasing.com. For more information, please contact

Ann Marie Curley at curleya@co.rockland.ny.us or (845) 364-3698.

Downstate CRTFs visit Bedford Hills Correctional Facility

Representatives of CRTFs in Westchester and New York City and DCJS staff met with DOCCS offender rehabilitation coordinators at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in July to discuss community-based programs and CRTF services available to eligible persons returning to the community. This is the first in a series of meetings planned by DOCCS and DCJS

to bring CRTF representatives and institutional coordinators together to share information, foster understanding and develop a cooperative working relationship in support of achieving statewide re-entry goals. OPCA will contact CRTF coordinators to schedule their participation in additional sessions at other locations statewide.