



This newsletter shares news, policy and program updates and best practice information to 20 County Re-entry Task Forces (CRTFs) and community stakeholders.

Funded by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), the Task Forces are located in the following counties:

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

Queens Launches the 20th CRTF Program

On May 19, the Queens District Attorney and the Queens Regional Parole Office formally kicked off the Queens CRTF. The Fortune Society will implement the CRTF with funds awarded by DCJS.

During the planning process, County Co-chair Doug Knight identified the need for a case flow process that illustrates the sequence of activities occurring from case identification to discharge. This is an invaluable tool for Queens and is available to all CRTFs. Congratulations are in order for Mr. Knight and DOCCS Co-chair Alan Preston along with CRTF coordinator Hubert Lila and all others participating in this effort.

CRTF Changes Underway

With the 2016-17 contract period underway, CRTFs are refining operations for greater efficiency. In January, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark introduced EAC, Inc. as the new provider administering and coordinating the Bronx re-entry program. Ms. Clark underscored her commitment and support for the CRTF as necessary to reduce recidivism and improve public safety.

Manhattan CRTF Co-chair Chauncey Parker initiated a restructuring to bring together all re-entry initiatives operating within New York County, including call-in forums and the re-entry court operating at the Harlem Justice Center. A newly-established case flow process fosters uniform service delivery and accountability. All cases will run through the CRTF instead of operating as separate and distinct activities.

Suffolk County is working to increase access to its programs by locating services in communities where CRTF participants live. Of particular interest is the designation of a re-entry parole officer by DOCCS Co-chair Jarvis Jenkins. The re-entry parole officer is assigned CRTF cases under supervision. Kings CRTF is revising its case flow process to bring the focus back to pre-release planning.

SFY 2017-18 Contract Renewals

DCJS emailed materials for CRTFs to renew their contracts for the period beginning Oct. 1, 2017. Documents are due by Friday, June 30, 2017.

Program Documentation

CRTF's are reminded of the importance to carefully record all casework notes and to maintain accurate and complete case file documentation.

CRTF Meeting Dates

June 2016

June 1: Suffolk
June 2: Albany
June 7: Kings
June 8: Bronx
Nassau
June 14: Niagara
June 15: Dutchess
June 23: Oneida
June 26: Manhattan

July 2017

July 10: Monroe
July 12: Erie
July 19: Ulster
July 20: Onondaga
July 26: Schenectady
July 27: Orange
Bronx

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CRTF Activity Report

DCJS released the CRTF Quarterly Activity Report, which provides cumulative data for the six-month period ending March 31. The statewide data is drawn from the case-specific reporting system. Highlights for the six-month period include:

- 2,363 completed intakes.
- 1,489 (63 percent) intakes were assessed as Supervision Levels 1 and 2.
- 389 RSW enrollments resulted in 177 completions
- 72 of the 155 T4C enrollments were successfully completed.
- 91 MRT enrollments resulted in 16 successful completions.
- 801 cases were successfully discharged by CRTFs.
- 122 participants were arrested within an average of 52 days.

Regional CRTF Meetings

DCJS is developing a schedule of regional meetings to discuss issues and program strategies affecting the CRTFs. The first was conducted in April for Capital Region CRTFs, with another for the Western Region on June 20. An upcoming meeting for the Hudson Valley Region is scheduled for June 29. Notifications will be emailed as the meeting schedule is completed for all remaining regions.

2016 Ready, Set, Work! Group Analysis

CRTFs enrolled 894 participants in one of 72 **RSW!** Groups held during 2016. Of these enrollments, 361 completions were reported and 276 people obtained jobs within 90 days of completion.

Offender Workforce Specialist Training

DCJS will offer Offender Workforce Specialist facilitator training later this fall and CRTFs should now identify their nominees to attend. Last minute registrations are often incomplete and can affect the decision making process for acceptance. Additional information will be sent out during the next several weeks.

Re-entry Statewide Conference: Save-the-Date

DCJS is planning a statewide re-entry conference for October 24 and 25. Details will be forthcoming.

T4C Booster

Margaret Schieferstine is leading a workgroup to develop the T4C Booster curriculum for delivery to those who completed cognitive behavioral intervention *before* release by DOCCS. CRTFs will be able to use the booster as an aftercare component to refresh these skills in support of successful re-entries.

CRTF News

Onondaga CRTF Co-chair Jim Quick retired and Peter Small was designated his successor. Bill Zito and John Vacarro are Orange CRTF and Bronx CRTF Coordinators, respectively. Bob Marmo is now the County Co-chair of the Suffolk CRTF. Rensselaer CRTF Coordinator Tracey Canaday has accepted a position at DOCCS. Lila Kirton was appointed as Westchester County Co-chair by District Attorney Anthony Scarpino.