

Example 30. New York and North Dakota Trainings on Collaboration

Transition and Reentry from Prison to the Community

A Workshop for New York Teams Collaborating on the Transition from Prison to the Community (TPC) Initiative

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“The vision of New York State’s Reentry Task Force is to build a safer New York resulting from the successful transition of offenders from prison to living law-abiding and productive lives in their communities.”

Workshop Goals

The goals of this workshop are to:

- Review New York’s vision for successful transition and reentry, its definition of “offender success,” its empirical basis, and consider together how best to achieve our vision through a state-local partnership;
- Provide an overview of transition and reentry from a national perspective and its implications for New York;
- Orient participants to the Transition from Prison to the Community (TPC) model – in particular the role of evidence-based practice – and New York’s progress in implementing the model;
- Provide an opportunity for each participating team to define its individual mission and goals with respect to offender reentry in the context of the State’s vision;
- Emphasize the importance of collaboration to reentry work and provide an opportunity for team building during the workshop along with resources to strengthen each task force’s collaboration skills in the future;
- Articulate the responsibilities of local teams for:
 - Conducting a system assessment regarding current policies, practices, and resources relevant to transition and reentry;
 - Testing and developing a case conferencing and service coordination capability;
 - Developing a strategic plan for enhancing reentry efforts at the local level including a case conferencing and service coordination capability; and
 - Identifying three measurable outcomes toward which the CRTF will work.

***Enhancing the Effectiveness of
Our Collaborative Work as a Departmental Team:***

Transition and Reentry from Prison to the Community

***A Workshop for the
North Dakota Department of
Corrections and Rehabilitation***

Workshop Goals

There is general agreement in the criminal justice field that offender transition and reentry initiatives can benefit from collaboration among the agencies and disciplines that share responsibility for working with offenders who are released into the nation's communities. It is still challenging for many jurisdictions to maximize their collaborative reentry efforts – even within the boundaries of a single organization when that organization has a range of functions and responsibilities. This workshop, with its focus on collaboration within the North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, will provide an opportunity for participants to gain a greater understanding of the elements of successful teams, to begin to apply some of these concepts to their own work on offender transition issues, and to better prepare them to engage in collaborative efforts with other agencies and stakeholders in the communities they serve.

The goals of this workshop are to:

- Promote a common understanding of the language and concepts of collaboration;
- Clarify the vision and mission of implementing successful transition that has been embraced by the Department and its leadership;
- Brief and orient participants on progress to date in implementing the Transition from Prison to the Community model;
- Provide an opportunity for participants to explore the implications of the Department's vision and mission regarding transition, contribute to its evolution, and discuss the importance of collaboration in their work;

Promote team building; and