



# Rosecrance (RCI) Reentry Program

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“Nearly 700,000 prisoners are released annually, 1,800 daily, and about 50% (1 out of 2) of prisoners reoffend or return to prison.”

- JANUARY 2022 [HTTPS://FAIRPUNISHMENT.ORG/HOW-IMPORTANT-IS-REENTRY-FOR-OFFENDERS/](https://fairpunishment.org/how-important-is-reentry-for-offenders/)

# Numerous Champaign County Reentry Programs

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Rosecrance (RCI) Reentry Program focuses on the holistic approach to reduce recidivisms. RCI Reentry Program provides direct client and linkage services in the below areas.

- 1) Resources (I.Ds, Birth Certificate, S.S Cards, etc.)
- 2) Education
- 3) Employment
- 4) Behavioral Health Needs (MHS/SA/MRT/Anger Management)
- 5) Health Insurance
- 6) Transportation
- 7) Housing

RCI Reentry Program also facilitates the Champaign County Reentry Council, bringing together all interested Reentry organizations and agencies to educate, establish, and implement systemic change within Champaign County to reduce recidivism.

# Champaign County Board funds support

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Fully dedicated case manager and trained Mental Health Professional that offers intense case management services overseen by a Team Lead and Mental Health Director.

Ongoing formation, leadership and organization of the Reentry Council

Data tracking, benchmarks and outcome measures

Continue to research innovative ways to reach/connect with partners and individuals returning from incarceration.

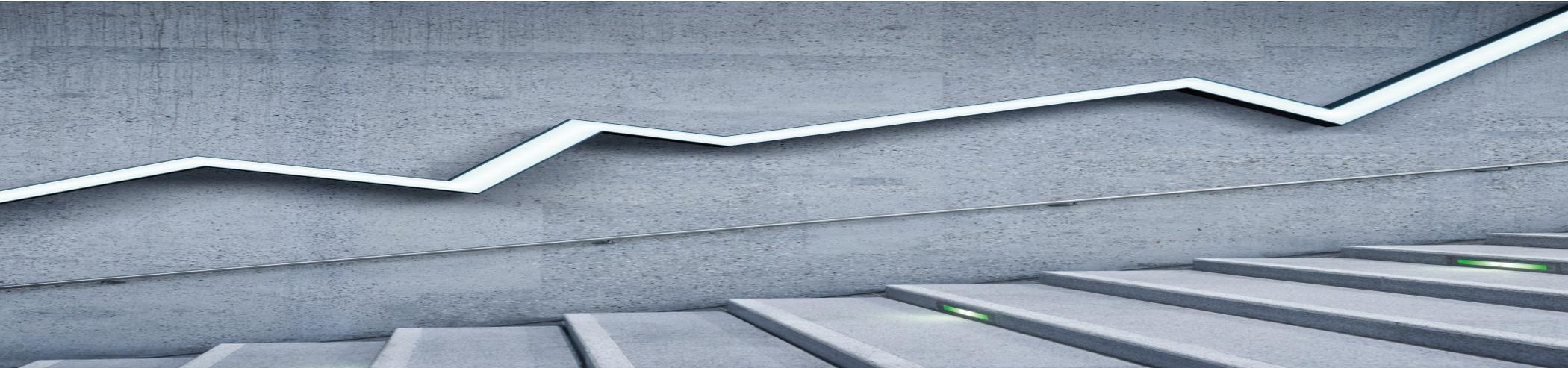
# Highlights

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- Transitional Truths/Myths upon being released. IDOC and other entities have realized that the I.D provided to released inmates is not sufficient to begin the process of gathering official government documents to obtain employment, enroll into educational institution, and secure housing and other programs.
  - Establishing a tailored approach to assist with navigating individuals reentering into society more effectively
  - Established a relationship with the IDOC district 3 supervisors. IDOC has rolled out a pilot program to assist inmates before being released to obtain crucial documents i.e; I.Ds, Birth Certificate, Social Security Cards, etc. thereby increasing the percentage of those successfully gaining independence.
  - Implementing the Pilot program with the County jail to gauge success with obtaining document while incarcerated.
- Champaign County top issue for reentry population is housing. Criminal background, and source of income are still disparities that are among landlords and housing units.
  - Establishing & Building a relationship with the City of Urbana & City of Champaign Human Relations Equity office and offering both individuals the opportunity to become a member of the Reentry Council.
  - Educating the public on the city ordinances, acknowledging the disparities and discriminatory practices that exist, and campaign of how to address and resolve the barriers.

- Transportation is a huge expense in reentry. It is very difficult for programs and agencies to provide the full cost of transportation. Many organizations take advantage of the reduced cost programs that MTD offers but reentry clients may not be able to afford the expense related to transportation which is very critical to get to daily appointments.
  - Reviewing current MTD policies and programs offered to the reentry population. Reaching out and inquiring how MTD has responded to other agencies that have asked for similar assistance and resources.
  - Establishing a connection and contract with MTD. Amy Synder, Chief of Staff, has already replied and willing to participate and become a member of the Council to hopefully discuss other options.
- Criminal Justice system responding to the individuals in general and specifically with individuals that have been recently incarcerated with behavioral health challenges.
  - Provide a system for parolees to gain behavioral health service in a more effective and efficient matter.
  - Senator Scott Bennett was invited to speak to the council to discuss recent legislation in the pipeline that may potentially affect the reentry population in the future.
  - Reentry Council is to send a proposal to Senator Scott Bennett with a potential pilot program and budget for further discussion.
- COVID-19 caused us to provide limited services but the number people served increased
  - Established & provided mental health and Substance Abuse service through telehealth options
  - Provided numerous online tutorials on how to accomplish what before the pandemic would be considered in person direct services intensive case management.
  - Conducted all Reentry Council meetings via Zoom

- Compliance with confidentiality laws affecting the release of inmates within Champaign County
  - Local Parole office changes
  - Local Parole Intern
  - Establishing a connection with Reentry program providing a Release of Information from local Parole office from willing inmates prior to release.



# Trends

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	2018	2019	2020	2021
Service Plans	57	45	30	52
Successful *	42	38	25	42
Partial*	15	7	5	10
Recidivism (Engaged) *	5%	13%	12%	10%

\*Note: June to May Fiscal Year for 3 years

Recidivism was 41% in 2014