
Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program

Chicago, Illinois

GRANTEE: Chicago Christian Industrial League (CCIL)

GRANT AMOUNT: \$304,116

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED: Returning ex-offenders, particularly males aged 18 and over, in North Lawndale, Illinois

MATCHING RESOURCES: \$308,500

PARTNERS: Sheridan Correctional Facility; Chicago Department of Human Services; Catholic Charities; Illinois Department of Corrections; TASC; ARAMARK; Mr. Clean A Can; Regal Administrative Services, NFP;

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

CCIL coordinates pre-release services in several correctional facilities and provides post-release education, housing and employment services. CCIL will coordinate vocational training needs with community college partners and provides customized curriculum to further the education of the released prisoner, including adult educational testing and GED opportunities. In addition, CCIL has created an Employment Partnership Group to help in hiring ex-offenders in high-growth, high-demand jobs such as hospitality and construction trades. CCIL utilizes existing funding sources to provide permanent and transitional housing to ex-offenders and also provides rental assistance in partnership with the Chicago Department of Human Services. To provide mentoring, CCIL works with Winners Circle, a TASC mentoring group. A multidisciplinary team approach is employed for ex-offenders in need of recovery and other mental health services. CCIL partners with many agencies to provide substance abuse treatment.

