

# Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program

*Tulsa, Oklahoma*

**GRANTEE:** Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$304,116

**PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED:** 100 ex-offenders returning to Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

**MATCHING RESOURCES:** N/A

**PARTNERS:** Oklahoma Department of Corrections; Workforce Tulsa; Family and Children Services; Resonance Center for Women; Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma; Governor’s Council for Workforce and Economic Development; Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries; Oklahoma Career Tech; other faith-based organizations.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Community Service Council (CSC) will offer an entire array of assessment and job placement support provided by the different project partners. There will be two sources for program recruitment. A majority of the participants (59) will come from referrals from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. The other participants (49) will come from the Girl Scouts’ Project Reconnect (a program that serves incarcerated mothers and their children).

Participants identified for referral to the program will begin receiving life skills and pre-employment training six months before release (utilizing funds from a different grant). A “Wrap-Around” team will be formed which involves a job coach, a mentor, and family or surrogate members to assist upon release. At the same time, project staff will work with employers, in industries identified by the Tulsa Workforce Investment Board as high-growth, to determine occupational training needs for the participants.

Work-readiness training will begin approximately 3 months prior to release. A variety of assessments instruments will be administered at this time in order to begin developing an Individual Service Strategy (ISS). Based on the assessment, the ISS and recommendations from the case manager, the participant will select services from one of four tracks. The four tracks are: employment; vocational training and educational services; mentoring; and, referral to necessary supportive services. Further, each participant will receive bi-weekly contact by team members or a mentor for post-placement support.

