

REINTEGRATION OF EX-OFFENDERS – ADULT Generation 4

GRANTEE: Catholic Charities of Kansas City

LOCATION OF GRANT ACTIVITIES: Kansas City, Jackson County, MO

TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT (PY 2010 Appropriation): \$1,170,000

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: N/A

KEY PARTNERSHIPS: Key partnerships include the Missouri Department of Corrections, Full Employment Council (WIB), four One-Stop Centers, Workforce Development Office at Missouri Career Center, Bishop Sullivan Center's job counselors, Helping Hand of Goodwill Job Center, Veterans' medical and service agencies, Heart of America Indian Center, Project Refocus, United Services Community Action Agency Employment Services, Jewish Vocational Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Isaiah's House for Men, Princess House for Women, Kansas City Free Clinic, Cabot Dental Care, and Truman Behavioral Health Network.

KEY FEATURES: This project has four strategically intersecting components: strengths-based case management; workforce development and employment opportunities in coordination with GED, vocational training, high-growth and green certifications; educational interventions or advancements; and one-to-one mentoring. The strategic plan for creating employment opportunities for ex-offenders utilizes three assessment results along with client skill levels and preferences to determine employment goals within the Individual Development Plan (IDP). Options include: (1) immediate job placement with adequate wages to support a home plan; (2) work-readiness training or classroom occupational training through One-Stop Career Centers, Bishop Sullivan Center's job counselor program, Culinary Cornerstones, and/or Metropolitan Community College (MCC); or (3) a blend of GED, vocational education, and/or industry certification programs to improve employability through programs with MCC while maintaining an entry-level job to achieve long-term success. Program participants are referred to the employment and/or educational option that best meets their needs. The case manager, workforce specialist, mentor, education instructor, probation/parole officer, and staff of supportive services form a positive support system for successful job retention.

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