
Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program

*Jobs and Futures
Nashville, Tennessee*

GRANTEE: Project Return, Inc

GRANT AMOUNT: \$304,116

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED: 100 ex-offenders returning to the Nashville, Davidson County area.

MATCHING RESOURCES: N/A

PARTNERS: PRI, Inc; Chattanooga Endeavors, Inc; Volunteers of America; Nashville Adult Literacy Council; Bridges to Care; Access to Recovery; Tennessee Department of Corrections; Tennessee Re-Entry Collaborative; Nashville Problem Solving Child Support Court; Veteran Affairs; , Nashville Career Advancement Center; Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority; Metropolitan Development Housing Authority.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Jobs and Futures is a coordinated effort with Nashville WORKS (a cooperative effort between Tennessee Department of Corrections and Chattanooga Endeavors Inc) to provide a continuum of pre and post release services for participants. Under this arrangement a Chattanooga Endeavors Inc (CEI) staff member will work closely with a Jobs and Futures staff member on offender recruitment, transfer of key documents, including assessments, pre-release job performance history, and case management notes. Additionally, the CEI staff member will serve as a team member on the Jobs and Futures team.

Offenders will engage in intensive individualized counseling and consultation through a strength-based case management approach involving key service providers and the most appropriate lead case manager. The Test for Adult Basic Education (TABE) will be administered by Nashville WORKS and will serve as a baseline to determine the participants' educational needs. Additional assessments will help identify which partners' supportive services (emotional, mental health, substance abuse, and/or housing) each applicant will need to ensure successful employment.

Upon securing permanent employment each participant will benefit from intensive retention services involving employers, the workforce system and supportive services. At a minimum these post employment services will be made available for 90 days.



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