
Reintegration of Ex-Offenders – Adult Program

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

GRANTEE: Connection Training Services (CTS)

GRANT AMOUNT: \$304,116

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO BE SERVED: 100 ex-offenders in the City and County of Philadelphia

MATCHING RESOURCES: N/A

PARTNERS: LP Group² Inc.; Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board; Community College Philadelphia; MinSec Companies/Luzerne Campus; ACORN; Dignity Recovery House; Community Legal Services; Pennsylvania Department of Corrections; Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole;

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The CTS program begins with coordination with state criminal justice agencies and probation and parole offices. All participants must complete a 48-hour job preparation and life skills program before enrolling in vocational training, starting college or seeking a job. CTS will increase employment and education opportunities and find jobs for ex-offenders quickly by using its established network of 120+ employers; vocational and on-the-job training in construction trades, computers, forklift operation, and OSHA Safety Inspection; effective job preparation; use of experienced job developers and retention specialists; and referral network of more than 30 providers of supportive services throughout the area. CTS also offers assistance with college enrollment and financial aid and GED preparation. Volunteers from faith-based organizations will be trained by CTS to provide quality mentoring services.

