

REENTRY

Community Level Change through Collective Impact

Total Community Action, Incorporated

New Orleans, LA



THE PROBLEM: HIGHEST INCARCERATION RATES IN THE NATION

- LA had the highest per capita incarceration rates in the nation. Out of every 100,000 residents, 816 people are incarcerated, which double the national average.
- LA also has a high recidivism rate, with one in three people released from prisons returning within three years.
- In June 2017, the LA Legislature passed a package of 10 bills creating the Justice Reinvestment Legislation (JRI).
- Five parishes of the state account for 40% of the state's incarcerated population: Orleans, Jefferson, East Baton Rouge, Caddo, and St. Tammany
- 15.9% of the state's convicted felons are from Orleans Parish (New Orleans)



NEW ORLEANS REENTRY TASK FORCE

A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

- 2013, Reentry Working Group began to coordinate and collaborate as a component of the city's comprehensive crime reduction strategy. The working group created a reentry resource guide, a uniform referral, case management and intake tool and a strategic plan for reentry in Orleans Parish. The Working Group was made up of over 60 individuals representing 45 organizations.
- 2017, the Working Group transitioned to become the **New Orleans Reentry Task Force** composed of a robust group of cross-sector stakeholders, to improve outcomes for formerly incarcerated persons. The Task Force is committed to promoting collaboration, coordination and capacity building among reentry advocates, service providers and formerly-incarcerated people locally, regionally and statewide.
- With the passage of JRI legislation Louisiana is projected to reduce the prison population by 10% and save \$262 million over the next decade. 70% of these savings – an estimated \$184 million – will be reinvested back into the criminal justice system.



NORTF- COLLECTIVE IMPACT MODEL

- **Shared Goals:**
 - Build community capacity of reentry stakeholders around the use of best practices, evidence-based practices and decision making.
 - Provide research, planning, training, service delivery coordination, oversight and guidance concerning grants to internal and external partners working in reentry in order to see a true reduction in recidivism and improved quality of life for justice involved individuals in Orleans Parish.
 - Inform and assist in the development of Justice Reinvestment policies and practices in Louisiana, with specific attention to New Orleans.
- **Measure and Monitor:**
 - Reducing Recidivism Rate for Orleans Parish Returning Citizens.
 - Reunification and stabilization of families.
 - In 2018 The NORTF Triage Team served 450 justice involved individuals; 2019 YTD- 300
- **Backbone:**
 - NORTF Steering Committee: Goodwill Industries, Total Community Action, LPHI, CADA, Justice and Accountability Center, City of New Orleans, Office of the Mayor, LA Parole and Probation



TCA: ADVOCATE, CONVENER, IMPLEMENTER

- TCA has been actively involved in advocacy for the revision and reform of LA adult and youth criminal justice policies for the past ten years.
- TCA CEO serves as member of the NORTF Steering Committee, LA Prison-Re-entry Initiative Advisory Board, LA- PRI- Implementation Steering Team LA-PRIST ,Reentry Alliance of Louisiana(REAL).
- TCA Chairs the NORTF Professional Development and Employment working groups.
- TCA staff are members of the following NOTF working groups: Triage, Case management, Housing, Employment & Family Reunification



TCA OPPORTUNITY CENTER

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- TCA provides comprehensive whole family case management services, housing assistance, foundational skills trainings, job placements cognitive behavior and other supports to reentering and court involved individuals and families.
- TCA OC staff provide outreach and case management services at the TCA OC and on location at New Orleans Probation & Parole, Plaquemines Parish Richwood Correctional Center (CRI –in reach case management) and Day Reporting Center (DRC)
- Program YTD TCA has provided services to 65 re-entering citizens

All 65 received case management services and ISSP	2- Emergency Assistance
30 received Foundational Skills Training & Job Counseling/Placement	9-Employment Supports (clothing, uniforms, supplies)
6 Homeless Prevention	5- Rapid Rehousing



TCA: ONE LOVE

HELPING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES



TCA is honored and proud to acknowledge that the Opportunity Center Team includes three formerly incarcerated citizens, each bringing a unique set of skills, commitment and determination to their work and the clients they serve.

