Offender Programs
Partnerships for Change

- Community Transition Unit
- Pre-Release
- Community Re-Entry
- YOS Aftercare
- Community Volunteers
- Specialized grants and programs

Safer Communities
Well-designed and well-delivered programs can reduce recidivism …..

(Lowenkamp & Latessa, 2005; Andrews & Bonta, 2003; Andrews et al., 1999; Cullen & Gendreau, 2000; Gendreau, Smith, & Goggin, 2001)

Pre-Release Program
Time-Line

- September 2007 – tasked with developing new program
- Consistent between all 19 CDOC facilities
- Evidence-based, research-driven
- September 2007 to June 2008 – research, consultation, and curriculum development

CDOC Pre-Release Program
Evidence Based & 360 Review

- National/International Review
  - Minnesota, Washington, Maryland, Ohio, New York, Oklahoma, Maine, Florida & Oregon
  - London Resettlement Strategies and Correctional Services of Canada
- Effective and Evidence Based National and International Programs
  - National Institute of Corrections
  - Johns Hopkins University
- Statewide Consulting With Stakeholders
  - Community and Faith Based Organizations, Community Parole Officers, Case Managers, Community Corrections, State and Local Agencies, Offenders
Key Dimensions of Promising Practices
Strategies for Effective Pre-Release Program

- Evidence-based, research-driven
- "Overarching case management"
- Continuity of service and program content
- Consistency between facility & aftercare
- Communication w/ stakeholders
- Community & Facility Collaborations

Adapted from Dr. David Altschuler, Johns Hopkins University

Pre-Release Program Time-Line

- Pilot Program at CCC in March of 2008
- July 2008 to August 2008 – staff training and facility logistics
- August 2008 – program implementation

Pre-Release Program Structure

Community Transition Plans

- Encompass each of the pre-release modules.
- Utilize strength based assessments, goal setting and timelines to identify and eliminate barriers to re-entry.
- Include specific and relevant community resources, supports and contact information.
- Serve as a bridge of communication between Pre-Release and Community Re-Entry.
- Relieve the anxiety experienced in the transition to the community.

Career and Community Resource Center

- Career Assessments and Exploration Tools
- KeyTrain™ and Career Skills
- Online Job Application and Internet Simulator
- Education, Training and Apprenticeship Resources
- Job Search and Resume Writing Tools
- Computer Based Courses and Tutorials
- Statewide Community Resources

Pre-Release Program Facilities

- Arkansas Valley Correctional Facility
- Arrowhead Correctional Center+
- Buena Vista Correctional Complex
- Centennial Correctional Facility*
- Colorado Correctional Center
- Colorado State Penitentiary*
- Colorado Territorial Correctional Facility
- Delta Correctional Center
- Denver Women’s Correctional Facility
- Fort Lyon Correctional Facility
- Four Mile Correctional Center+
- Fremont Correctional Facility
- La Vista Correctional Facility~
- Limon Correctional Facility
- Rifle Correctional Center
- San Carlos Correctional Facility~
- Skyline Correctional Center*
- Sterling Correctional Facility (2)
- Trinidad Correctional Facility

+, ~ = shared facilities
Community Re-Entry Services
- Community Orientation
- Community Re-Entry Specialists provide Intensive Critical, Critical and Direct services
- Community Re-Entry services and programs are incentive based and part of the offender’s community supervision plan.
- Community Parole Officer collaborations / Community Brokered Services
- Higher Risk / Higher Need

Community Re-Entry Structure
- Community Re-Entry
  - Community Resource Orientations
  - Community Parole Officers / Pre-Release Specialists
  - Identification / Legal Documents
  - Transportation Services
  - Special Needs Population
  - Intensive Case Management
  - C.O.W.C. Facility Staff / Programs
  - Government Agencies
  - Hygiene Backpacks / Gift Program
  - Medication Fund (Inmates)
  - Intensive Critical Services
    - Medical needs
      - Diabetic
      - Disabled
      - require wheel chair or oxygen
      - Long term care or hospice care
      - SSI/SSDI application follow up
      - Medicaid/ Medicare
    - Functionality Assessments
    - Provisional benefits (pre-determination to receive SSDI/Medicaid benefits)
  - Critical Services
    - Initial Case Review and Transitional Planning
    - Benefits Planning (Social Security Disability Insurance, Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Assistance)
    - Shelter/Transitional Housing Assistance
    - Medication Assistance / Health Care Referral
    - Transportation Assistance and Referral
    - Clothing Referrals
    - Services Related to Specialized Populations (disabled, severe mental health issues, dual diagnosed, sex offenders, females, veterans, etc...)
    - Identification Cards
    - Referral to Additional Community Support Services
  - Direct Services
    - Employment Services
    - Work Clothing and Tools
    - Transportation Assistance
    - Referral for Child Support Payment Plans
    - Backpacks with Personal Hygiene Items
    - Referral for additional services to appropriate Faith and Community Based Organizations, State, County or Local Agencies
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Work & Family Center

Satellite Workforce Center
Specialized One-Stop Services:
  - Job Readiness class
  - O*Net Assessment
  - KeyTrain™ and WorkKeys
  - Computer lab / resource center

Statewide Community
Re-Entry Offices

Pueblo
310 East Abriendo
Pueblo, CO 81004

Colorado Springs / CMRC
520 W. Colorado Ave
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Grand Junction / Western Slope
2516 Foresight Circle
Grand Junction, CO 81505

On-Going Program Evaluation
Enhancing program effectiveness for improved public safety.

Colorado State University:
  - Quantitative analysis of 4 target populations
  - Statistical review based off electronic databases
  - N. Prabha Unnithan, PhD

University of Colorado at Denver:
  - Qualitative analysis of 4 target populations
  - Offender interviews
  - Mark R. Pogrebin, PhD

Specialized Grants & Programs

Grants –
  - Federal (USDOL, USDOJ, SAMHSA, NC)
  - Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative
  - Stop the Revolving Door
  - Fatherhood Initiative
  - Young Offender Re-Entry Program (YORP)
  - Second Chance Act (Non-profit agencies)
  - WIRED
  - Offender Workforce Development Specialist

Programs –
  - Medication Fund
  - Incarcerated Veteran’s Training Program
  - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs – Incarcerated Veterans Re-Entry Program
  - Young Offender Aftercare Program
Benefits of Partnerships

- Communication on operations, visions & goals
- Shared experiences, challenges & outcomes
- Broader and comprehensive analysis of problems & solutions
- Better use of resources, eliminates duplication of services
- Instills a team approach

Federal, State, and Local

- National Institute of Corrections
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Social Security Administration
- Colorado Department of Labor & Employment
- Colorado Department of Education
- Colorado Community College System
- Colorado Department of Human Services
- Statewide County Workforce Centers
- Statewide Community Based Organizations
- Statewide Faith Based Organizations

International

- Singapore
  - Community Collaborations
  - Re-Entry services (medication, backpacks)
- Mexico
  - Pre-Release programming and continuation of services
  - Re-Entry Services in community
- Australia
  - Vocational programming
  - Pre-Release and Community Re-Entry Services
  - Indigenous Populations

International

- United Kingdom
  - Sex offender supervision
  - Faith & Community collaborations
  - Resettlement strategies
  - Cisco: Global Networking Academy

UK Conference

- UK Ministry of Justice

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