



Community Reentry Consortium

Community Reentry Consortium (CRC): Is a network of organizations and individuals on Long Island, who focus on developing resources and solutions for effective integration of returning citizens and support of families of people in prison.

The network consists of professors, legal professionals and leaders of grass-roots organizations and community activists that share information, resources and work on the projects that serve formerly incarcerated.

CRC's Mission: To heal, support, educate, and advocate for community in reentry and beyond. To uplift not only the ones coming home from placement or incarceration but also the families and children affected by mass incarceration.

Goals:

Heal - Build the resources to offer free training to the community in Restorative Justice/Healing Justice. We recognize that, “healed people, heal people.” We seek to expand and deepen our understanding of what healing is and how RJ can help the community before/during/and after a crime is committed. Build capacity to offer Cure Violence, anger management and/or Credible Messenger training.

Support - Build capacity/resources to provide support to individuals coming back to the community from placement or confinement. We acknowledge that housing is a top priority for returning citizens. Identify existing resources that provide safe, viable options. Investigate and expose the hotel scam. Develop a database of companies and employers who hire formerly incarcerated individuals.

Educate - Provide GED and college preparatory training. Investigate alternative schools/trade schools for youth, and training for adults coming home from incarceration. Find resources within the community for basic computer skills training.

Advocate - We acknowledge that, "...those closest to the problem are closest to the solution." Build partnerships with the public defender organizations to provide legal training. Invite other organizations to offer advocacy training in voter registration and lobbying. Connect to organizations/ attorneys that specialize in wrongful convictions.

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