

What Does Recidivism Cost?

The average daily population count for the South Dakota State Corrections System is 3451 inmates. The average cost to keep a person in the State Penitentiary is about \$69.00 per day. Therefore every day we spend \$238,119 to house South Dakota's inmates.

Department of Corrections statistics say that after 3 years we have a recidivism rate of 45%. In South Dakota 2072 people were released from the state correctional facilities. If 45% of those reoffend then we will send 932 people back to prison. That means the tax payers will spend \$60,906 per day to incarcerate those who recidivate.

Many ReEntry programs across the nation boast a reduction in recidivism by about 50%. The Rapid City ReEntry Initiative hopes to match or exceed this accomplishment. If we are successful then some of those dollars saved will be recaptured to assist in running this vital program.

To Learn More About ReEntry:

Visit the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs website at www.reentry.gov

Community Education:

One of the primary goals of the Rapid City Police Department is to educate the public on this program. To receive more information or to schedule a presentation on the Rapid City ReEntry Initiative please contact:

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Rapid City ReEntry Program





The concept of a ReEntry Program in Rapid City began with Chief Steve Allender of the Rapid City Police Department. He believed that the reintegration of offenders coming back to Rapid City was consistent with the goals of the police department and would enhance the safety of our community as well.

The first step of this initiative was to gauge the interest of organizations in Rapid City and the acceptance of such a program by the community itself. Chief Allender dedicated police department resources to this endeavor and has since discovered not only is there acceptance, but many organizations have committed their resources to furthering the goal of ReEntry.

Although we are still in the process of educating the community on the positive aspects of a ReEntry Program our city has embraced the idea of reintegrating ex-offenders back into our community. Many citizens of Rapid City have acknowledged the fact that every year numerous ex-offenders that

have been incarcerated in the corrections system return to this community and may well need our assistance to be successful.

What Is Re-Entry?

Reentry involves the use of programs targeted at promoting the effective reintegration of offenders back to communities upon release from prison and jail. Reentry programs, which often involves a comprehensive case management approach, is intended to assist offenders in acquiring the life skills needed to succeed in the community and become law-abiding citizens. A variety of programs are used to assist offenders in the reentry process, including prerelease programs, drug rehabilitation and vocational training, and work programs.

How Does Re-Entry Make Us Safer?

According to 2008 statistics; Over 17.8% (600) of the inmates incarcerated in the South Dakota corrections system are from Pennington County. This is disproportionate to the population of our community. Minnehaha County contributes 24.5% (826) of the inmates. According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) over 50 percent of those released from incarceration will be in some form of

legal trouble within 3 years. ReEntry programs across the nation have been successful in reducing the recidivism rate by 50%. The reduction in crime and reduction in additional victims of crime alone warrant such a program.

What is the Focus of Re-Entry?

The Rapid City ReEntry Initiative focuses on all aspects of a person's reintegration into the community to include:

Family

Mental Health

Chemical Dependency

Physical Health

Education

Employment

Housing

Cultural Acceptance

Community Ties

Faith Based Programs

Life Services

Parenthood

Mentorship