

Re-Entry Mentoring Mission Statement

The mentoring component of the Rapid City Re-Entry Program provides participants with a consistent contact that is experienced, caring, nonjudgmental and who will encourage them to make choices that will help them to become successful members of our community.

Re-Entry Mentoring Objectives

1. During the first year of the program, a minimum of 20 participants will receive at least 3 months of mentoring.
2. During the first year of the program, we strive to have 85% of the participants successfully complete 3 months of mentoring.
3. During the first year, we will recruit at least 20 mentors who will commit to the program for one year. We will retain at least 75% of the mentors for six months or more.

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How Has Mentoring Affected Recidivism ?

The Re-Entry Mentoring program, Operation Transformation located in St. Clair County Michigan, during the months of November 2006 through August 2008 showed a 30% decrease in recidivism with the program participants who had experienced 7 or more meetings with a mentor over those who met with a mentor less than 7 times.

Community Education:

One of the main purposes of the RC Re-Entry Initiative is to provide continuing education with the public on the importance of mentoring and its impact on lowering recidivism. To receive more information or to schedule a presentation on the Rapid City Re-Entry Mentoring Program, please contact:

To Learn More About Mentoring:

Visit the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Employment and Training Administration website at:
<http://www.doleta.gov>
Type in site search box:
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Rapid City Re-Entry Mentoring Program





What does it take to be a One-On-One Mentor ?

- Be at least 25 years old
- Possess a valid state-issued ID card or driver's license and proof of insurance
- Be available to meet in person with a participant at least one time per week for the first 3 months with an initial commitment of up to one year
- Successfully complete a background screening that will be reviewed by program coordinator
- Not currently under any type of correctional supervision or have outstanding warrants in another county or state
- Complete the required application process and attend training sessions

What Is Mentoring ?

Mentoring is a relationship that brings two people together. In this relationship, one person comes alongside another person to help him to reach his potential through unconditional encouragement and guidance.

What does the Mentor Training teach ?

1st day of training will be Orientation;

- Overview of program
- Program policies
- Self inventory
- What does a good mentor look like
- What not to do as a mentor
- Expected commitment level
- Recognizing emergency situations;
- Safety
- Mental illness
- Application and Agreement forms

2nd day of training will consist of 4 sessions, each lasting approximately two hours;

- Criminal thinking
- Cultural awareness
- How to do a one-on-one
- Chemical dependency awareness

I would like a mentor! What do I need to do to be a participant ?

- Be willing to commit to the mentoring program for at least 6 months
- Meet with mentor at least once a week for first 3 months
- Complete the program application process and agreement forms
- Work collaboratively with Mentor, Program Coordinator and Supervising Agent

How can I be a Mentor if I am still on correctional supervision ?

- Be at least 25 years old
- Possess proof of identity with a picture ID
- Must meet in person with a participant at least one time per week for the first 3 months in a support group setting
- Willing to sign release of information for correctional background screening that will be reviewed by program coordinator
- Time on left supervision must be less than one year
- Complete the required application process and attend training session