



RE-ENTRY PROGRAM

“Without YAP Services, I’d be back in prison.”

Life Coaches Participant Glenn Burgess

Program Description

YAP Adult Services’ Life Coach Program is designed to safely and cost-effectively assist incarcerated individuals in a successful reintegration into the community. The program focuses on working with parolees to establish stability in key life areas such as housing, employment, transportation, family, substance abuse and mental health supports.

The YAP model of reintegration services combines elements of wraparound, mentoring, family support and mutual assistance to reduce recidivism for adult offenders. Beginning with a unique strength-based assessment process, fortified by an empirically proven risk assessment tool, YAP engages participants in identifying specific needs required for each individual to successfully transition into the community. Post-release plans carefully address public safety concerns and services mandated by terms of release while also providing parolees with opportunities to be successful, gain skills and become valued members of the community.

Program Elements

- Individualized Planning that occurs while the parolee is still incarcerated
 - Identify the needs, strengths and supports of each individual
 - Set up appointments, intakes and interviews in advance of the participant’s release to ensure smooth transition
- Ongoing support once the parolee is released
 - 24/7 crisis on call and response with flexible hours to meet the parolee’s needs
 - Life Coaches provide a broad range of services, including transportation, assistance in obtaining a driver’s license, finding employment, enrolling in school, setting up doctor’s appointments, buying clothes and other essentials and determining the parolees’ legal obligations
 - Weekly formal meetings with YAP Advocates and support groups
 - Connection to community resources and supports
 - Opportunities to give back to the community
 - Mentoring and positive role modeling
- An **unconditional commitment** to care through our “no reject, no eject” referral and service delivery policy

OUTCOMES

- 100% successfully met Parole mandates
- 100% of participants with mental health needs participated in counseling
- 100% of participants with substance abuse issues participated in counseling
- 95% attained permanent housing
- 87% of eligible participants attained employment or participated in continuing education
- 100% of participants remained arrest/violation free six months post-release
- 100% remained arrest/violation free one year post-release

