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Best Practice Briefs

Crisis Prevention and
Management

Reentry Services to Break the Cycle



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The Re-Entry program serves men and women that are involved with the criminal justice system and preparing to re-enter society. Jay started as a case manager and over the years has been able to advance his career with LSS. “Re-Entry Services has grown in the last 5 years to serve clients across the state with 12 different service lines. This is a testament to the quality work of our staff and the support of leadership at LSS. LSS not only strives for quality service delivery to our clients but also encourages the personal and professional growth of staff.”

Breaking the Cycle

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History

- In 2007, LSS created the Fatherhood & Families program
- In 2017, rebranded as Re-Entry Services
- Currently have 12 staff located in Sioux Falls, Yankton, Springfield, Pierre and Rapid City

Who is Re-Entering

- Large number of individuals have crimes revolving around substances/substance abuse
- Many of those re-entering our society have a complex past
- Trauma/Chronic Stress may be present
 - Is it a bear or a mosquito?
- Some may display a lack of trust in those in roles of authority

Re-Entry Process

- Most individuals leave the prison system on parole
 - Prior to release, their parole plan is approved
- Ideally, individuals are leaving with all necessary identification documents
- Some individuals “flat their time” which means they served all of their sentence and are released without any type of supervision

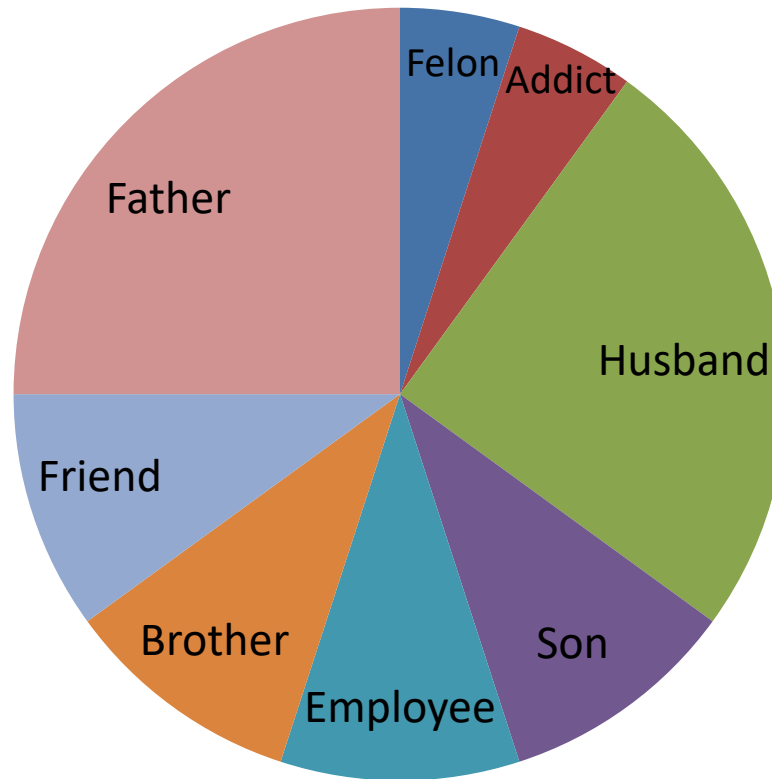
Re-Entry Process

- For many, initial focus is on the basic needs of life
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Food
 - Transportation
- Felonies/criminal history can impact:
 - Where they live
 - Where they can work
 - Who they can be around
- May not initially show a concerted effort on relationships, physical health, mental health, etc.
 - May not have insurance or financial ability to tend to physical/mental health

Re-Entry Process

- Individuals on parole/probation may have a lot to juggle:
 - Meetings with supervising agent
 - Employment
 - Required groups/counseling
 - UA's/Breathalyzers (scheduled or random)
 - Family
- Interactions with community and providers may come across as demanding at times
 - Remember, for many, they are trying to reestablish their basic needs
 - May not have been exposed to “normal” social standards

Serving the Whole Person



How Can We Help?

- Work on any personal bias that may be present
- Focus on building relationships with the clients
- Don't be turned off by resistance or push back
- Grace and understanding on missed/rescheduled appointments
 - A lot to balance
 - May be occasions when they are on a violation/detainment in the prison
- Don't be afraid to ask questions
- Be willing to put in some extra effort to help them overcome barriers put in place by society

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