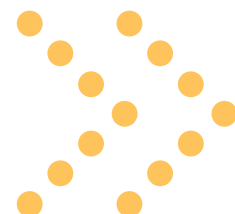




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Throughout this year, individuals and organizations alike have tackled unprecedented challenges with innovative approaches, and the Male Empowerment Now (MEN) Adult Re-entry program has proven no exception.

Utilizing funding from the Department of Justice, the Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium (MBRC) has created a collaborative community effort to provide comprehensive reentry services to justice-involved individuals to ensure they understand the resources available to them upon release. Through the Second Chance Act grant program, MBRC has successfully reached numerous participants and connected them with programming focused on everything from parenthood to employment.

As a supporter of the First Step Act and chairman of the Senate appropriations subcommittee that funds Department of Labor (DOL) programs, I understand that, during a transition period, employment is one of the many factors that contributes to an individual's success. The Reentry Employment Opportunities (REO) program is one of the DOL programs I am proud to support. The REO program provides education, skills training, and job placement to both youth and adult justice-involved individuals and fosters a relationship between state and local justice systems and community organizations. Under my chairmanship, investment for the REO program has increased nearly 20 percent.

Also key for those preparing for reentry is access to quality mental and behavioral healthcare. Nearly one in five Americans has a diagnosable, and almost always treatable, mental health issue. But too often, that illness is not recognized or treated. In my role on the Appropriations Committee, I continue to support funding to expand access to mental health screenings, provide training to those in law enforcement, and fund Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics to serve people in the Missouri Bootheel and across our nation.

The MEN Adult Re-entry Program provides a bridge for men in the justice system to access resources available to them upon reentry and establish relationships to aid them in a successful transition back into society. It is not only a second chance, but an opportunity to be part of a community. I appreciate MBRC's continued dedication to meeting this important need.



WELCOME

Cynthia Dean
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We have come through a year in 2020 in which the COVID-19 crisis has lifted a magnifying glass to the challenges associated with criminal justice reform. COVID-19 has also enhanced the development and use of new technologies, including artificial intelligence, and has helped us learn new working methods to maintain contact and cooperation between authorities, families and professionals.

Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium's MEN Adult Re-Entry program continues to move forward, learning from the struggles during this past year and networking opportunities from our partners. We need resources to strengthen families of incarcerated individuals and their support systems. Bridging the gap between incarceration and community-based education and training programs lead the paths for career preparation for employment. No problem is more urgent than reducing incarceration rates and fostering understanding, empathy and belonging in our communities.

And while it's clear the pandemic still has a grasp on our country, with determination and the abundance of creativity that exists within the correctional re-entry field, I believe we will find a wealth of opportunities for positive and lasting change.

I would like to wish you, your family, and all your loved ones a very Happy New Year 2021.

Best Wishes with Respect and Gratitude



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As I reflect on 2020, I cannot continue into 2021 without thanking our partners for their never ending support for program excellence. Yes, it takes multiple entities with diverse goals and objectives to collaborate to provide comprehensive services to our clients. Our partners, our clients, our volunteers, and our resources are the components that bring about a change in the communities in the Missouri Bootheel.

We, as professional establishments of change are constantly battling the disparities whether it be health, employment, housing, transportation, food...daily. COVID-19 has caused us to be creative, innovators and leaders. It is passion, compassion, sympathy and empathy that made us a beacon to of constituents. We have accepted the challenge and evolved to provide resources.

You have inspired me beyond comprehension. From each of you, I have engaged your knowledge and wisdom to offer a wealth of information to the clients.

We are the servant leaders that impact the life of our clients.

I thank you for assisting me to be my best, I thank you for your support.

Thank you...

**Recalibrating Success as we Look to 2021**

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The year 2020 will be one to remember! It has really caused me to stop and think, not only about who and what I value, but the investment committed to those people and things which I value highly. We often look at successes as performance-based outcomes. Did you accomplish what you set out to do? While that certainly has merit, I am coming to realize there is much more to success than just the positive outcome. I have come to a deeper appreciation for process leading to the outcome- the blood, sweat, and tears of the journey. Who is more successful in terms of reentry? The one who is successful after a third stay in prison or the one who is successful after their fifth stay? In terms of recidivism and victims we naturally point to the one with three stays as opposed to five, but in terms of outcomes, they both are successes. What's my point, you ask? In reentry work, we don't just value the outcome, but the process it takes to produce the successful outcome. There is joy in the journey toward reaching success. Whether it is Christine Aldridge who makes it after one incarceration or Johnny Allen who makes it good after five stays, both have SUCCEEDED! While we certainly want everyone to be successful sooner than later, the process it takes to arrive at the destination is to be celebrated! As we close the chapter on 2020 and open 2021, let's celebrate the process and the outcomes!

**Strengthening Police and Community Participation**

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In May of 2020, we began a concentrated effort to rebuild relationships with our community members. This came after realizing poor perceptions of police both nationally and locally. Knowing these relationships are paramount in us being successful in maintaining safety for the community, we requested help from the Department of Justice, Community Relations Specialists. The goal of this venture was to bring members of the community into regular meetings with members of our department and establish a line of communication to build trust. Although this program is designed for all our community members, we felt a need to have an emphasis with the African American residents, as we were realized this demographic seemed most marginalized. MBRC Re-Entry Program Coordinator Mark Bartlett took a strong role in our planning committee, emphasizing the need to address those who were re-entering our community. This effort took over three months to plan before we held the community meeting with citizens. The result of this meeting was very positive and considered successful by many. Citizens from various ages and backgrounds met with police to develop a Council to represent community members. This Council continues to meet regularly and are working together to better understand cultural differences and gain understanding. Although this has just begun, we have already seen success in collaborating on our shared goals. We hope to continue these relationships and better policing.



Trauma Informed Care

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Trauma refers to intense and overwhelming experiences that involve serious loss, threat or harm to a person (this can be physical, mental or emotional). These experiences may occur at any point in someone's life. Trauma may be a single occurrence or over several years. People often use maladaptive coping mechanisms to deal with past or current trauma. Misunderstood or ignored signs of trauma may: interfere with seeking help, limit engagement into services, lead to early drop-out and/or lead to failure to make appropriate referrals.

Trauma is related to early abuse and/or neglect. Some examples of trauma: abandonment, divorce, death of a loved one, abuse, witnessing or experiencing violence and combat. Exposure to traumatic experiences, especially those occurring in childhood, has been linked to substance use disorders (SUD). The shame and despair that come from the powerlessness and unmanageability help crystallize the core beliefs about personal unworthiness that were part of the individual's initial addictive system. To provide effective services for those suffering with trauma, we need to understand the life situations that may be contributing to the person's current problems. A strengths-based approach can highlight the assets of the individual in the assessment and intervention and help empower the consumer to connect with resilience and hope. It is imperative to focus on positive steps towards change and notice periods of success and factors that contributed to success. When treating individual's with trauma, the power and control should be held by the individual. Providers should follow the individual's lead on goals, needs and wants.



D31 Probation & Parole Office Re-Entry Success

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Poll Anderson supervised a client that was on supervision in 2015. This client was pessimistic about his future due to using illegal substances, losing his home and then his current home burned down. He lost custody of his children and basically gave up on life. At that time POII Anderson guided him to Breakthrough Recovery through a faith-based organization. This client started attending group sessions and eventually regularly attended church services. Client has since been discharged and has turned his life around. He is clean & sober, has a home and had his children returned to him. On July 2, 2020 this client became owner of two small businesses in Caruthersville and received an invite to become a member of the Caruthersville Chamber of Commerce. This is but one of the re-entry success stories of District #31.

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ReEntry Team

The Re Entry Team at Southeast Correctional Center (SECC) was tasked with seeking and implementing improvements to our reentry efforts. Reentry programs are designed to assist incarcerated individuals with a successful transition to their community after they are released. According to the Department of Justice, "over 10,000 ex-prisoners are released from America's state and federal prisons every week and arrive on the doorsteps of our nation's communities. More than 650,000 ex-offenders are released from prison every year, and studies show that approximately two-thirds will likely be rearrested within three years of release."

As you know, improving reentry is a critical element for Missouri Department of Corrections (MDOC); therefore, our team has been challenged with "thinking outside the box" solutions. By doing so, we have created relationships with multiple outside agencies, created new programs, and developed apprenticeships along with holding monthly meetings at SECC with Probation & Parole, Minimum Security Unit, Transitional Housing Unit, and the Deputy Warden of Offender Management.

Outside Agencies

We have developed relationships with several outside agencies such as Missouri Job Center, Workforce Development, Chambers of Commerce of Cape Girardeau/Popular Bluff/Sikeston, Urban League of Saint Louis, Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium Inc. and EDGE, Unilever Ice Cream, and W.W. Wood Products.

Missouri Job Center of Sikeston, Missouri conducts the ACT WorkKeys Test (National Career Readiness Certificate) with approximately 30 offenders monthly who are being released within six months. The test allows employers to review essential skills for workplace success. The offenders' job applications are reviewed before other applicants who have not taken the test. Also, offenders that may be pursuing a post-secondary education are eligible for college credits if a gold or platinum score has been achieved. We had two offenders score platinum and eleven score gold out of the sixty offenders who have completed the test.

Workforce Development has been instrumental with the Horticulture Apprenticeship and helping with partnering with employers. The relationship has allowed our reentry team to match employers with future employees. In spring/summer of 2019, the Horticulture Apprenticeship was moved inside the facility to extend the opportunity to other offenders.

We are members of the following Chamber of Commerce: Cape Girardeau, Popular Bluff, and Sikeston. The memberships have allowed us to network with businesses and to advertise our "untapped workforce". On March 28, 2019, Southeast Correctional Center received the Business of the Year Award for the reentry efforts and investing in possible future employees of Charleston High School.

The re entry team partnered with the Urban League of Saint Louis in February 2019. They began the Transition Change Employment/Prison 2 Work A Pre-Release Reentry Program. The program allows offenders to transition into the work force. Offenders are enrolled 3-6 months prior to release and after release from the program. They are assigned a case manager who will assist through the pre and during the post release. All barriers are addressed that could prevent the offender from being hired by an employer within thirty days of release such as housing, clothing, and transportation. The Urban League has started the program with pre-release offenders. Since partnering with them, we had the pleasure to attend their career boot-camp for newly released offenders both men and women. We have fourteen offenders working with them, with five having interviews for employment with outside employers. Every offender who is returning to Saint Louis will be offered to work with the Urban League as a client. We were also able to connect an offender with them whom did not have an approved home plan and should have been released in January. With the help of the Urban League, the offender has potential housing and funding to help pay for housing.

Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium Inc. and EDGE offers the Male Empowerment Now (MEN) program. They learn skills to become more effective fathers who are actively involved with their children and families. It is a free six month case management program targeting parenting/co-parenting skills, employment, education, domestic violence, and child support.

Unilever and W.W. Wood are employers who we have built a partnership with them this past year. They are willing to conduct interviews with offenders pre-release and have done so at SECC.

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SECC

Our Recreation Department has developed step by step videos on how to complete applications and prepare taxes upon release from incarceration. They have created classes within the Learning Center that relate to self-improvement and requires the offender to complete a test.

An offender information channel was developed to highlight potential job opportunities in the areas in which they will return. A list of companies that hire ex-offenders and felons. It will also list community partnerships and the assistance they can provide to the offenders.

A talk show called What's What With Reentry was also developed in 2019. The talk show offers outside agencies and employers the opportunity to highlight their organization or company. Other offenders are interviewed at times to speak about their personal transition while being incarcerated.

Offenders are given mock interviews and are assisted with developing a current resume.

Administrative Segregation offenders with mental health challenges participate in an out-of-cell class with mental health staff, a case manager, and mentors.

Future

We are currently developing a way to create an apprenticeship with our Missouri Vocational Enterprises (MVE) which will allow offenders to be able to obtain on-the-job training and certification.

Offenders assigned to Administrative Segregation or are on mental health status who are being released from there have a disadvantage; therefore, it is a great hope they too can have access to reentry opportunities such as utilizing the classroom designed for the mentally challenge offenders and integrating a Learning Center for them.

SECC is in the process of developing a partnership with Delta Companies (construction) with the hopes of creating a work release program that will employ offenders.

We at SECC wish to offer every opportunity available to the offenders while diminishing the fears of the communities as we build relationships/partnerships with them. We must continue to be vocal and reach out to the communities while creating an environment that will hold people accountable and support individuals with criminal backgrounds who want to reintegrate into their communities and make positive contributions.



Missouri Bootheel Healthy Start Fatherhood Program

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The Healthy Start program is federally funded and provides services to support the needs of family affected by health disparities nationwide. The Missouri Bootheel Healthy Start Fatherhood program is designed to work alongside the dads of our Healthy Start children; in partnership with Healthy Start moms to ensure the overall health and wellbeing of the whole family.

Pregnancy can be an extremely stressful time for both parents. The Fatherhood component of the Healthy Start program works to provide support to our dads in ways such as case managing our Healthy Start dads and providing referrals to necessary services. By helping to support dads by taking away daily stressors that are currently impacting them; our dads can in turn focus their attention upon supporting mom and her pregnancy.

The Fatherhood program also serves to provide health education and wellness topics to fathers during our monthly contacts with our Healthy Start dads. As an example of this concept in action, November was diabetes awareness month; which provides us a perfect opportunity to educate our Healthy Start fathers on the importance of being aware of gestational diabetes, its symptoms and the risks associated for the pregnancy. By addressing various health topics that impact women during the prenatal phase in this way we are creating an opportunity to have meaningful conversations with our dads that will encourage their support for mom and baby throughout the pregnancy and beyond.



"Mission Missouri Support of the Re-Entry Process for Women in Residential Treatment"

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Mission Missouri was created in 1998 following the catalyst of the Christian Block Party of 1996, the purpose of which was to "tear down walls between races and denominations and lift up Christ." Since that time our team became focused on recovery support services. Mission Missouri became certified with the Department of Mental Health in 2004 and has provided recovery housing for men for 16 years. In 2019 we transitioned to recovery housing for women. Since January 6, 2020, there have been 20 women who have come to our Esther House. For women the treatment of trauma must be incorporated. Creating a "culture of healing" has become our mantra. During these 11 months certain pieces of this puzzle fell into place; some components were already in place such as counseling, coaching, support groups, educational groups, financial management, parenting classes, anger management classes and employment readiness. Others came to us when the time was right such as learning how to become a trauma-informed care organization. The Healing Souls Sanctuary service on Sunday afternoons with our staff pastor provides a nonthreatening setting to learn more about a spiritual pathway to wholeness. Once a month the ladies, staff members and volunteers travel to Johnston City, Illinois to the Beauty for Ashes service at the Family Worship Center which is a great encouragement to all of us. As we learn more on this faith journey about the barriers to healing for our women, we trust that answers will come and lives will be transformed.

Inside Out Dads

Kennett Supervision Center, Kennett, Missouri

Any man who is or will be becoming a father can benefit from this wonderful program that is being offered in our area, all thanks to Mark Bartlett with the Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium, Inc. Re-Entry Program.

Starting November 17th, Mr. Bartlett has begun an Inside Out Dads program at the Kennett Community Supervision Center. They meet once weekly, and discuss responsibilities of fathers, employment, and housing. The program is a great benefit to help KCSC residents as well as any male on probation an opportunity to get back on their feet.

We are very thankful and excited that Mr. Bartlett and the MBRC have offered this program in Dunklin County.



Missouri's Innovative Approaches to Re-Entry and Child Support

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The Missouri Child Support Program believes that helping formerly incarcerated parents make the most of their second chance is very important. In an effort to assist incarcerated parents, the Missouri Child Support program and the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) have established a relationship to provide services to their mutual clients by developing child support projects to assist male and female offenders during the entry, re-entry, and release processes. This relationship focuses on educating incarcerated parents about the child support program and providing incarcerated parents with case specific child support information during every stage of the judicial process. When appropriate, child support specialists can remove driver's license sanctions and offer other pre-release help such as order modifications.

The Missouri Child Support Program hopes to reduce the number of offenders who re-enter correctional facilities due to issues related to the child support system. For many, child support has been an issue in their past. Child support is an important aspect of the criminal justice reform conversation and must be addressed at many levels. Unmanageable child support debt is a factor in the cycle of incarceration, re-entry and recidivism and the Missouri Child Support program is working towards demystifying child support and offering groundbreaking projects. Missouri's re-entry model provides a distinctive approach for those re-entering society to get a head start on a successful re-entry process.

**Walking the Walk: Implementing Restorative Justice Principles in College-Level Restorative Justice Education**

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As restorative justice (RJ) gains increased support as an effective alternative to traditional practices in the American criminal justice system, college-level courses on RJ have become commonplace in criminal justice and criminology curricula. This provides an opportunity for instructors to shift from a traditional teaching style to one that reflects the RJ approach. In other words: We must talk the talk and walk the walk.

Historically, classroom environments were similar to criminal justice environments: They were hierarchical in structure and instructors provided largely one-sided lectures that flowed from teacher to student. The instructor's voice was the one that was typically heard, and students played a passive role in learning—they were seen rather than heard. However, teaching RJ successfully must include the application of RJ principles (e.g. repairing harm, stakeholder inclusion, shifting community-government relationships) and values (e.g. service, social justice, human relationships) to the learning environment through course design and delivery.

In order for students to understand RJ in its entirety, they must experience these restorative practices. This means that instructors should commit to embracing a teaching style that reflects the RJ model by creating student opportunities for leadership, participation, relationship-building, practitioner/victim involvement, and service. Whereas the instructor may define the goals and objectives of the course, an RJ-informed model creates mutual responsibility for learning. In relinquishing complete control over the classroom, students can work collaboratively with each other, with the instructor, and with community partners.

From a pedagogical standpoint, RJ-structured course delivery lends itself well to many high-impact educational practices that are known to increase rates of student retention and student engagement. These might include learning communities, collaborative assignments/projects, global learning, ePortfolios, and service/community-based learning. And in the spirit of RJ, these practices provide reciprocal benefits for students, faculty, and community partners.



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Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium Host Federal Officials

Pastor Tony Lowden, Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry and Eric D. Hargan United States Deputy Secretary of Health & Human Services (HHS) visit on October 8, 2020.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI- The Missouri Bootheel Regional Consortium (MBRC), a non-profit community-based organization located in Sikeston, Mo in the Missouri Bootheel, hosted a meeting with Pastor Tony Lowden and U.S. Deputy Secretary Eric D. Hargan to discuss MBRC's efforts to reduce recidivism in Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot and Scott counties in collaboration with the Missouri Department of Corrections and local agencies through funding awarded by the Department of Justice. MBRC Male Empowerment Now (MEN) Adult Re-Entry Program was selected as a model for providing reentry services on a local level.

Eric D. Hargan, U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Health and Human Services (HHS) Washington, D.C. discussed the Department's dedication of promoting the health and well-being of everyone. He emphasized the opioid crisis and its affects on communities around the country and how the government is working to address this topic nationally.

In February 2020, Pastor Tony Lowden was appointed as Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry by President Donald J. Trump. Pastor Lowden is a native of North Philadelphia. Pastor Lowden received degrees in Economics and Government at the University of Southern California while on an athletic scholarship. He earned his Master of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the pastor to President Jimmy Carter at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia and Chaplain to the Secret Service in Southwest Georgia.

Pastor Lowden presented on experiences and serving as Director of the Faith and Justice initiative for the former Georgia Governor Nathan Deal's Office of Transition Support and Reentry.

Representatives from US Senator Roy Blunt and U.S. Missouri Senator Josh Hawley Offices welcomed participants and acknowledgement of MBRC Board of Directors and staff in attendance.

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Cynthia Dean, MBRC CEO provided an overview of MBRC programs and Jenifer Axtell, Data Manager presented disparities data in the Missouri Bootheel. Mark Bartlett, Re-Entry Program Coordinator presented information on the MBRC Male Empowerment Now (MEN) Adult Re-Entry Program. The presentations emphasized the importance of closing the gap on disparities in the Bootheel and how MBRC's services work to reduce them through partnerships and collaboration with local, state and federal agencies.

MBRC hosted a panel discussion of agency representatives from the Workforce Development Board of Southeast Missouri, Southeast Correctional Center, Stella Consulting, Mission Missouri, Delta Area Economic Development Corporation (DAEOC), and the Sikeston Department of Public Safety. Each organization provided a summary of services they provide to assist returning citizens and initiatives to reduce crime in their local service area. Jon Ponder, who traveled with Pastor Lowden, and is the founder and CEO of Hope for Prisoners in Las Vegas Nevada, provided an overview of his experience associated with agency program and services.

After the panel discussion, Pastor Lowden and Jon Ponder, and MBRC staff attended a facility tour at Southeast Correctional Center (SECC) led by Warden Bill Stange and staff. Warden Bill Stange and staff highlighted Offender Services, The Learning Center, Missouri Vocational Enterprises, Intensive Therapeutic Community and the Transitional Housing Unit. Pastor Lowden and Jon Ponder were impressed with the programs and staff dedication at SECC and that many of their services could serve as a model for various facilities in the country. Pastor Lowden and Mr. Ponder used the opportunity to speak with the men about preparing to return to their communities.

Closing remarks were provided by Ken Chapman, Women's/Offender Re-Entry Program Manager, Office of the Director for the Missouri Department of Correction and John Ginwright, Deputy Director, Missouri Department of Social Services, Family Support Division, Child Support.

Pastor Lowden's visit also included Missouri Department of Corrections' Transition Center of St. Louis and Community Supervision Center in Poplar Bluff.

The Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry

- On December 21, 2018, President Donald Trump signed into law the First Step Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-391). The Act enacted reforms to make the U.S. justice system fairer and help inmates successfully return to society. Included in the First Step Act is The Second Chance Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Title V of the First Step Act), which reauthorizes many of the grant programs that were initially authorized by the Second Chance Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-199).
- Prior to the passage of the First Step Act, including the Second Chance Reauthorization Act, the President signed Executive Order 13826 in March 2018, which established the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry. This Executive Order and the Council it created are part of the Administration's broader emphasis and efforts to reduce crime, enhance public safety, and increase opportunities for incarcerated and previously incarcerated individuals.
- As stated in the Executive Order, "The Federal Government must reduce crime, enhance public safety, and increase opportunity, thereby improving the lives of all Americans. ... To further improve public safety, we should aim not only to prevent crime in the first place, but also to provide those who have engaged in criminal activity with greater opportunities to lead productive lives."
- The First Step Act legislation includes changes to policies, procedures, and funding. The Council is a way for the Federal Government to coordinate strategically its response to the Administration's goals for criminal justice reform. The Council also harnesses considerable federal resources for issues that face youth and

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adults before they enter the criminal justice system, during incarceration, and upon reentry. Coordination at the federal level serves as an example and promotes additional coordination at the state and local levels, where sectors and partnerships are key in developing a comprehensive strategy.

- In early 2020, the President appointed Pastor John “Tony” Lowden to serve as Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention and Improving Reentry.
- To inform the work of the Council and its member agencies, Pastor Lowden, Executive Director of the Federal Interagency Council on Crime Prevention, is visiting Missouri.
- Pastor Lowden desires to:
 - learn more about the innovative ways communities are addressing crime prevention and reentry;
 - learn more about the challenges organizations face in providing services and that individuals face before, during, and after release;
 - share information about federal resources; and
 - highlight partnerships at the federal, state, and local levels that are key to comprehensively and holistically address the needs of communities and individuals.

Department of Justice Funding for Reentry

- On September 29, 2020 the DOJ’s Office of Justice Programs announced awards for 2020 totaling more than \$92 million to reduce recidivism among adult and juvenile offenders returning to their communities after confinement.
- Awards include funding under programs authorized by the Second Chance Act, which are designed to help communities develop and implement comprehensive and collaborative strategies to address the challenges posed by reentry and recidivism.
- These funds support:
 - communities as they develop and implement strategies to address recidivism and reentry;
 - programs for detained juveniles and incarcerated parents with juvenile children; and
 - rigorous research to advance understanding about reoffending and the success of reentry strategies, programs and practices.

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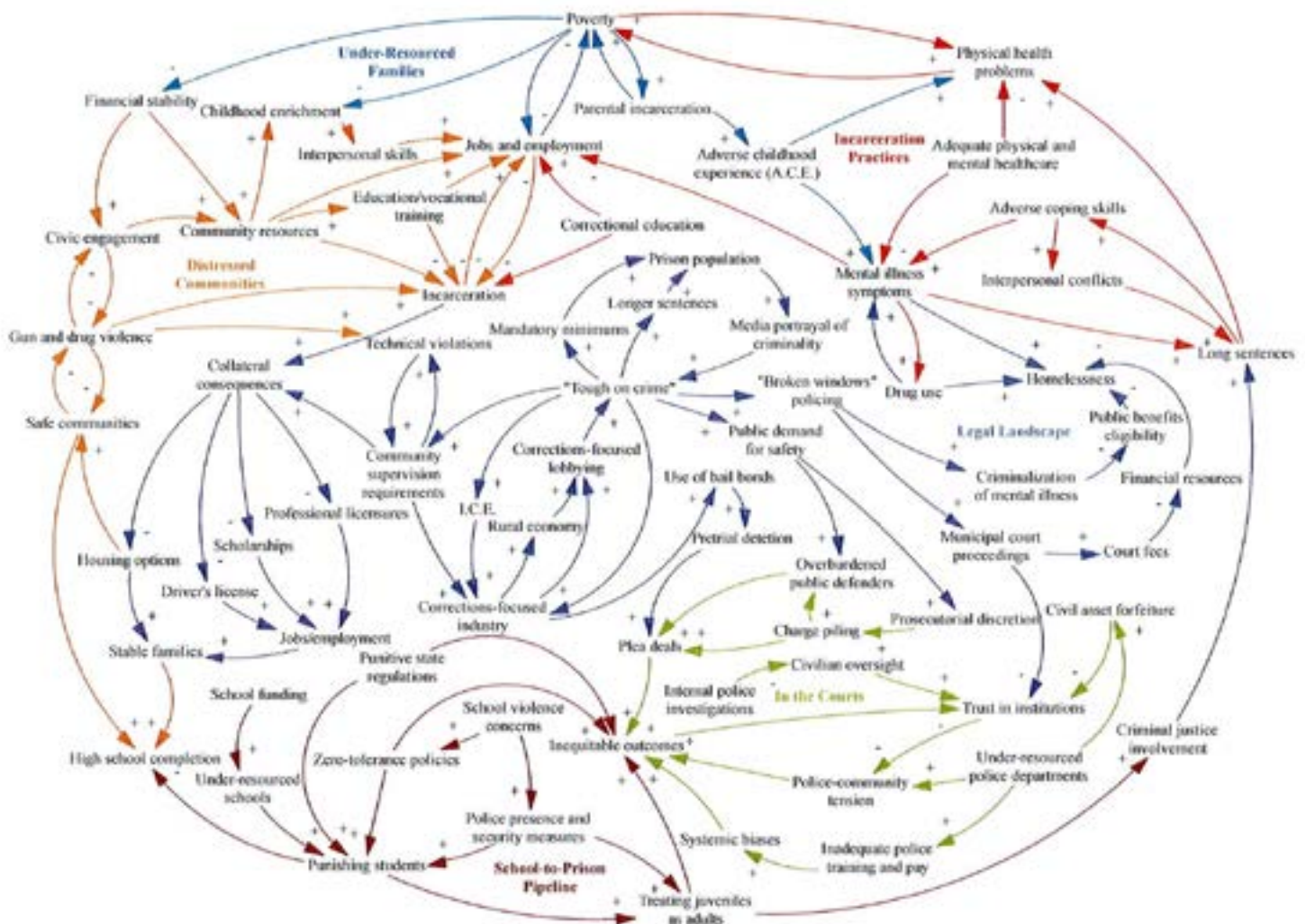
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Male Empowerment Now (MEN) Adult Re-Entry Program A Comprehensive Approach

The target population for this project is men who are currently incarcerated at either the Farmington Correctional Center (FCC) or Southeast Correctional Center (SECC) and will be released during the project period. Annual averages of 168 individuals were released from these institutions. We are using the sentencing county as a predictor of the county to which the ex-offenders will return to upon release. Although 168 ex-offenders will likely be released back into the service area annually, we only have the capacity to serve 50 ex-offenders annually in the Male Empowerment Now (MEN) Adult Re-Entry Program. Over the duration of the project, we will serve 150 former offenders who return to the Missouri Bootheel region. Ex-offenders will be accepted into the program based on their needs and our ability to meet those needs successfully. In order to be eligible for this project, ex-offenders must be men who are classified as medium to high risk, be returning to the service region, be non-sex offenders, have participated in the pre-release program, and have needs that match the service provided.

Justice-Involved Persons will face as many as 50,000 collateral consequences as they reintegrate and reestablish themselves in their communities. These collateral consequences include housing, employment, transportation, family reunification, health and public benefits, trauma-informed care and education as they maneuver through the Mass Incarceration Ecosystem Map.



The Male Empowerment Now (MEN) Adult Re-Entry Program will provide pre/post release services to ex-offenders returning to the Missouri Bootheel 9 months prior to released date and 12 months after they are release from Missouri Department of Corrections. These services will assist men with case planning/management, basic needs, transportation, employment training, substance abuse treatment, and recovery support services. MEN will connect participants to various resources in the Missouri Bootheel.

MEN Re-Entry Program goals are:

1. Improve public safety by reducing future criminal offenses.
2. To reduce the recidivism rate of ex-offenders.
3. To have re-entry participants become self-supporting,
4. productive citizens.

Table 1.10 Felony Sentences to Prison or Probation Received by the Missouri Department of Corrections, General Population and Sentencing Rate for FY2018 (Sentences exclude revocations and ranking is based on sentencing rate.)

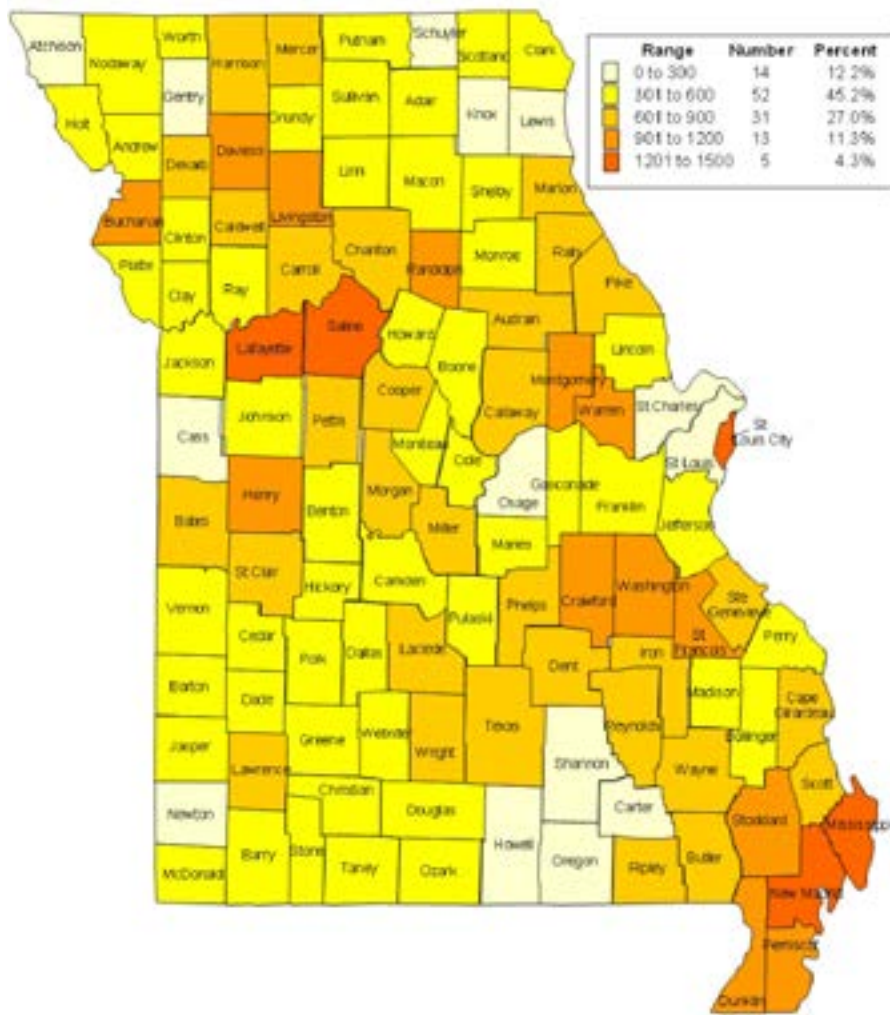
Felony Sentencing Rate By Sentencing County
FY 2018-Missouri Bootheel Region

County	Rank	Felony Sentences	Population Estimate	Sentencing Rate
Dunklin	1	394	30,119	1,308
Mississippi	8	135	13,586	994
New Madrid	2	221	17,582	1,257
Pemiscot	13	152	16,826	903
Scott	26	309	38,541	802

2018 Profile of the Institutional and Supervised Offender Population.
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Figure 1.7. Map of Missouri counties shaded by range of incarceration rates as of June 30, 2018 (Incarceration rate is number of incarce1-ations per 100,000 general population. Legend includes number and percent of counties falling within each range.)

Missouri Counties Incarceration Rate FY2018



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Topic Discussion **SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021

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Topic Discussion CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED PARENT(S) TRAUMATIC STRESSORS

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