

Task Force on Innovative Prevention and Prisoner Reentry

Family Assistance to Improve Reintegration and Unification

Objective: To create a nationwide task force of organizations and agencies that can provide proven evidence based practice plans and ideas for innovative crime prevention, prisoner reentry, and family unification using collaboration models and providing technical assistance to others.

Goals: The initial goals of the task force are -

- 1) To unite or reunite families and encourage two parent households with community support;
- 2) To reduce the need for dependence on social service programs and government assistance by providing evidence based collaboration models within local communities and developing household independence;
- 3) To increase successful prisoner reentry models utilizing proven methods of collaboration and development at state and local levels;
- 4) To reduce the case loads and financial burdens on state and local governments by using innovative and individualized local collaboratives;
- 5) To develop a plan to promote the proven models recognized by the task force and provide technical assistance on multiple levels.
- 6) To reduce crime and increase public safety through innovation.

Intended Participants: The task force would ideally be made up of representatives from -

- 1) Diverse Community Organizations
 - a) Reentry, workforce, job training, restorative justice, substance abuse treatment, victims' rights, community policing, mentoring, etc.
- 2) Mental Health Professionals
- 3) Individual Department of Corrections
- 4) Local Law Enforcement Agencies
- 5) Local Drug Courts
- 6) Healthcare providers;
- 7) State and Local Department of Social Services Offices
 - a) Welfare, TANF, Community and Volunteer Services Divisions, etc.
- 8) The Administration for Children & Families
- 9) Faith-based Organizations
 - a) Interfaith alliances, churches, programs, etc.
- 10) Education Professionals and Programs
- 11) Local Economy Networks
- 12) Local, State, and Federal Government

Implementation: It is the intent of the sponsor(s) to create individualized subgroups of the task force that will include representatives from an array agencies and organizations based on local community needs. These subgroups will represent their particular region, locality, or community depending on need.

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