Family ReEntry’s mission is to develop, implement, and share innovative, sustainable, cost-effective solutions to the unprecedented numbers of people involved in the criminal justice system. Founded in 1984, Family ReEntry is an innovative high-impact nonprofit agency advocating for changes in the justice system and providing evidence-based programs focusing on prevention, intervention, and prisoner reentry initiatives.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, Family ReEntry served over 3,800 individuals. Over 95 percent of our clients are low-income, and represent diverse backgrounds.

SERVICE AREAS
Family ReEntry’s programs operate in strategic locations that encompass eight municipal regions and judicial geographic areas; two parole districts and two prisons. Approximately, sixty-percent of those we serve are from greater Bridgeport – Connecticut’s largest city. We also serve Stamford, Norwalk, New Haven, Waterbury, Norwich, New London, and Derby.

AGENCY FOCUS
Family ReEntry offers multiple integrated services. In a client-specific tailored manner, Family ReEntry is a leader in community justice and provides the following:
- Community-based Reentry Programs
- Residential Reentry Programs
- Youth Mentoring
- Family Services
- Domestic Violence Intervention Programs
- Fatherhood Program
- Policy and Advocacy

AGENCY FUNDING
Family ReEntry is currently funded through State and Federal contracts (approximately 80%) and private funding through Grants, Appeals, Special Events and Campaigns (20%).

2016-17 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

PREVENTION & INTERVENTION SERVICES
Youth Programs serve vulnerable youth impacted by parental incarceration, family violence and involvement in the juvenile justice system. Counseling, case management and mentoring services are provided in the Greater Bridgeport area and throughout Fairfield County.

Two distinct mentoring programs are provided to support children and at-risk youth:

- **CHAMPIONS** is a nationally-recognized school-based program serving children aged 6 to 17 impacted by parental incarceration.

- **J-CONNECT** is a community-based program serving youth aged 10-17 who are at risk for involvement with the criminal justice system. Referrals are received by the Bridgeport Juvenile Review Board and the Bridgeport & Stamford Juvenile Court. This program serves teens in the greater Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford areas, and collaborates with the CT Juvenile Justice Mentoring Network which is facilitated through the Governor’s Prevention Partnership (GPP).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS are focused on prevention and intervention of physical and psychological violence and abuse, victim protection, and creation of a framework for healthy relationships. Family ReEntry operates four Domestic Violence Offender intervention and psycho-educational programs under contract in eight geographical areas with Connecticut’s Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division (JCCSSD). These include the following programs:
- Family Violence Education Program (FVEP)
- Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIS)
- EXPLORE
- EVOLVE

IPV-FAIR is a trauma-informed program provided through Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) to help families that have been impacted by intimate partner violence. Specific services also include enhancing the father-child relationship, providing education about the impact of domestic violence on children, and improving parenting and co-parenting skills.

REENTRY FOCUSED SERVICES

- **ASIST** or Advanced Supervision and Intervention Support Team works with male and female reentry clients in need of support with mental health and substance abuse issues. Clinicians work with clients to provide individual and group therapy. This therapy focuses on achieving and maintaining sobriety as well as addressing behavioral health needs. We also link clients to other community providers as needed. APRN assessments and services, such as medication management, are also available under this program.

- **FRESH START ENTERPRISE HOUSE** is an innovative eight-bed male community-based residential program serving former incarcerated individuals. The program promotes self-sufficiency through supportive services such as job readiness, life skills, community-based peer mentoring and intensive case management.

- **DANA’S HOUSE PROGRAM** is a fifteen-bed, Department of Corrections (DOC) funded residential program designed to transition men with advanced behavioral health issues from incarceration to the community.

- **TRANSITIONS MENTORING PROGRAM FOR INCARCERATED YOUTH** provides pre-release services with a focus on youth adult life-skill services, and also includes mentorship support to males aged 14-22. This intervention aids in successful transition from prison to family and community.

- **SECOND CHANCE FATHERHOOD PROGRAM** supports the successful and safe transition of young fathers from incarceration back to their families and communities through coordinated and comprehensive strategies. These strategies incorporate mentoring and transitional reentry services, effective parenting skills development, parent/child relationship engagement for young fathers and community service partnerships that promote public safety and support.

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