

United States Department of Justice

Second Chance Grants Awarded to Connecticut

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Federal Second Chance Act Funding to Connecticut

- 6 Grants awarded this month
- Over \$2.3 million in total (\$50 million awarded nationally)
- Grant Purposes:
 - Recidivism Reduction/Systems Improvement
 - State Juvenile Justice System – OPM
 - State Adult Corrections – DOC
 - Fresh Start Reentry Initiative -- New Haven



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- Grant Purposes (*continued*):
 - Re-entry Program aimed at Mentoring of Fathers with Young Children – Family Re-Entry Inc
 - Re-entry Program to Strengthen Families of Incarcerated Parents – Families in Crisis Inc
 - Visiting Fellows Program – Yale University



Recidivism Reduction Grants

- *Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction*
 - Dept. of Corrections
- *Adult Two Phase Fresh Start Reentry Program*
 - City of New Haven
- *Smart on Juvenile Justice Community Supervision*
 - State Agencies and Partners



Adult Incarcerated Offenders: **Recidivism Reduction** Strategic Planning for DOC

Purpose: To focus on effective solutions that break the cycle of crime and reduce recidivism

Target Population: Offenders confined in one of Connecticut's 16 minimum and maximum security facilities and returning to their home communities

Funding: \$99,060



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Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning

Project Strategy:

- 2 Year Goal---10% reduction in offender recidivism
- 5 Year Goal---50% reduction in offender recidivism
- Examine all aspects of assessment, programming in DOC and community to insure evidence based practices and programs.
- Emphasis on Transition and Re-entry period
- CJPAC will serve as the projects task force/partnerships
- UNH will be planning and research partner
- Plan due to DOJ in fall of 2016



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New Haven **Fresh Start**

Purpose: To reduce recidivism and improve reentry process

Target Population: 250 offenders returning to the City of New Haven.

Funding: \$2,000,000



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New Haven **Fresh Start**

Project Strategy:

- Strategic Planning component targeting a 50% reduction in recidivism over 5 years
- Promises a re-entry that begins 12 months before discharge for 250 New Haven residents.
- 40 community partners have committed resources
- UNH will be planning and research partner



Smart on **Juvenile Justice** Community Supervision

Purpose: To improve reentry strategies and strengthen continuity of care throughout institutional (Juvenile Detention, CJTS and Manson Youth Institution) and community systems

Target Population: Highest risk youth in confinement from the 4 largest urban areas with specific emphasis on disproportionate minority contact

Funding: \$190,000



Smart on **Juvenile Justice** Community Supervision

Project Strategy:

- 5 Year Goal--- 50% reduction in juvenile recidivism
- “Community-Driven”-- engaging a diverse local group of stakeholders (schools, health, housing, work force, social services, faith community, business, and others) in the planning and implementation



Smart on **Juvenile Justice** Community Supervision

Project Strategy (cont.):

- Assess data, design strategies for reforming community supervision, target vocational education
- Numerous Partnerships
- UNH is the planning and research partner
- Plan due to OJJDP in the Fall of 2016



Conclusions

- Major federal investment
- Promise of Multi-Year Funding
- Build on Governor Malloy's "Second Chance Society"
- Partnerships with State, Local, Private, Advocacy, and other groups
- Time for strategic planning, goal setting, identification of strategies that have track record of success
- Outcome measures to track progress

