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
Federal Second Chance Act Funding to Connecticut

• 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
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
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
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
**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