

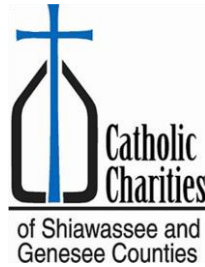
Why Offender Success?

More than 90% of prisoners in Michigan eventually return home to their community. Before Offender Success was implemented, many prisoners had very little support and nearly half returned to prison within two years. The revolving door of incarceration results in more crime, more victims and increased costs to the prison system, diverting precious financial resources from higher education, public schools, and health care.

Offender Success is a public safety program based on 20 years of research of what works to help returning citizens succeed. By providing needed support, resources and tools, we create safer communities, a better economy and increased quality of life for returning citizens and their families. Offender Success is a hand up, not a hand out!

An average of 600+ citizens return to Region 6 annually!

Making a difference for Returning Citizens and their Communities.



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What is Offender Success?

The mission of the Michigan Offender Success Model is to reduce crime by implementing a seamless plan of services, supervision, and opportunities developed with each offender and delivered through state and regional collaboration with the goal of obtaining employment and self-sufficiency.

Offender Success, formerly known as the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, is a public-private partnership that relies on unprecedented collaboration and teamwork between state agencies, human service providers, the faith-based community and private companies who share a vested interest in safer communities and opportunities for all.

Residential Stability • Job Readiness

Social Supports • Behavioral Health

OFFENDER SUCCESS VISION

...every offender released from prison will have **the tools needed to succeed in the community and the opportunity to utilize those tools to be productive, self-sufficient citizens.**

Offender Success (OS) Reentry Model

Phase One: Prison

- Assessment, Classification, Parole Board Interaction
- Prisoner Programming & Services



Phase Two: Transition to Community

- Prisoner Programming & Services
- Prisoner Release Preparation
- Release Decision-Making



Phase Three: Community & Discharge Phase

- Supervision, Services and Opportunities
- Revocation Decision-Making
- Discharge and Aftercare

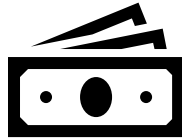
Offender Success works exclusively with citizens under the jurisdiction of Michigan Department of Corrections who are referred for services by their agent. The program works with citizens on parole, or those on probation who completed MDOC bootcamp.



Residential Stability:

OS provides transitional housing services through sub-contracted landlords. Participants reside in state funded housing for an average of 70 days while getting back on their feet.

Rental Assistance is also available for qualified participants who need help with first months rent for their own place.



Job Readiness:

OS partners with MI Works, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, local staffing agencies, employers and educational institutions to assist participants in preparing for a career.



Social Supports:

Through a large donation network, Offender Success can leverage many support services and provide clothing, hygiene and food kits to participants. The program also assists with bus passes, obtaining ID & driver licenses, as well as birth certificates or other vital documents.



Behavioral Health:

The OS team has a licensed master social worker on staff who assists participants with mental health and substance use disorders. Services include group and individual counseling, cognitive restructuring and domestic assault counseling.

By targeting services to meet the identified needs of returning citizens, risk of recidivism is reduced and opportunities for gainful employment are enhanced.

TESTIMONIALS

"I do not know what path my life might have taken if I did not receive that phone call from Offender Success last year. Well, actually I do. I would probably be in prison again. But God is good." -Jim, Offender Success participant

"Since my release, I have been able to buy a new car, and a home for my family. I don't like to think about where I might be now if it weren't for the planning and the support of Offender Success." - Tom, Offender Success participant

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Join our Region Steering Team or Advisory Council! The Steering Team provides planning oversight whereby the community and the MDOC come together to collaborate, develop solutions and leverage services for program efforts.

The Advisory Council is our base of community support and acts as a vehicle for public education and input for OS. A voice for returning citizens in the community! Both groups meet once per quarter.

Landlords interested in renting to returning citizens, employers looking for motivated employees and agencies who provide goods or social support services are the backbone of OS and greatly needed!

For more information about Offender Success, contact the Community Coordinator at (810)232-9950 ext 707 or email us at: offendersuccess@ccsgc.org

