

Our Community: No Longer Silenced

Camden County's SJC Innovation Fund Initiative, led by the Department of Corrections, has designed a multi-prong community engagement strategy to strengthen and expand existing reentry efforts.

1. Reentry Committee

- 40 community and system stakeholders convene every other month to develop reentry policies and practices as well as alleviate systemic barriers to reentry and stability.
- Plays a key leadership role in the facilitation of group discussions, training, and orientations with community and system stakeholders.

3. NuEntry Opportunity Specialists (NOS)

- Network of formerly incarcerated individuals that serve as community liaisons.
- Assist returning citizens with navigating challenges and barriers related to returning home.
- Facilitate connection to community resources and services.
- Inaugural NOS class of 12 men and women trained and active. Second NOS class orientation held in October.
- NOS network will be trained as Credible Messengers in October 2019.

2. Reentry CE Coordinator

- The central figure of community engagement in Camden County.
- Developed NOS applications and conducted trainings and interviews.
- Liaison to system stakeholders, the community, and NOS.
- Promotes relationships and fosters communication with non-traditional stakeholders in our community.

4. Our Community

- Three book discussions held in partnership with CC Library on **Just Mercy**. Additional book discussions and documentary screenings scheduled for November and December 2019.
- First Reentry Resource Forum hosted 65 returning citizens and 20 service providers. Individuals were connected to employers, legal advocacy, healthcare, Social Security, and community-based providers for MH and SA.
- Messaging and Public Media Campaign as well as Mural Arts Project in development to increase awareness.

**12,000+ incarcerated annually;
most will come back
home to us!**



Making It Better, Together.

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