

**Transition from Jail to Community (TJC)  
Steering Committee  
Agreement of Participation**

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VISION

To reduce recidivism and improve the quality of life and safety in the Denver community.

MISSION

The jail to community collaborative connects participants transitioning from jail with supportive skills, resources, and relationships to promote positive community involvement and a safer Denver.

TRANSITION FROM JAIL TO COMMUNITY

In 2008, the Urban Institute and the National Institute of Corrections selected Denver as a site to implement and evaluate the Transition from Jail to Community initiative. Denver, which has an existing jail-to-community reentry structure and collaboration of system agencies and providers devoted to this work in place, is working with its partners alongside UI and the NIC to focus its resources more strategically, improve its overall screening and assessment efforts, as well as provide curriculum and case planning services that achieve established outcomes of the reentry process and facilitate successful community reintegration following jail.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE TRANSITION FROM JAIL-TO-COMMUNITY REENTRY PROCESS

Goal - Improve public safety and jail-to-community transition outcomes through reducing recidivism:

- Through the use of screening and assessment tools, match and deliver appropriate services to targeted client populations
- Increase social supports for those transitioning from jail to community
- Increase employability and employment for previously incarcerated persons
- Reduce use of substances
- Improve mental health and functioning
- Stabilize housing
- Establish a data-driven process for determining reentry needs and evaluating reentry efforts
- Conduct sound planning and implementation practices in order to provide good stewardship of scarce resources

STRUCTURE

While successful implementation of the reentry process is reliant upon inter-agency coordination, including public and private sector entities, the following management structure is intended to ensure accountability and execution. The Transition from Jail to Community reentry process is administered by the City of Denver through the Crime Prevention and Control Commission (CPCC) and its designee, the Community Reentry Committee. The CPCC and its partners receive technical assistance from the Urban Institute and the National Institute of Corrections for the TJC implementation and evaluation. The CPCC provides oversight of the implementation including overall coordination and communication and in some cases, fiscal accountability. The

Community Reentry Committee serves as the oversight body of the Steering Committee and represents its interests on the CPCC.

The Denver Sheriff and the Community Reentry Project are key partners in the implementation. Both partners remain independent bodies working to implement and manage the reentry process and improvements to the existing structure. The strategic direction and implementation of the reentry process is guided by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee consists of leaders from public and private agencies and the community. The Steering Committee will assign working groups to address specific areas of work in the implementation including screening and assessment, program content, curriculum and case planning, data and evaluation, and sustainability. The working groups consist of representatives from both criminal justice system professionals, service providers, consultants and community volunteers. The jail to community reentry process supports the overall goals of the CPCC which are: to better manage jail beds, to reduce recidivism, to reduce the need for jail beds, and crime prevention.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is responsible for the development of the implementation plan and implementation of the jail to community reentry process. Through the following actions, the Steering Committee shares the overall responsibility for the implementation of the process:

- Commit to the overall mission of the TJC initiative and the implementation of the reentry process in Denver.
- Provide overall leadership to the TJC working groups and reentry process implementation and enhancements.
- Become familiar with the resources and resource providers that currently serve those transitioning from jail.
- Identify the service gaps that exist in the current process.
- Work to create access and/or identify barriers inhibiting the successful implementation of the reentry process.
- Gain a thorough understanding of the jail to community transition and the needs of the impacted people transitioning and the communities they are returning to.
- Assist in assessment and research efforts.
- As appropriate, oversee and/or assist in competitive selection of grantees and consultants receiving fund allocations.
- Jointly pursue additional financial resources related to the implementation.
- Serve as a representative of the TJC reentry process implementation to the community.
- Attend Steering Committee meetings.

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