



JJPOC Re-Entry Subgroup Meeting

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2023

1:00 PM- 2:00 PM

Web-Based Meeting – Zoom

THIS MEETING DOES NOT CONTAIN A PRESENTATION- DISCUSSIONS AND UPDATES

Meeting Summary:

1. **Briefly mention the transitional living program model**
2. **Re-Entry welcome center**
 - CPA operates in Hartford and Waterbury
 - There are centers open in Bridgeport and New Haven as well.
 - Satellite office in New London at the Opportunities Industrialization Center
 - Adults over the age of eighteen are eligible.
 - CPA/Centers partners significantly with the Department of Corrections.
 - Each site has computer labs.
 - Strive Program: Pre-Employment workshops.
3. **Opportunities to enter into a host of trainings.**
 - Manufacturing, culinary, etc.
4. **Kinetic Re-Entry Collaborative**
 - Working on legislative issues, advocacy, and encouraging people to share their stories and issues they've experienced.
 - Lack of ID, lack of housing, etc.
5. **The Evaluation Report was touched upon.**
6. **A lot of other programs have decided to focus on the brain development age group (eighteen to twenty-five years old).**
7. **The age group for the evaluation report talked about is low for the eighteen to twenty-five age group. This could be because of the following possibilities:**
 - The adults may have other programs.
 - They may not have the support they want or need.
 - They may not want to go to any programs.



- They may not be ready to embrace what the programs have to offer to them.
- 8. **Anybody with an inmate number can be served.**
- 9. **Beth Hines talked about how the CPA knows when an individual goes to them, how they know what the individual's mental health needs are:**
 - The CPA doesn't always know.
 - If there is a relationship with a re-entry counselor, they provide the CPA with the information needed.
 - A lot of the needs are self-reported.
 - Score assessment is done on the participants.
 - This identifies addiction and substance abuse needs.
- 10. **Welcome center age group were mentioned again.**
 - Should the age group be changed to fourteen to seventeen or even fifteen to twenty-one?
 - Should we repeat a welcome center model, as well as a council model?
 - What components are needed to do this?
 - Is a youth model needed?
- 11. **Community alternative high school in Hamden giving kids re-entry opportunities.**
- 12. **Children leave facilities and then are thrown into the world where they need to navigate three major areas:**
 - Home
 - Community
 - School