



REENTRY COALITION OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

Facilitators

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Workshop Goals

- ▶ Provide steps to starting a coalition
- ▶ Give tips on how to pick the right people
- ▶ Point out barriers to success
- ▶ Show examples
- ▶ Answer questions



Step 1: Reasons for a Coalition

- ▶ Address urgent need
- ▶ Empower community to control future
- ▶ Obtain new community services
- ▶ More effective and efficient service delivery
- ▶ Pool current resources
- ▶ Increase communication among agencies
- ▶ Break stereotypes
- ▶ Revitalize groups
- ▶ Launch new initiatives
- ▶ Develop political clout to benefit community
- ▶ Create social change



Why A Reentry Coalition?

- ▶ Adjusting to life after incarceration is tough
- ▶ Many face struggles with employability, limited housing options, substance use and mental health issues
- ▶ Coalitions can pave the way to building better programs and improving long term outcomes

Join Us in Making it Happen Together!



Local Reentry Efforts Are Crucial

- ▶ Franklin County Jail releases an average of **200 inmates** per month
- ▶ The recidivism rate reported by the jail is approximately **50%**

WE CAN DO BETTER!



Step 2: Create a Workgroup

- ▶ Start with who you know
- ▶ Find people with the same concerns
- ▶ Add people with ...
 - ▶ Influence
 - ▶ Contact with other key stakeholders
 - ▶ Leadership qualities
 - ▶ Credibility



Coalitions Achieve **MORE SUCCESSES** Than Stand Alone Efforts



Conserve Resources



Widespread Reach



Accomplish Objectives



Greater Credibility



Forum for Sharing Information



Provide Range of Expertise



Foster Cooperation

Step 3: Recognize the Obstacles

- ▶ Turf Issues
- ▶ History between organizations
- ▶ Organizations vying for domination
- ▶ Community relationships
- ▶ Lack of funding
- ▶ Failure to provide solid leadership
- ▶ Costs outweigh benefits



Step 4: Pick the Right Time

- ▶ Dramatic or disturbing community event
- ▶ New leadership
- ▶ New information available
- ▶ Rule changes
- ▶ New funding available
- ▶ Threat to change community in unwanted way
- ▶ Community is ready for change



Step 5: Consider Questions

- ▶ Can everyone agree on the problem or issue?
- ▶ Is there a level of trust among those who would be part of the coalition?
- ▶ Is a coalition the best way to respond to the problem or issue?



Step 6: Who to Invite

- ▶ Stakeholders
 - ▶ Those affected the most by the problem
 - ▶ Those with secondary concerns
 - ▶ Those who can help alleviate the problem
 - ▶ Those who could help eliminate the problem
 - ▶ Those who have an interest in helping the cause
 - ▶ Those who are passionate about the cause
 - ▶ Those who can influence policy change



Shared Goals

- ▶ Assisting individuals exiting the corrections system to successfully reintegrate back into the community
- ▶ Commitment to creating a community environment that supports recovery and second chances



A Collaborative Partnership





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High power, highly interested people (Manage Closely): Aim to fully engage these people, making the greatest efforts to satisfy them.

Category D
Key Player

High power, less interested people (Keep Satisfied): Put enough work in with these people to keep them satisfied, but not so much that they become bored with your message.

Category C
Keep Satisfied

Low power, highly interested people (Keep Informed): Adequately inform these people and talk to them to ensure that no major issues are arising. This group can help point out any areas that could be improved or have been overlooked.

Category B
Keep Informed

Low power, less interested people (Monitor): Don't bore this group with excessive communication. Keep an eye to check if levels of interest or power change.

Category A
Minimal Effort

Where to Start?

- ▶ Form a planning group
- ▶ Find a facilitator
- ▶ Invite key people to join the planning process
- ▶ Create a strategic plan
- ▶ Have a purpose
- ▶ Create mission and vision
- ▶ Create a sense of urgency and need
- ▶ Form a strong leadership group



Franklin Together

- ▶ **Our Vision** is for all formerly incarcerated individuals to successfully reintegrate into the community and remain free!
- ▶ **Our Mission** is to develop strong collaborative community and professional partnerships that will empower and support formerly incarcerated individuals, and their families, to reduce recidivism and encourage them to become contributing members of the community. We advocate for change that supports successful reentry for all returning individuals.



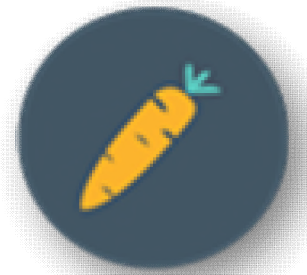
Coalition Purpose

- ▶ **Values: We value, Individuals, Hope, Collaboration, and Dedication, as part of our vision and mission.**



Coalition Purpose

- ▶ **Identify** gaps to successful reentry and remove obstacles that impede an individual's ability to be a prosocial member of society.
- ▶ **Educate** the public about how involvement in the criminal justice system impacts the individual and family, including the collateral consequences for the community.
- ▶ **Reduce** the stigma experienced by returning individuals by increasing awareness of social bias and cultural stereotypes.
- ▶ **Motivate** community members to become involved in the coalition in order to create positive change for returning individuals and their families which impacts society as a whole.



South Central Community Action Programs (SCCAP)

- ▶ The coordination of Franklin Together is managed through the Reentry Program, one of several programs within SCCAP
- ▶ **SCCAP's Mission:** To empower families and engage the community to pursue innovative and effective solutions to break the cycle of poverty!
- ▶ **SCCAP's Values:**
 - ▶ Respect Is Essential
 - ▶ Hope Inspires Change
 - ▶ Integrity Creates Trust
 - ▶ Every Person Is Valuable
 - ▶ Diversity Builds Strength
 - ▶ Working Together Achieves Solutions



Coalition Leadership

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