**Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties**

**Offender Success Administration Agency for MDOC Region 6**

*(Serving Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, Shiawassee & Tuscola Counties)*

CCSGC serves as the contracted Administrative Agency for the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) Offender Success Program in Region 6 (Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, and Tuscola counties). Offender Success, formerly known as the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative, is a public-private partnership 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.

The Offender Success Program focuses on four primary service areas: Residential Stability, Job Readiness, General/Social Supports and Behavioral Health. Participants are referred to the program by their parole officer.

The contract cycle for the MDOC/CCSGC partnership run from April 1 to March 31 each year. However, the budget operates on an October 1st fiscal year. CCSGC currently has an overall contract budget of $836,410.00. In addition to services reimbursed by MDOC, CCSGC can leverage many resources such as hygiene, food and clothing items through the agency’s community closet and generous donations from community partners. Other items such as bus passes and employment training are donated or subsidized through community partners MTA and GST Michigan Works. For Fiscal year 2021, Offender Success leveraged approximately $35,456.00 in services or products through our community partners and in-house resources.

The Offender Success contract with MDOC is a performance-based contract. There are three key performance metrics related to employment and recidivism which the agency is required to meet. Failure to meet the metrics results in a financial penalty up to 20% of the general administration portion of the budget. Meeting or exceeding the metric results in a 20% bonus to the agency, which may be used however the OSAA sees fit. For Fiscal Year 2021, CCSGC met the performance metrics, resulting in a bonus in the amount of $17,570.71 to the agency.

**Total Participants:**

For Fiscal Year 2021, the Offender Success program enrolled 286 returning citizens throughout Region 6 for at least one service. Many participants receive services in more than one service category. A breakdown for the four major service categories follows below.

**Residential Stability (transitional housing services)**

CCSGC currently works with seven landlords (with a total of 10 properties) in Genesee County, one landlord in Shiawassee County and four landlords in Tuscola County to provide a total of 62 beds for male participants and up to six female participants. Occupancy rate over a 12-month period averages over 75% and is often at 90% or higher on any given day. For FY21, Region 6 saw an increase of total bed days of nearly 45% compared to FY20.

For fiscal year 2021, Offender Success provided the following:

178 new enrollments for housing

27,162 total days of housing, with an average length of stay per participant of 91 days

**Employment Readiness**

Offender Success partners with Michigan Works, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, local staffing agencies, employers, and educational institutions to assist participants in preparing for a career. During the fiscal year 2021, Offender success provided:

130 new enrollments for job placement services

Of the 130 enrolled, 60 participants gained full-time employment (more than 35 hours per week)

53% of those employed maintained the same employment for 12 months or until discharge from parole

An average starting wage of $12.42 per hour

**Social Supports**

Offender Success provides personal hygiene items, food, clothing, bus passes and financial assistance in obtaining identification or other vital documents. During fiscal year 2021, Offender success provided these services to 73 returning citizens.

**Behavioral Health Services**

The Offender Success team has a social worker on staff who provides counseling services and coordinates referrals to other Medicaid providers. Services include group and individual counseling, cognitive restructuring and domestic assault counseling. During fiscal year 2021, Offender success provided some sort of behavioral health service to 25 returning citizens.

**Offender Success Program Goals/Projects for FY22**

* In December 2021, MDOC approached CCSGC about absorbing St. Clair County into our service area. The Administration Agency previously covering Macomb and St. Clair County is not renewing their contract with the state. CCSGC has accepted the opportunity and is working toward a March 1, 2022, transition date to start providing services in St. Clair County. This will result in an overall budget increase to cover the costs of those services and approximate 25% increase in caseload.
* CCSGC has submitted a proposal to use the former rectory at St. Michael’s Church for transitional housing. Negotiations with MDOC and ongoing community considerations continue to be addressed as we move toward through this proposal.
* CCSGC is working to build an Advisory Council for the thumb area counties as well as increase participation from Shiawassee County stakeholders in the current Genesee/Shiawassee Advisory Council.