



Safe Streets and Second Chances (S3C) Initiative
5 Key Model for Reentry Program Demonstration Project

Practicum Opportunity – Criminal Justice Reentry Project

AGENCY OVERVIEW: This practicum placement would be with the Institute of Justice Research and Development (IJRD). The Institute is located at the Florida State University. However, this practicum opportunity will be a part of the Safe Streets and Second Chances Initiative which is occurring in multiple states across the country.

Mission: Institute for Justice Research and Development (IJRD) aims to advance science, policy, and practice to improve well-being of individuals and families impacted by criminal justice system involvement. Functions of the center: Conduct rigorous innovative research (both in scientific discovery and advancing scientific methods), offer high quality educational opportunities for students, provide cutting edge training and support to professionals.

LOCATIONS: Practicum opportunities are available in Dallas, TX; Pittsburgh, PA; Jacksonville, FL; and Lexington, KY.

PROJECT OVERVIEW: Mass incarceration continues to be a significant public health and public safety issue in the United States. At the beginning of the 21st century, there was growing excitement and energy surrounding programs designed to aid the transition from prison to the community. Now well over a decade later, innovations in prisoner reentry programs have fallen into a rut as most are found to only have a negligible impact on recidivism and mass incarceration because the programs simply cannot meet the growing demands on reentry services.

To disrupt the current state of poor outcomes for prisoner reentry, a team lead by IJRD researchers identified and are refining a program that addresses the 5 Key ingredients to successful reentry entitled the **5 Key Model for Reentry Program**. This program was built on a review of over 100,000 program evaluations. Using the most cutting-edge research available, we selected the most potent interventions and combined them into one reentry program manual. The 5 Key Model for Reentry Program focuses on the social mobility and well-being of formerly incarcerated individuals to ensure individuals will remain crime-free and contribute positively to society. Research indicates that a focus on mobility and well-being best maximizes public health and public safety.

The IJRD team is currently researching and refining the 5 Key Model for Reentry Program using a demonstration project in 4 states. We are conducting this research in collaboration with the Safe Streets and Second Chances (S3C) Initiative. The research entails a randomized controlled trial and involves researchers and practitioners in its implementation and refinement process. There are local teams in each state and this practicum position will be a part of one of those local teams.

POSITION OVERVIEW: Practicum students will work with local S3C staff to aid in coordinating and implementing evidence-based interventions and post-release reentry services with participants returning from prison to the community. Students will work within a multidisciplinary environment.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES: Practicum Student will work with our team to do the following:

Client (Direct) Contact Activities

- Administer computer assisted personal interviews of behavioral health measures and clinical assessments; conduct individual biopsychosocial assessments and role induction; conduct group-based cultural ecograms.
- Formulate individualized service plans using the Reentry Well-Being Assessment Tool and evaluate participant progress.
- Assist in the delivery of both individual and group evidence-based interventions, including TCU 6 Brief Interventions, Now-Next-Later (financial literacy and employment readiness), and Healthy Lifestyles.

- Utilize motivational engagement techniques to support, encourage, and retain participants in services; use harm reduction approaches.
- Interact with participants' families and other natural and community supports that will aid in reentry and reintegration

Non-Client (Indirect) Contact Activities

- Complete institutional and agency training.
- Participation in local team meetings and review participants' progress toward identified goals.
- Collaborate with other service providers in the delivery of participant services and correctional staff in order to facilitate successful implementation of the 5 Key Model for Reentry Program.
- Assist with preparation of other clinical and administrative reports as needed.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Current masters student in social work, psychology, or related counseling field
- Ability to adapt to flexible schedule needs
- Must complete Human Subjects training in compliance with the Florida State University Institutional Review Board
- Fully participate and adhere to research and practice protocol of the demonstration project

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Knowledge of criminal justice, mental health, substance abuse, trauma, and other related populations.
- Familiarity with motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral approaches, and strengths-based focused therapy is highly desired.
- Ability to engage effectively with both participants and colleagues through verbal and written communication.
- Skilled in writing and maintaining computer-based participant records in an accurate and timely manner.
- Ability to respond to crisis situations and psychiatric emergencies utilizing appropriate crisis intervention techniques.
- Highly organized, self-starter with good interpersonal, problem-solving, and analytical skills.

SUPERVISION: Field supervision will be provided by qualified and trained members of the local S3C staff. Students will participate in one-hour, weekly, individual supervision. Students will participate in additional group supervision and cross-site meetings for enhanced training and professional development.

COMPENSATION: This is an unpaid opportunity.

TRAVEL: A reliable automobile, valid driver's license, and vehicle insurance are required.

HOURS: Minimum of 2 semester commitment; evening and weekend hours available.

LOCATION: Reentry service provider partner agency + traveling to nearby counties.

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DATE AVAILABLE: Practicum/Internship starts Fall 2018.