

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

## **Project Support Staff**Part-time Position

#### **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.

In order to disrupt the current state of poor outcomes for prisoner reentry, a team lead by Institute for Justice Research and Development (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 manual 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. We are hiring local teams in each state and this position is a part of one of those local teams.

#### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Project Support Staff assist S3C research staff with tracking research participants as they release from prison into the community for 18 months following their release. Duties include making regular phone calls to participants and family or significant others; scheduling follow-up interviews with study participants, coordinating schedules, and organizing state teams' calendar and participant availability; maintaining databases in Excel and other research methods to assist with participant tracking; supporting the state teams through helping with general project management tasks, including but not limited to, communication with correctional facilities, scanning and mailing research documents/correspondence; managing State Team Facebook page.

### **REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor's degree in social work, psychology, or related counseling field. (Four years of related experience may substitute for the Bachelor's degree.)
- Must have ability to adapt to flexible hours, and be available to work some evenings and weekends.
- Must be able to work independently while collaborating with a larger team.

**HOURS**: Part-time, up to 29 hours per week

**LOCATION**: home office + travel to study site locations

**CONTACTS**: To apply for this position, please email Nancy McCarthy at <a href="mancy.mccarthy.research@gmail.com">mancy.mccarthy.research@gmail.com</a>. Please include a cover letter, resume, and the contact information of three references. For inquiries about this position, please contact Stephen Tripodi, <a href="mailto:stripodi@fsu.edu">stripodi@fsu.edu</a>.

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