

MISSION

To provide justice-involved citizens a safe and successful return to community involvement, resulting in safer communities. We further strive to assist those returning from prison and jail in becoming productive, employed, and tax-paying citizens, saving taxpayer dollars by lowering incarceration's direct and indirect collateral costs.

GOALS

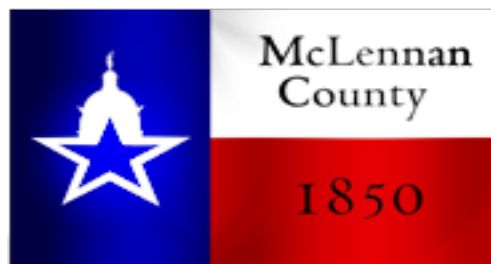
The McLennan County Reintegration Program's primary goals are to:

- Reduce Recidivism
- Provide Pre-Release Services
- Increasing Public Knowledge
- Increase employment of ex-offenders
- Link ex-offenders to resources/services.

Recidivism - The cost of incarceration is far more expensive than the cost of supporting individuals to be successful. Recidivism is when someone who has been in jail or prison ends up returning to jail or prison due to criminal activity or violations of their parole or release. With proper support, it has been shown that the recidivism rate can be significantly lowered. While keeping people out of our prisons and jails is a good thing, it is also one of the most significant ways to save tax dollars and significantly impact the community.

ABOUTUS

The Reintegration Program is a collaborative effort between the City of Waco and McLennan County in partnership with Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network. We are all working together to solve the challenges facing individuals reentering the community from incarceration.



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Reintegration Program



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PRE-RELEASE

The Pre -Release Jail-based Program provides inmates eligible for release within 60-120 days the opportunity to gain skills to assist individuals with the transition from incarceration to the community. The goal is for a successful transition to the community and to reduce the likelihood of returning to jail.

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We help with pre-release life skills training while individuals are still incarcerated to map out immediate, short, and long-term goals. Some of the topics we cover include:

- Treatment Options
- Grief/Loss
- Parenting Classes
- Anger/Stress Management
- Cognitive Skill Building
- High-Risk Situations for Substance Use Lapse/Relapse
- Job application and interview skills
- Financial decision making
- Communication Skills

By participating in the program, individuals receive social and clinical services designed to support recovery and achieve the self-sufficiency required to sustain a productive lifestyle free from involvement in illegal activities.

COMMUNITY

Research indicates that individuals receiving support with employment, housing, education, social connection, and treatment have more potential for re-entry into the community and greater life satisfaction.

Upon release, we continue to support participants as they attempt to re-establish and maintain their roles as workers, students, parents, and community members.

Community Action Partner agencies aid with housing, transportation, treatment, mentoring, family strengthening, and employment services for individuals.



This combination of quality programming and support will allow the individual to move forward with meeting their goals.

Team Members

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PEER SUPPORT



Peer Support is an integral part of an individual's Recovery Journey. Through lived experiences, peer support offers hope for the future and personal sources of resilience and hope.

Individuals can choose to participate in the Peer Support Group. Mentoring is integral to the recovery process; building positive relationships while in early recovery will support them well into their long-term recovery journey. Peers assist participants holistically through support, advocating, and recovery success. These role models are willing to share experiences, be flexible, and be open to all beliefs without judgment as a culturally competent paraprofessional.