

Eau Claire County Poverty Summit



INCARCERATION TRANSITION Action Team

ACTION TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

April 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presented Charter Statement and Action Plan at Poverty Summit Presentation & Celebration event.• Conducted One-to-One Meetings prior to planning a listening session.
May 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revised action plan upon learning that Eau Claire County planned to create and add a re-entry coordinator position. New action plan continued to focus on formerly incarcerated people.
June 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted One-to-One Meetings prior to hosting a listening session.
August 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explored grant monies available for mentoring program to assist individuals being released back into community.
September 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended Mental Health Access action team meetings because discussions and issues align.
October 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Began working jointly with Mental Health Access action team to develop mentoring program as individuals are released from jail.• Explored options for peer support certifications including option of creating a local certification program.
November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Narrowed focus to ex-prisoners leaving the Eau Claire County jail.• Learned that high repeat offenders often fall back into the system within a 2 week span.• Applied for a grant through Department of Justice to support creating a mentor program by people with similar and lived experiences.
December 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Considered grant opportunity through Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Associations (SAMHSA), due January 28, 2018.• Discussed applying for funds to provide scholarship for Peer Support Certification for mental health and substance abuse. Cost is \$700 per person.
January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team merged with Mental Health Access team.

PROJECT CHARTER STATEMENT

Action Team: Incarceration Transition

April 6, 2017

We, the **INCARCERATION TRANSITION** Action Team, believe the difficulty of returning as a citizen from the Eau Claire County Jail without a plan for re-entry is a serious problem and contributes to an inability to find housing, search for employment, and locate resources critical for their daily lives in the Eau Claire community.

We care about this problem because this issue directly impacts the safety of the community and the returning citizens.

We propose to advocate for a re-entry coordinator in the Eau Claire County Jail who will work with the inmates to create a detailed plan for return to their community.

We believe that this will help solve the problem by assisting returning citizens to gain access to the resources necessary to become successful members of their community, therefore reducing recidivism.

In order to implement this solution, we intend to: research specific needs of returning citizens; identify and evaluate existing programs that provide resources; research existing re-entry models outside of Eau Claire County.

By sharing the results of our efforts with key stake holders, we hope to gain support for a position of a re-entry coordinator in the Eau Claire County Jail.