



MICHIGAN PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE:
Promoting public safety while increasing success rates of offenders

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**MONROE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES
 COLLABORATIVE NETWORK
 Monroe, Michigan 48161**

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• **A Message from the Chairperson** •

Dear Partners,

First of all, let me say that I am very proud to be serving as the Human Services Collaborative Network's chairperson. I have always been impressed with this body's passion and sincere drive to serve the residents of this community. Please know that I am very dedicated to its mission and welcome any and all questions and suggestions. I am a strong believer in considering all points of view and harvesting those that bring about positive results.

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to all of you about a new service initiative in Monroe County: **The Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI)**. The State of Michigan Department of Corrections funds this initiative. As we know, prisoners being released and re-entering our community is not a new concept. Addressing gaps in service for these individuals, however, brings about a fresh perspective.

Parolees must have community services that can assist in the transition from prison to community. The vision of the MPRI is that every inmate released from prison will have the tools to succeed in the community. Community leaders have identified those gap services to include housing, jobs, substance abuse services, transportation, health care, life skills, etc. Just so you know, our service agencies have taken this charge very seriously and are working collaboratively to develop paths to the services our parolees need in order to re-enter the community, be successful, and avoid becoming repeat offenders. All of this is an effort to reduce crime in the community and keep our families safe.

How can **you** help support this initiative? We are looking for volunteers to serve on our advisory committee, educate our community, and offer gap services to these individuals re-entering Monroe County. At the heart of this endeavor is the well-being of our citizens, specifically our families and children. It is our social responsibility to step up where we can and make a difference.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the MPRI or anything else related to **"Strong Families, Safe Children"**.

Respectfully,

Barbara Verran, *Chairperson*

Our Vision

"To assure that all children and families have access to a continuum of integrated, culturally relevant, and family-focused services that meet their individual need."

Our Mission

"To foster inter-agency collaboration for the development and implementation of family support and preservation services through a true partnership with all stakeholders."

Initiatives & Work Groups of the HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE NETWORK

- Early Childhood Services
- Kinship Care
- Great Expectations Teen Parenting Program
- Early On
- Playgroups and Readiness Groups
- Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effects
- BabyNet
- Great Start Collaborative
Monroe County Intermediate School District
- Child Protection Community Partners (CPCP)
Holy Cross Charities
- Monroe Wraparound Initiative
Center for Community Growth
- Children's Advocacy Center of Monroe County
- "Be Their Hero from Age Zero"
- Transition Council
- Substance Abuse Coalition
Active Balanced Community
- Monroe County Network on Homelessness
- Child Death Review Team
- Child Care Expulsion Prevention - Caring Counts with Kids
Monroe Community Mental Health Authority
- Suicide Prevention Committee
- Monroe County Blueprint on Aging

The Monroe County Human Services Collaborative Network

The HSCN was created in November, 1995 as the multi-purpose collaborative body (now *Community Collaborative*) for the County. Member agencies are committed to the development of a collaborative support system to meet the needs in Monroe County.

The Collaborative provides oversight of the Initiatives funded through *Strong Families/Safe Children*. The original goals of SF/SC funding were to:

1. Develop strong families and safe children,
2. Improve distressed neighborhoods,
3. Sustain the Interagency Collaborative Network.

The original objectives included **reduce** out-of-home placements, **reunify** families, **provide support** to adoptive families, **provide services** to seniors raising grandchildren, **enhance services** to distressed neighborhoods, **enhance** school success, and **provide supports** to at-risk families.

In the past few years, the objectives for SF/SC funding have changed to include: family preservation and placement-prevention services, family support services, family preservation and reunification services, and adoption promotion and support services. Additionally, eligibility for the services were changed to include:

1. Families who have an open DHS Children's Protective Service, Foster Care, Prevention, or Delinquency case or who had an open case or investigation within the past 18 months,
2. Adoptive families,
3. Non-relative caregivers who need support to prevent foster care placement,
4. Pregnant or parenting youth who are eligible for the TANF program.

As a result, some of the earlier SF/SC initiatives have been discontinued; however, the Monroe County HSCN remains committed to developing local solutions to local needs -- empowering and strengthening families -- and improving our community, as a whole.

Guiding Principles of the HSCN

Services shall be flexible.

Services shall be family-focused, preventative, and consumer-driven.

Services shall be built upon family strengths.

Services are developed in equal partnership with consumers.

Services shall be culturally sensitive.

Services shall protect the child and strengthen the family.

Services are developed collaboratively with all stakeholders.

Services will be based on documented needs.

Services will be efficient and cost effective.

Monroe County Human Services Collaborative Network

**1531 N. Telegraph Road
Monroe, Michigan 48162**

**The HSCN meets monthly.
All meetings are open to the public.**

**For more information, please contact
Barbara Verran, Chairperson,
at 734.240.7969.**

MICHIGAN PRISONER REENTRY INITIATIVE

Michigan Prison ReEntry in Monroe County began in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and is part of the Wayne-Monroe MPRI Initiative. Oversight of the Wayne-Monroe Initiative is provided by the Steering Team which meets quarterly to establish goals and monitor implementation. Paul Neitman, Director, Holy Cross Catholic Charities, serves as the Monroe representative.

Locally, Monroe County has an Advisory Team which is comprised of a broad base of community stakeholders which meets monthly to make recommendations for the design, implementation, and oversight of the **MPRI Comprehensive ReEntry Plan** as it relates to Monroe County. Warren Wilson, Regional Parole Office, serves as the chairperson of the Monroe team and also represents Monroe on the Wayne-Monroe team. Judy Laberde, Parole Supervisor for Monroe, serves as the co-chairperson.

The Comprehensive Plan describes 16 service areas:

- **Housing**
- **Employment**
- **Substance Abuse Services**
- **Mental Health**
- **Transportation**
- **Victim Services**
- **Case Management**
- **Education**
- **Life Skills**
- **Family Supports**
- **Health**
- **Sex Offender Services**
- **Domestic Violence Services**
- **Involvement of Law Enforcement**
- **Involvement of Faith-Based**
- **Prison In-reach**

The description in the Comprehensive Plan includes an overview of the local assets that are in place to increase the potential for success for former prisoners, barriers that exist, gaps in services, and proposed solutions to address the barriers and gaps. The Comprehensive Plan is the basis for requests to the Michigan Department of Corrections for annual MPRI funding as well as requests for support from federal, other state, local and foundation funding sources.

For FY 2008-09, contracts are in place with **Michigan Works!** for employment services and with the **Center for Community Growth** for case management and life skills. Other services (housing, health, mentoring) are purchased on a case-by-case basis. All services are based on best practices and are extensively documented by service and parolee so that the effectiveness of the initiative can be fully measured.

Contact Sandie Pierce, ReEntry Liaison for Monroe County, for more information at 734.242.1331. Or visit the website at www.michpri.com

Taxpayer Costs of Crime

- Cost to educate one student (K-12) annually: \$ 6,800
- Cost to incarcerate one prisoner annually: \$ 30,000
- 2006 Michigan Department of Corrections budget: \$ 1.78 billion
- 11,000 prisoners are paroled annually -- 48% return within two years.
- Parole failures cost to Michigan: \$ 117 million per year

Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative (MPRI)

Vision

Every prisoner released to the community will have the tools needed to succeed.

MPRI Mission

Reduce crime by implementing a seamless plan of services and supervision with each offender returning to the community.

MPRI Goals

- Promote public safety by reducing the threat of harm by offenders in communities to which they return.
- Increase the success of offenders who transition from prison through effective risk management and treatment, accountability, and community and victim participation.

For details about the programs:

EARLY CHILDHOOD
KINSHIP CARE
GREAT EXPECTATIONS
EARLYON/PLAYGROUPS
242.5799, ext. 1912

GREAT START
FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME
242.5799, ext. 1616

ADOPTION SUPPORT
COMMUNITY PARTNERS
242.3800

NETWORK ON HOMELESSNESS
240.3191

ACTIVE BALANCED COMMUNITY
CHILD DEATH REVIEW TEAM
242.1331

SUICIDE PREVENTION
240.1770

BLUEPRINT ON AGING
243.7363

WRAPAROUND INITIATIVE
734.770.0046

EXPULSION PREVENTION
384.4525