Our Commitment to Reentry

For nearly forty years, Volunteers of America Delaware Valley (VOADV) has served as the leading provider of reentry services in Southern New Jersey. More than two-thousand (2,000) criminal justice-involved individuals are served annually by VOADV’s reentry programs. Through contracts with both New Jersey’s Department of Corrections and New Jersey’s State Parole Board, VOADV presently operates three (3) residential community release programs for individuals who are under state custody, and three (3) community-based corrections programs for individuals under parole supervision. In 2015, VOADV received state appropriation through the Department of Community Affairs to launch Safe Return, our voluntary reentry program for adults released from prison or jail in the last three years without supervision, in the cities of Trenton and Atlantic City. The success of Safe Return has led to its 2017 expansion to the Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem county communities.

All of VOADV’s programs provide individualized assessment, comprehensive case management, evidence-based interventions, and responsive programming which focuses on an individual’s most salient criminogenic needs. Our overarching goal is to reduce rates of recidivism and re-incarceration by mitigating the risks and addressing the needs of those served while simultaneously promoting public safety. Our commitment has translated into real results: VOADV’s 2014 client cohort had an 18.3% rate of re-incarceration three years post-participation, compared to NJ’s 2013 cohort rate of 29.8% and the national rate of 60%.

Fiscal Year 2018: Impact Summary

A dynamic, mission focused service provider, VOADV’s reentry programs serve all individuals touched by the criminal justice system whether they are individuals coming from state prison, persons on parole, or individuals involved in drug court. Our continuum of services and person-centered approach in working with criminal justice-involved individuals has had a tremendous impact. Below are basic demographics and program highlights for the 2018 fiscal year:

1. Program Service Highlights

- Assisted with getting ID, Social Security cards, & other vital documents: 1,060
- Placed in emloyment: 834
- Enrolled in college: 143
- Received a cognitive behavioral intervention: 983
- Safe Return clients received legal assistance: 338
- Placed in job readiness or vocational training: 252

2. Distribution by Sex

- Male (88.26%)
- Female (11.74%)

3. Median Age at Admission (DOC & Parole Programs)

- 37 years old