Re-Entry Community Partners

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The Parole Re-Entry program is located at: 1570 Buffalo Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14303

About Community Missions

Community Missions (CMI) has provided a unique blend of services to address the needs of the Niagara community since its founding in 1925.

The initial population served was homeless individuals and families, which are still served today. For nearly a century, CMI's programs have evolved to meet the needs of its community. The agency now provides 22 programs in its four divisions: Crisis & Community Services, Mental Health Housing Services, Mental Health Recovery Services, and Youth Services.

The agency serves a diverse set of populations including youth, adults, families, the homeless, juvenile justice involved youth, youth and adults with mental illness, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and returning citizens. CMI serves vulnerable populations that have been marginalized, overlooked and challenging in their presentations and behaviors.

For more information on the programs offered by Community Missions, contact:

• Crisis Services (Community Kitchen, Emergency Housing, Food Pantry, etc.) - (716) 285-3403 ext. 2221

• Niagara Visions PROS - (716) 205-8708

• Respite Services & Transportation - (716) 285-3403 ext. 2280

• Mental Health Housing - (716) 285-3403 x. 2275

CMI Mission Statement

Community Missions provides integrated human services that meet people where they are and help them find and elevate their place in the world.

CMI Statement of Religion and Faith

As a Christian agency, our chosen role in terms of religion and faith is to express our belief that everyone benefits from spiritual growth. We will provide resources, programs, and community linkages, without proselytizing, that will enhance spiritual growth and wholeness in the faith/spiritual tradition of an individual's choice and support them as they seek to grow in that tradition.

Parole Re-Entry



Compassion In Action Since 1925



Re-Entry is the process of helping returning citizens access programs and services to meet their needs.

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Parole Re-Entry

Parole Re-Entry helps those recently released from incarceration with their integration back into the community. The program does so by working proactively with returning citizens to address barriers to their successful return to the community.

Vision & Mission

Our Vision is to...

help build a safer community as a result of the successful transition of individuals who leave prison and return to our community.



Our Mission is to...

- help bridge gaps within the system and aid in better communication and coordination between community agencies.
- enhance public safety and knowledge.
- aid returning citizens in living a healthy, lawabiding life.

What is Re-Entry?

Re-entry is the reintegration of justice-involved individuals into the community following their release from prison.

A participant re-entering the community is faced with the challenging issues: lack of housing, lack of vocational and job related training, lack of work history, and for some, substance abuse and/or mental health concerns. Re-entry is a process that requires full participation by the individual to take the necessary steps toward rehabilitation with the assistance of the community, the criminal justice system, human service stakeholders, family, and friends.

Role of the Program

- Advocate for returning citizens within the community, law enforcement, and human service environments.
- Create and implement a plan for a successful return to the community for participants.
- Coordinate services, which may include housing, employment, education, substance abuse, physical and mental health, and where possible family reunification as individually needed.
- Educate the community about re-entry and why it is so important in our community.
- Help break barriers to better serve both the re-entry population and the community.

TOWER Workforce Development Program

TOWER provides training, real-world work experience, and tools for success to returning citizens, allowing them to build their work history, resume, and network.

Tracks are offered in Operations and Food

Services to provide participants with both soft-skill learning and on-the-job work experience. Participants receive training from professionals and guest speakers while paired with mentors working in a related position.

The program's focus is to place participants into full-time employment with opportunities for advancement.



Related Community Missions' Programs

Emergency Housing provides

shelter for those in need of temporary housing. The shelter offers two-person rooms with private bathrooms.



The **Community Kitchen**

serves lunch to hundreds of individuals in Niagara Falls. The program provides



a nutritious, well-rounded meal in a clean and enjoyable environment. Guests are also able to take home breads, produce or other items provided by local stores and restaurants.

The **Food Pantry** provides food for households to take home and prepare. The program provides food monthly for families



within its designated area, while emergency food is also available. Sources of food for the program include FeedMore WNY, the Emergency Food & Shelter Program, individual donations, and food drives by local organizations.

The *Clothes Closet & Furniture Giveaway* programs allow those in need to select clothes, household items and furniture



free of charge. These programs rely on donations from community members and local businesses.

Niagara PATH provides

community education and direct support in response to opioid abuse.

