

# Strengthening Our Community

Ending the cycle of crime means teaching pro-social life skills, mentoring students to graduate, providing job skills training, and facilitating the successful reunion of parents with their children.

## MCRI HELPS INDIVIDUALS REMAIN CRIME FREE THROUGH:

- Working with businesses to employ emerging talent
- Transitional housing that is supervised, drug-free, safe, and accountable
- Skill building for today's workforce
- Treatment, counseling, and community resources
- Providing support and encouragement



## Community Reentry

Changing lives  
Improving public safety

In the early 1990's, Marion County began studying how to help children whose parents were incarcerated. The results were eye opening. A staggering number of children in the area are affected by incarceration. MCRI services provide parents with skills to remain crime free and be there for their children. With help, most children are reunited with their parents.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

Helping ex-offenders successfully integrate into the community is crime prevention. Prior to being released from prison, individuals attend one or more "reach-in" workshops to learn about resources available and ready to help them when they reenter our community. In Marion County, reach-ins are working - prior to the reach-ins, a third of individuals released were not initially checking in with their parole officer. Now our no-show rate is just three percent.

## EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS

MCRI works with more than 200 employers to support them in extending job opportunities to qualified reentry clients.

## TRANSITION SOLUTIONS

MCRI supports multiple programs that help individuals successfully transition from incarceration back into the community. This includes "reach-in" workshops that individuals attend prior to their release from incarceration and reentry programs that incorporate community partners such as Chemeketa Community College.

## RESOURCE SOLUTIONS

The De Muniz Resource Center helps individuals obtain Oregon identification, health insurance, education, transportation, basic needs, employment, and other services.

## TREATMENT SOLUTIONS

Local medical and treatment providers support MCRI participants through individualized care and service coordination.

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

The cost of incarceration is far greater than the cost of providing supportive services that help individuals to be successful. Savings are realized in part by reductions in recidivism. Marion County's recidivism rate dropped from 33% in 2009 to an all-time low of 14% in 2014. Between 2015 and 2018, Marion County's annual recidivism rate has remained stable and is currently at 19%.



## Rebuilding lives, promoting community safety and saving taxpayers money

MCRI is a collaborative effort involving Marion County partners working together to break the cycle of criminal activity.

**HOPE** to change.  
**COURAGE** to make it happen.  
**DETERMINATION** to follow through.

## BY THE NUMBERS

*The 2018 Marion County Jail survey provides a snapshot of the local reentry population.*

- 80% of inmates are men, 17% women, and 3% chose not to identify
- 78% of inmates are parents; 65% of those have children under the age of 18
- 51% of the children of those incarcerated at Marion County Jail were cared for by an inmate's spouse or partner; 16% lived with grandparents; and 7% were in foster care
- 50% self-reported having a job waiting for them upon release
- When asked to identify the three most important reentry needs, inmates selected employment, housing, and substance abuse treatment



## MCRI Key Partners

MCRI works to reduce crime and recidivism by offering coordinated services that are critical for successful community reentry. MCRI is a collaborative effort and key partners provide housing, transportation, treatment, mentoring, family strengthening, and employment services for individuals.



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- Chemeketa Community College
- Family Building Blocks
- Marion County Board of Commissioners
- Marion County Community Services
- Marion County District Attorney's Office
- Marion County Housing Authority
- Marion County Sheriff's Office
- Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency
- Oregon Department of Corrections
- South Coast Business Employment Corporation
- Union Gospel Mission of Salem
- Willamette Workforce Partnership

## Giving People a Second Chance

Rebuilding Lives  
Restoring Community  
Reducing Recidivism