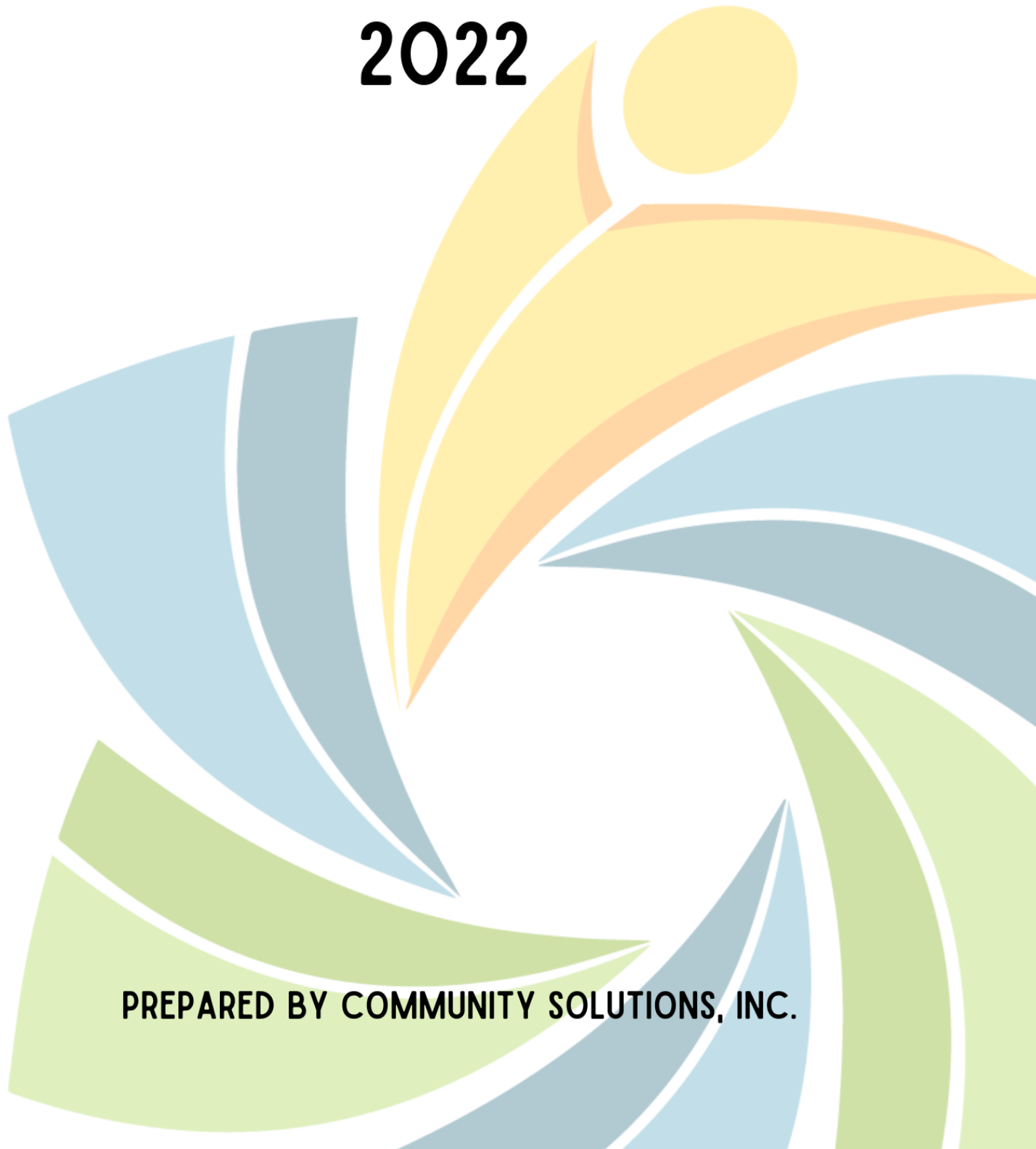


# MARION COUNTY RE-ENTRY COALITION

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# ABOUT THE MCRC

The Marion County Re-entry Coalition (MCRC) is a coalition of organizations and individuals who are passionate about supporting people re-entering the community after incarceration. The MCRC works to redesign the system and create opportunities for providers to align their resources, collaborate, and share best practices to enhance services for people impacted by the criminal legal system in Indianapolis. The MCRC uses a results-based framework to achieve our targeted result.

## Our Result Statement:

All adults in Marion County involved in the justice system are successfully integrated into the community.

The work of the MCRC is rooted in national research on public policy reform and best practices for services and supports for those impacted by the criminal legal system.

- Provide person-centered care.
- Assess risks and needs and provide services and supports that mitigate risks address needs identified.
- Build clients' self-sufficiency.
- Address cognitive risks and needs.
- Use peer support and mentoring.
- Support collaboration between systems and providers.
- Involve families and allies.
- Connect re-entrants to services pre-release and post-release.
- Include ongoing support.
- Provide agencies with education and training opportunities.

## PRIORITY POPULATIONS

**Adults with justice-involvement and People of Color (POC) with justice involvement**

## INDICATORS OF SUCCESS

**The coalition is data-driven and measures progress through two population-level indicators:**

### Primary Indicators

- 6-month and 12-month return to incarceration
- 6-month and 12-month re-arrest

### Secondary Indicators

- 6 and 12-month rate of re-arrest for POC
- 6 and 12-month rate of return to incarceration of POC

# WORK GROUP STRATEGIES AND WINS

## EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT (E&E)



### 2022 STRATEGIES

**Strategy 1:** Collaborate on the Second Chance Job Fair.

**Strategy 2:** Create and maintain the Preferred Employer List Google document.

**Strategy 3:** Create an official MCRC Employment Toolkit.

**Strategy 4:** Serve as the Reentry Task Force for the City of Indianapolis' IRI project.

### 2022 WINS

#### INNOVATIONS IN REENTRY INITIATIVE (IRI)

IRI is supported by a federal grant through the Office of Public Health and Safety. This is a pre- to post-release program that provides education and employment services. The service provider for this project is CAGI, which provides services at Duvall. IRI became connected to the E&E Work Group and received strategic input from Work Group Members.

#### PREFERRED EMPLOYER LIST

The E&E Work Group worked together to create a dynamic spreadsheet that now includes additional organizations and information on pay range, high school diploma/equivalency requirements, and whether the employer is located near a bus line. This spreadsheet is used within the work group, with a version of the document that is updated regularly and available to the public on the MCRC website.

#### JOB & RESOURCE FAIR

The MCRC Education and Employment Work Group partnered with parole, community corrections, probation, and Unite Indy to host a job and resource fair on June 17th, 2022. Nearly 400 people seeking employment and support services were in attendance. Additionally, 20 employers and 25 resource providers had tables at the event. The most utilized service at the fair was the free haircuts provided by Kenny's Barbershop, which was busy all day.

## RE-ENTRY EMPLOYER & RESOURCE LIST

The Education & Employment Work Group's Preferred Employer List is now on the MCRC website!

Oftentimes we hear that the employment information that re-entrants typically receive after leaving incarceration is outdated. The group created this list of employers and update it monthly to mitigate this issue.

Anyone who needs resources or employment can access this list and share it within their networks.

Check out the [Re-entry Employer and Resource List!](#)

## HOUSING

### 2022 STRATEGIES

**Strategy 1:** Develop a system for people with a history of incarceration to receive housing vouchers.

**Strategy 2:** Develop a system for developers who provide affordable housing that is accessible for people who have been engaged in the criminal justice system, to receive tax benefits (PILOT).

**Strategy 3:** Work with the City of Indianapolis to develop affordable housing criteria/required tenant selection plans for housing developers who receive incentives/tax benefits from the City.

**Strategy 4:** Increase the number of Second Chance landlords.



### 2022 WINS

#### EMERGENCY HOUSING VOUCHERS (EHVs)

The Housing Work Group was designated 50 Emergency Housing Vouchers through the Indianapolis Housing Agency and worked throughout 2022 with MCRC members to place clients with lived experience of incarceration into housing.

#### LANDLORD FAIR

The MCRC co-hosted a Landlord Fair with the Indiana Pacers to recruit landlords for individuals re-entering seeking housing. It was hosted at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, and attendees were able to come and learn about the need for housing and how they could help.

#### COLLABORATION

The Housing Work Group worked with the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD) to have “reentry” prioritized for the “Payment in Lieu of Taxes” (PILOT) program that developers can access for new developments. To qualify for this program, the developer must identify a social service/targeted population that they will target.

## POLICY

### 2022 STRATEGIES

**Strategy 1:** Prioritize bills to support/oppose each state legislative session and work with policy partners on a coordinated approach.



## NEW MCRC WEBSITE!

This year, the MCRC website got a refresh! Both the public-facing site and the members’ portal were updated to create simpler pathways to information and resources.



Scan the QR Code to read Our Story or visit [www.marioncountyreentrycoalition.org/our-story](http://www.marioncountyreentrycoalition.org/our-story)

**Strategy 2:** Conduct legislative training for MCRC members and individuals impacted by the justice system and develop a rapid response advocacy network.

**Strategy 3:** Collaborate with the MCRC work groups to address policy issues related to their strategies.

## 2022 WINS

### STATE HOUSE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

The MCRC worked with partners to fight for charitable bail and reform of electronic monitoring systems. Funding received at the end of the year helped the work group set the stage for the 2023 session.

### ADVOCACY TRAINING AT THE INDIANA STATE HOUSE

The Indiana Bar Association provided the MCRC with five (5) slots at their General Assembly/Advocacy training that helped prepare members to testify and advocate at the General Assembly.

## SERVICES

### 2022 STRATEGIES

**Strategy 1:** Map the current pre-release landscape in Marion County.

**Strategy 2:** Develop and implement pre-release services/program opportunities in the new Adult Detention Center (ADC) that are connected to the Reentry Space and community-based post-release services.

**Strategy 3:** Serve as the Reentry Task Force for the Marion County Sheriff's Office's Justice and Mental Health project.

**Strategy 4:** Serve as the Reentry Task Force for PACE's Second Chance Act project.



## 2022 WINS

### PACE SECOND CHANCE ACT GRANT PARTNERSHIP WITH MCRC

PACE was awarded a federal Second Chance Act (SCA) Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to provide pre- to post-release services with two peer coaches. The priority populations include (1) individuals assessed/identified to be homeless or at-risk of homelessness, (2) high utilizers in the jail (those with 4 or more bookings in the prior 12-months), or (3) individuals engaged in the Pretrial Program and have been assessed to be at high risk using the IRAS.

## PROFESSIONAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Professional Growth Committee (PGC) was formerly the Conference Planning Committee but was re-branded in 2022 as the scope of the committee shifted in response to COVID precautions changing everyone's schedule to virtual. The PGC had an internal goal of researching and promoting at least 2 educational webinars a month to the full MCRC. Often, we promoted more, especially during Second Chance Month in April.

The group also curated educational events and webinars throughout the year, including:

- Virtual panel on **Electronic Monitoring** in Marion County
- **Trauma-Informed Re-entry** webinar
- **Re-entry Community Gathering** at Brookside Community Church
- **Legislative Advocacy Training** webinar with the ACLU of IN

## JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH (JMH3)

In October of 2019, the Marion County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) was awarded a three-year BJA Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program grant under Category 3: Planning, Implementation, and Expansion Competition. This project provides pre- and post-release services to jail inmates with a mental illness or co-occurring disorder. Program implementation, participant outcomes, and program impact are being evaluated by the American Institutes for Research (AIR). Through the Services Work Group, the MCRC serves as the Reentry Task Force for the project. The Work Group analyzes program data and enrollments aggregated by race and provides input on the challenges faced and alternative engagement and support strategies.

## PACERS VIDEO PROJECT

In an effort to expand awareness of the services and supports that are available, the Services Work Group had an idea to create public service announcements that would be played on televisions in the Adult Detention Center. The PACERS video team hosted several MCRC member service organizations in their film studio to create short informational videos highlighting the reentry services available to people exiting incarceration, which are now being used both in the Adult Detention Center and by the agencies as recruitment materials.

## SYSTEM REDESIGN

### 2022 STRATEGIES

**Strategy 1:** Address barriers to the successful completion of community supervision.

**Strategy 2:** Create a continuum of health/behavioral health services across justice providers and the community. (Currently on hold.)

**Strategy 3:** Support the successful implementation of the Interdisciplinary Defense System (IDS).



### 2022 WINS

#### EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS MAP

The Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic (The Clinic) worked with the MCRC to create an Expungement Process Map, which showed a how-to for receiving expungement help from The Clinic. It includes information on filing fees, eligibility, mailing information, etc. Information on The Clinic's Expungement Help Desk and the Expungement map are available on the MCRC website.



## RE-ENTRY ECHO

Using a combination of case presentations and brief lectures, the MCRC's Re-Entry ECHO provides new opportunities for community partners and other stakeholders to increase their capacity to serve justice-involved individuals.

The Re-Entry ECHO is held on the last Tuesday of the month via Zoom and is open to anyone in the community working with justice-involved clients.

## NEW COMMUNITY SUPERVISION DATA

The System Redesign Work Group worked in partnership with Marion County Community Corrections to obtain, analyze, and share data within the group, to better understand who is on community supervision, why, and for how long. One of the biggest challenges the workgroup faced, and continues to face, is the lack of data to monitor and measure progress toward the strategies the group identified. The Work Group members were very engaged and invested throughout, despite data setbacks.

# MEMBERSHIP

## FEDERAL AGENCIES/OFFICES

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Office of Congressman Carson  
United States Probation

## STATE AGENCIES

Indiana Department of Correction  
Indiana Family & Social Services Administration, Division of Mental Health & Addiction  
Indiana Housing and Community Development Agency (IHCD)  
Indiana Public Defender Council

## CITY/COUNTY AGENCIES

City of Indianapolis, Office of Public Health and Safety and Department of Metropolitan Development  
Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Council  
Indy Chamber/BOI  
Marion County Community Corrections  
Marion County Prosecutor's Office  
Marion County Public Health Department  
Marion County Public Defender Agency  
Marion County Sheriff's Office  
Marion Superior Court, Probation

## NONPROFIT/COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

ACLU

Aspire Indiana Health  
The Arc of Indiana  
Boys & Girls Club of Indianapolis  
Brookside Church  
Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF)  
Community Action of Greater Indianapolis  
Constructing Our Future  
Craine House  
Damien Center  
Edna Martin Christian Center  
EmployIndy  
Eskenazi/Sandra Eskenazi  
Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis  
Goodwill Industries of Central and Southern IN  
Growing Indy Group  
Hamilton Center  
Horizon House  
HVAF  
Indiana CURE  
Indiana Justice Project  
Indiana Legal Services, Inc.  
Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Inc.  
Indianapolis Urban League  
Indy Reads  
John Boner Neighborhood Center  
Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic  
Partners in Housing  
Pride Academy  
Public Advocates in Community Re-Entry, Inc. (PACE)  
Purpose of Life Ministries  
RecycleForce

# SUPPORT

In 2022, the MCRC received support from the Central Indiana Community Foundation, the Office of Public Health and Safety, the Indiana Pacers, the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction, and the Lilly Endowment.

This support, combined with the countless hours invested by MCRC members, is what moves our community closer to ensuring that individuals and families can thrive.





Redemption Outreach Ministries  
Second Helpings  
Step-Up, Inc.  
Thomas Ridley's 1 Like Me  
Trusted Mentors  
Use What You've Got Prison Ministry  
Voices Corp.  
Volunteers of America of Indiana  
You Yes You!

### BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Alliance Staffing

Anthem Indiana Medicaid  
CareSource  
Crossroads Public Affairs  
Mays Chemical  
MD Wise  
Thomas P. Miller and Associates

### UNIVERSITIES

Indiana University, Purdue University  
Indianapolis  
Marion University  
Indiana Wesleyan University

# LOOKING FORWARD

## PARTNERSHIP WITH GANGGANG

The MCRC received funding from the Central Indiana Community Foundation Elevation Program to contract with GANGGANG to bring art and storytelling through a new public awareness initiative for the MCRC. GANGGANG and MCRC will be meeting in 2023 to engage in planning.

## FAMILIES TASKFORCE

The MCRC held a Re-entry Community Gathering at Brookside Community Church in October 2022, at which attendees engaged in conversation around reentry topics to identify possible new strategies. We posed the question "What support do family/friends of people involved in the justice system need?" The group had robust conversations about the importance of a strong support system for people exiting incarceration – and who supports the support systems? After the event, we took the conversation to the Active Member's meeting and discussed the opportunity to create a Families Task Force. This Task Force will be convening in 2023 to identify the role of the MCRC and build some foundational strategies around how to better support the families, friends, and support systems to ensure safe and supported reentry.

## POLICY WORK GROUP PROPOSALS

Through the Elevation Grant funding from CICF in 2022, the Policy Work Group will be able to have focused policy coordination during the 2023 Legislative Session. This will allow the group to increase their educational outreach and rate of response to the fast-paced political environment surrounding criminal justice bills.

# LET'S TALK!

## NEED SUPPORT?

Visit our website for resource lists, preferred employer info, or reentry information, [www.marioncountyreentrycoalition.org](http://www.marioncountyreentrycoalition.org)

## Get involved!

If you work with people experiencing reentry, or you yourself have experience in reentry, we want to hear from you!

Visit [www.marioncountyreentrycoalition.org/join-the-mcrc](http://www.marioncountyreentrycoalition.org/join-the-mcrc) to learn more.

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