The Louisiana Prisoner Reentry Initiative

Local Organizational Structure

The state will continue to implement the Louisiana Prisoner Reentry Initiative (LA-PRI) Framework beginning with five Community Pilot Sites in 2019 (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, East Baton Rouge and Caddo Parishes). The state will add eight more parishes in the second half of 2019 (Ouachita, Lafayette, Lafourche, Terrebonne, Calcasieu, Rapides, Livingston, and Bossier) and then expand to additional parishes until the entire state is engaged. Pilot parishes are organized under a structure that parallels the LA-PRI state level structure. Each Pilot Site has three key groups of stakeholders who will be instrumental to the wide range of activities needed for full implementation of the LA-PRI Model. The local organizational structure requires clear definition of roles and responsibilities with guidance for development by the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC).

- **Local Reentry Coalition:** Many jurisdictions already have reentry coalitions of one kind or another and they will be invited to participate with the potential to expand. In other jurisdictions, they will be developed by the community with support from the DPSC. These coalitions are asked to adopt, inform, support and implement the LA-PRI model in their parish/region as a part of their overall mission. The coalitions should work to educate the community on how the initiative will create safer neighborhoods and better citizens.

- **Steering Team:** Develops, oversees, and monitors the local implementation process and coordinates local community involvement in the overall statewide LA-PRI development process. The Steering Team should consist of members of the larger reentry coalition and operate within and reporting to this coalition. The Steering Team is organized under three co-chairs:
  - Warden/Superintendent of a state or local correctional facility.
  - Probation & Parole Representative
  - A Community Representative drawn from the large number of local faith, human service, and planning organizations who are critical to the local effort.

Each Steering Team includes representatives or service providers associated with the LA-PRI partner government agencies representing the service modalities that must be included in successful reentry planning. These representatives are active on the Steering Team because of the expectation for multi-agency collaboration and the encouragement and support of agency leaders who empower their active participation.

The three co-chairs of the Steering Team will work with a local Community Coordinator – when funds are established to have one - who will be resourced for each site as the LA-PRI is implemented using a combination of local, state, federal and/or foundation funds. The Community Coordinator will staff the Steering Team under the guidance of the co-chairs. (See Coordinating Community Development- the Heart of the LA-PRI for more detail).

- **Transition Team:** Supports returning citizens in the transition planning process and guides the individual from the institution back into the community through a case management approach. The Transition Teams are comprised of key local service providers, drawn from the membership of the Steering Teams, whose major responsibilities include the local and essential input needed to develop and implement the Reentry Accountability Plan (ReAP) for three phases of the LA-PRI, Reentry (ReAP), Community Supervision (ReAP) and Discharge (ReAP) as part of collaborative case management (See The Collaborative Case Supervision and Management Model).
Local Organizational Structure of the LA-PRI

The Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections
Administration, Management and Support

Local Reentry Coalition
Key Stakeholders

Steering Team
Co-Chairs

Phase One; Getting Ready:
- Prison or local correctional facility rep

Phase Two; Going Home:
- Probation & Parole Representative

Phase Three; Staying Home:
- A Community Representative/Presiding

Representatives of Services for:
- Employment
- Vocational Training and Education
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Mental Health
- Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services
- Family and Child Welfare Services

Representatives of:
- Legal Services
- Prosecuting Attorney
- U.S. Attorney/Federal Probation
- Law Enforcement
- Community-based organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Victim Advocates
- Successful Returning Citizen
- Local Jail

Community Coordinator

Prisoner Reentry Transition Team
Service Providers appointed by Steering Team