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Synopsis of Reentry Model Pilot Jan 2018 - June 2019 Outcomes Summary Report

Family Resource Center of North Mississippi (FRC) has an “Officer of the Court” standing with the First Judicial District Circuit Court. The **Letter of Support** from Chief Judge Paul Funderburk with the Circuit Court of the First Judicial District (Lee, Monroe, Itawamba, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Alcorn, and Tishomingo counties). This **Officer** status is a written inclusive Court Order requiring all **Post-release** individuals (regardless of type of conviction) to report to FRC within 72 hours of post-release, plea of guilty, revocation, or non-adjudicated and diversion status for a complete assessment and they must comply with FRC recommendations or they are in violation of their Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) Supervision (probation, Drug Court, pos-release, or diversion) and their Supervision is revoked for not complying. We perform a brief Referral Intake on-site and schedule the court-ordered individual immediately for a complete battery of assessments with an FRC Reentry Navigator. Post-Release clients in the catchment area (Total Clients = 1,180 & 479 were post-release) received either MRT, Adult Addiction Recovery Education Course, and/or Family Addiction Recovery Education services/courses or all three or a combination of these services along with “adjunct” FRC Family, Educational, Workforce program services, when indicated. Outcome findings from tracking these Court Ordered Reentry program recipients over an 18 month timeline from *January 2018 - June 2019* with measures at both 6 month and 12 month intervals showed an Average Recidivism Rate of 25.82% compared to 35.90% statewide (Mississippi LifeTracks, 2020); 73.06% of clients entering the program without a



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High School Diploma earned the GED or HiSET Online High School Diploma; 16.80% either completed or are in-progress for their Career Certificate/Technical Degree; and 47.66% clients Gained Employment who entered the program unemployed (Mississippi LifeTracks, 2020; MIS Ad hoc Report from Offendertrak Database, 2015; MDOC Annual Report, 2019)¹ (FRC Adult Reentry Program Impact & Outcomes Tracking, 2019).² Tracking data on these participants is being collected for this next cycle of the scheduled 6-month interval through December 2019, which includes the first round of clients that are 18 months out (the 18-month measures/metrics will be interpreted and reported in the context of the Coronavirus effects), also the Mississippi Department of Employment Services reports have a typical lag time of about 12 months. The participant program **compliance rate was 91.83% in this group.**

FRC has MOU agreements with the Chickasaw County Regional Correctional Facility (CCRCF), Alcorn County Regional Correctional Facility (ACRCF), Itawamba Community College (ICC), Northeast Mississippi Community College (NEMCC). From January 29, 2019 - February 11, 2020, FRC Reentry Navigators provided Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) to **Pre-release** recipients at both ACRCF and CCRCF facilities in collaboration with ICC and NEMCC community college staff (Adult Basic Education Instructors & Career Navigators) provided Adult Basic Education and GED services. The MOU with both correctional facilities allows FRC to provide pre-release individuals with MRT services in a process group and

¹ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Population Estimates 2 Source: Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 Early Childhood Population Estimates 3 Source: Mississippi Department of Education, 2018. 4 Source: Mississippi Community Colleges Student Information Systems, 2018.

www.lifetracks.ms.gov

² Billingsley, C. (2019). *FRC Adult Reentry Program Impact & Outcomes Tracking*. Manuscript in Preparation.



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individual sessions once per week for 1.5 hours. To complete the MRT program, most participants require between 26 - 30 weeks. Participants are selected and enrolled by the Correctional Facility's Case Manager based upon three criteria 1) a scheduled release time between 6 months and 2 years; 2) Non-violent Offenders only, and 3) candidates that appear most motivated or seeking help as determined by the prison Case Manager.