

DAUPHIN COUNTY PRISON



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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

SCOPE: Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, operates the Dauphin County Prison. For purposes of this RFI, the County and Prison are synonymous. Dauphin County Prison (DCP) is seeking information to offer comprehensive reentry services aimed at supporting individuals as they transition back into the community. This RFI focuses on gathering details about providers who can deliver reentry services, including transportation, credible mentoring, housing assistance, wrap-around transitional services, employment support, and life skills development. These services aim to reduce recidivism, facilitate successful reintegration, and improve long-term outcomes for formerly incarcerated individuals.

Responses to this RFI are voluntary and do not constitute a request for proposals, quotations, or bids. There is no obligation or commitment from DCP for future action, contracts, agreements, or acquisitions based on this RFI. We will not pay for the preparation or submission of responses, which will be used solely for planning and market research.

To the extent possible, please submit non-proprietary information. Any proprietary details should be clearly marked and will be safeguarded according to Dauphin County Prison regulations. Responses will not be returned.

BACKGROUND: Dauphin County Prison's mission is to serve our community by providing a safe environment that supports personal growth, rehabilitation, and successful reentry. DCP recognizes the need for comprehensive, integrated services to address the multifaceted challenges individuals face upon release. DCP values partnerships with external providers who share our commitment to offering wrap-around reentry services that support transportation, stable housing, mentorship, employment, and essential life skills.

PURPOSE: This RFI seeks information about your organization's capacity to deliver comprehensive reentry services.

GOAL: To ensure that incarcerated individuals at DCP are supported by a continuum of reentry services that addresses critical needs in transportation, mentorship, housing, transitional support, employment, and life skills, enhancing chances for successful reintegration.

SOLUTION APPROACH: Identify providers and service models that adhere to industry standards for reentry services, including mentorship credentials, transportation solutions, structured housing assistance and coordinated wrap-around support for a seamless transition back into the community.

REQUESTED INFORMATION:

1. **Organization Overview:** Provide a description of your organization, including history, size, scope of services, and legal status (e.g., corporate, non-profit, partnership).
2. **Transportation Services:** Outline your organization's capacity to provide transportation services to support reentry needs, including scheduling flexibility and reliability.
3. **Mentoring Services:** Describe your approach to mentorship, including mentor training credentials, program structure, and frequency of contact. Include information on mentor qualifications and certifications.
4. **Housing Assistance:** Detail your organization's experience in providing emergency housing assistance, including partnerships with local housing resources and transitional housing availability.
5. **Transitional Wrap-Around Services:** Explain how your organization addresses needs (e.g., mental health and substance use support, procurement of vital records, education support) through wrap-around services tailored to reentry.
6. **Employment Assistance:** Describe your employment support services, including job placement, skills training, partnerships with employers, and post-employment follow-up.
7. **Life Skills Development:** Outline the life skills training provided, including the curriculum, specific skills taught, and any certifications offered.
8. **Staff Credentials and Experience:** Identify key staff members who would work on this initiative, listing their relevant qualifications, certifications, and experience in reentry work.
9. **Outcome Measures:** Describe the metrics your organization uses to evaluate success and program impact, particularly in a reentry context.
10. **Previous Experience with Government Partners:** List any prior or current collaborations with state or local government agencies and your experience in coordinating care post-release.
11. **Reentry and Aftercare Services:** Detail your approach to aftercare and continuity of services, including collaboration with community provider's post-release.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED: Please provide the following business information:

- Company Name
- Telephone Number
- Email Address
- Point of Contact for further clarification (legal/contract representative)

QUESTIONS: All questions regarding this RFI should be submitted via email to:

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RESPONSES: Responses are due no later than **Friday, January 17, 2024, by 4 PM EST**. Please submit responses via email to lray@dauphincounty.gov.

Responses should be single-spaced, in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with one-inch margins, formatted for MS Office Word 2007, and should not exceed 50 pages, printable on 8½” x 11” paper. Verify that your email system does not block attachments.

By submitting a response, you consent to the review of your submission by Dauphin County Prison and related officials. Responses may be shared with other Dauphin County entities for relevance to other programs.