

Our mission:

To reduce recidivism (the tendency of a criminal to reoffend) and to increase the rate of success for individuals who demonstrate a risk of re-offending or being in violation of the conditions of supervised release. Each participant will be given the necessary tools and strategies to be successful by targeting his or her individual risk factors.

Federal Defender Services
800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2400

REENTRY PROGRAM

Helping the recently incarcerated move into a successful life and become positive contributors to our community





MENTORING

Federal Defender Services and the United States Probation Office have developed a reentry program for people who have been recently released from federal prison. The program provides additional support to increase the chances of successful reintegration into society. Mentoring is the most important part of the program. There is a need for mentors who are willing to walk with our clients as they come back into the community. Some of the participants will have been incarcerated for upwards of 20 years. They need someone to listen to them and to answer their questions about practical things. Mentors provide much needed individual support within a well-defined framework.

What are the qualifications?

- An ability to listen
- A passion to help

What training is available?

- Introduction to mentoring
- Talking to those with mental illness
- Substance abuse primer
- Mentor "support group"

What is the time commitment?

- Weekly contact by phone, email, or in person with one participant
- Monthly group meetings (1 to 1 ½ hours each)
- Quarterly mentor training on the same evening as the group meetings (1 hour)
- Programming continues for a year

How Does One Learn More?

Informational meetings are held frequently at the office of the Federal Defender, 800 S. Gay Street, Suite 2400, Knoxville, Tennessee. Upcoming dates will be posted at www.fdset.com

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