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## Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative

The Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative (MPRI) focuses on addressing the needs of ex-offenders by providing them with the necessary tools to succeed in the community. The goal is to improve parole success rates and thereby reduce crime and create safer neighborhoods. Each year, over 11,000 inmates are released from Michigan's prisons. Nearly half will return to prison within two years and cost the state \$112 million dollars per year. MPRI addresses this issue by targeting repeat offenders and increasing their self sufficiency through improved management of personal, institutional, and community challenges. The program focuses on working with individuals two to four months prior to their release from prison in order to address their needs and connect them to community services. In addition to the current subcontractors providing employment and training services for Michigan Works!, other organizations that focus on housing, substance abuse, health care and faith-based organizations are involved. As a result, MPRI will reduce the prison population, reduce crime therefore creating safer neighborhoods, and help reduce the cost of the state's prison system.

### The MPRI Model

The VISION of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative is that every inmate released from prison will have the tools needed to succeed in the community.

The MISSION of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative is to reduce crime by implementing a seamless plan of services and supervision developed with each offender – delivered through state and local collaboration – from the time of their entry to prison through their transition, reintegration, and aftercare in the community.

The GOALS of the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative are to:

- **Promote public safety** by reducing the threat of harm to persons and their property by released offenders in the communities to which those offenders return.
- **Increase success rates of offenders** who transition from prison by fostering effective risk management and treatment programming, offender accountability, and community and victim participation.

If you are interested in further information regarding the Michigan Prisoner ReEntry Initiative or want to discuss how you can be involved, please contact Suprotik Stotz-Ghosh, Program Administrator at 269-385-0472 or via email at [stotz-ghosh@upjohninstitute.org](mailto:stotz-ghosh@upjohninstitute.org) or Rev. Milton Wells, Community Coordinator at 269-598-7718 or via email at [mhwells@ameritech.net](mailto:mhwells@ameritech.net)

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