
Transition from Jail to Community Program Contract

SAFEHOUSE Committee

Background

Transition from Jail to Community model aims to:

- Utilize best practices to reduce recidivism in Denver and improve quality of life for persons in the criminal justice system.
- Promote access to services, resources and supportive relationships prior to release from detention or jail, and continue support upon re-entry into the community.
- Improve stabilization for those returning to the community through skill development, direct case management and resources, and relationships to promote positive community development.
- Cooperation and collaboration among criminal justice system and community partners is critical to providing a continuum of services.

Contractor Selection Process

- RFP for TJC services issued in 2017
 - Executive Order 8B requires competitive selection process every 3 to 5 years (CRP provided services through 2 different fiscal agents from 1/2/2010 through 12/31/17)
- Received 6 responsive bids
- RFP selection panel included individuals with community and correctional backgrounds
- CPCC also made recommendation
- DHS Executive Director approved recommendation

Contract Terms

- Contract with La Raza Services, Inc.
 - Partners include Servicios de la Raza, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, and Urban League of Metro Denver
- 1 year term
- \$550,000 (source: CPCC funds)

Scope of Services

- Screening & assessments while participants are still incarcerated to create transition plan
- Pre- and post-release service delivery based on specific needs
- Intervention strategies with mental health/substance abuse services
- Assist with job search and employment services
- Assist with housing referrals, transportation, food, clothing, and necessities
- All services in English and Spanish with access to other languages and to serve other abilities

Contract Performance Metrics

- Provide services, resources and/or supportive relationships for up to 500 justice involved individuals in 2018
- Maintain a caseload of no fewer than 35 cases and no more than 60 cases per case manager
- 60% of participants complete one or more program aspects

Benefits

- Servicios team and partners provide:
 - Current work experience in communities with domestic violence services, basic emergency services, mental health programming, workforce, and job training
 - Significant re-entry experience through multiple collaborative projects
 - Diverse staff and experience with culturally relevant and responsive re-entry services for diverse clientele including Latino, African-American, and homeless populations
- Proposal included model recommendations to connect more clients to more services:
 - Specific in-jail programming
 - Community planning outside the jail setting with multiple sites and services
 - Extended office hours (12 hours/day and Saturday hours)

Schedule

- SAFEHOUSE Committee: 2/21
- Mayor-Council: 2/27
- Full Council Action: 3/5