

## **CUYAHOGA COUNTY RE-ENTRY COURT**

### **FUNDING**

Initial award received from the Office of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$100,000.00 : 7/1/07 to 6/30/08. Cash Match:\$ 33,333.00. Total: \$133,333.00

Additional \$66,000.00 for 6 months of new funding in the 1/1/08 thru 1/1/09 JAG cycle received, beginning 7/1/08 and continue through 12/31/08.

Current Grant funding also from Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services in the amount of \$64,346.25, Cash Match \$21,448.75 Total Budget: \$85,795.00 Time period: 01/01/09 to 12/31/09.

### **OBJECTIVES**

**Using the Re-Entry Court model, provide a program to increase successful Re-Entry into the community for at least 75 offenders:**

- A. Enhance the identification and referral process
  - 1. Educate judges on Re-Entry philosophy, model, program components, and referral process
  - 2. Create MIS process to identify journal entries regarding Judicial Release
  - 3. Incorporate Re-Entry eligibility screening into PSI process
- B. Enhance collaboration with prisons
  - 1. Establish regular communication for program updates and addressing issues that arise.
  - 2. Establish a regular referral process
  - 3. Develop formal processes to obtain institutional summaries from the prisons
- C. Conduct Risk / Need assessment and recommend needed programming
- D. Collaborate with community service providers to access services identified in Re-Entry Accountability Plan
  - 1. Increase offender access to community services, especially substance abuse and mental health treatment
  - 2. Enhance array of employment options to provide employment and/or vocational opportunities to increase number of offenders that are employed within first 6 months of program participation
  - 3. Establish collaboration with faith-based entities to provide support and guidance in the community

**Change responses to probation violation - increase options for Re-Entry Court Judge to successfully maintain technical violators in the community.**

- A. Develop and employ a predetermined range of sanctions for violations
- B. Provide feedback to the Re-Entry Court judge by regular Re-Entry Team review of participant compliance and progress with plan goals.
- C. Create a range of rewards to reward and encourage success