



NewStart Program

The NewStart Inmate Re-Entry program will provide individualized, comprehensive, community-based, re-entry services for adults who are rejoining the community after a period of incarceration.

The NewStart Program...

- Establishes a trusting, supportive, collaborative relationship with each participant to reduce recidivism (both short and long term)
- Reduces homelessness
- Eliminates hospitalizations or restrictive care
- Helps maintain housing and active community integration while reducing or eliminating further encounters with law enforcement.

What does our team do?

A community-based re-entry services program for adults who are rejoining the community after a period of incarceration. The goal of this program will be to assist individuals in successfully reintegrating into community life following incarceration. Intake procedure includes referrals for Department of Corrections, Parole, and community agencies.

Services are provided on-site and in the community at an individual's home or at public places. Staff will work with clients on obtaining appropriate mental health services, connection to community resources, assistance with obtaining employment and permanent housing.

Who can join the NewStart Program?

Individuals who are...

- Recently released from Illinois Department of Corrections
- Returning to the community of Aurora
- Currently on parole
- *Must attend a minimum of one psychiatric appointment to determine any follow up needs in terms of mental health well-being*

Services Offered (After Completing Needs Assessment)

- Obtaining a State ID / Birth Certificate / Social Security Card
- Employment Readiness
- Obtaining a LINK Card / Government Phone
- Signing Up for Medicaid
- Emergency Shelter
- Housing Navigation
- Helping to Connect to Substance Use Treatment
- Working on Mental Health Well-Being
- Obtaining Additional State Benefits