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Report

## Executive Summary

The Hudson County Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (HCDOC&R) began operating in 2009 providing only linkages to welfare. As the program progressed we the program was funded in 2010 by the Federal Second Chance Act, which was renewed for 5 years based solely on performance, all continuation funds came were not solicited. The program now provides as the direct funding source for housing, certified residential based and community health and substance abuse care, job and vocational training, job linkage and sober mentoring. Furthermore the program has become a reliable source of supportive services to Drug Court and other judiciary based and/or partnered rehabilitative programs.

Since the program's inception 4,334 individuals have been provided services. Services have been provided directly to enrolled program clients as well as through partnerships with alternative programs to ensure clients are provided access to all interventions demonstrated to decrease the potential an individual will be returned to a correctional environment. 952 individuals receiving services through program funds, or 22%, have returned to a correctional environment.

Nearly 1,000 individuals have been provided housing through reentry funding, more than 250 months of housing has been provided through partnerships with welfare and the community development office to individuals who do not have precluding criminal histories. Every individual provided services has been granted access to immediate clinical care, as well as access to those public assistance benefits which they are eligible for within 48 hours of their release.

Over the last year and a half 225 individuals have been linked to employment as a result of the newly hired job developer working exclusively for the reentry program. Of note, 64% are still currently employed.

The program has employed a Medicaid outreach worker who visits various outreach, reentry and probation and parole sites in the county in order to link the entire criminal justice

involved population to health insurance. The Medicaid outreach worker to date has linked 588 individuals to Medicaid.

Through the programs connection with the state Medicaid office and the health care network efforts to ensure inmates treated at outside health facilities for a period greater than 24 hours has saved the jails operational budget well over \$600,000 in 2016.