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VOA SERVICES

More than 40 distinct programs serving 25,000 people across 4 states



Developmental Disability Services



Veterans Services



Behavioral Health Services



Homeless and Housing Services



Public Health Services



VOA Justice

VOA'S SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND RE-ENTRY SERVICES

VOA offers comprehensive and effective residential services to individuals and families working to overcome addiction.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

Assessment

- Medication-assisted therapy
- •Family reunification and therapy
- •Comprehensive case management
- •Customized services for pregnant and
- parenting women and their children
- •Residential support
- Transitional housing
- •Peer support



Halfway Back Men's Program

Comprehensive residential substance use disorder treatment and recovery for men exiting the Kentucky Department of Corrections

- Allows men to engage in an individualized case plan that promotes greater accountability and ownership for living a healthy lifestyle.
- Twelve Step and other Mutual Aid/Support meetings and recovery groups
- Residents are expected to participate in individual and group counseling, life skills training, GED education, and employment readiness assessment and training.





Halfway Back Men's Program

Individualized program, based on need and clinical progress

*client is assessed during first 72 hours in the program and reassessed weekly

Men's IOP with Boarding 45 Day Program Qualifications

- Client has safe and sober housing
- Client has sober supports in the community
- Client has current employment or employment sponsor
- Client has not during incarceration
- If not incarcerated, Client has had no more than 1 positive UDS in last 90 days
- Client is in Action state of change
- Client has NO history of overdose
- Client has NO open CPS cases
- Client has a craving score of 0-3 on scale of 0-10

Men's IOP with Boarding 60 Day Program Qualifications

- Client housing is unknown at incarceration exit
- Client employment is unknown at incarceration exit
- Client used during incarceration
- If not incarcerated, Client has had 2 or more positive UDS on P & P
- Client is in Preparation or Contemplation state of change
- Client has craving score of 4-7 on scale of 0-10

Men's IOP with Boarding 90 Day Program Qualifications

- Client has positive UDS while in VOA program
- Client has Intellectual Disability
- Client has Behavioral issues while in VOA program
- Client is in Precontemplation stage of change
- Client has a craving score of 8-10 on a scale of 0-10



Freedom House & Re-Entry

Our Freedom House program for pregnant and parenting women helps moms to overcome substance use disorder and to keep families together.

A vital outcome is keeping more women out of the criminal justice system and transitioning women from the corrections system back into our community.

We work closely to transition pregnant women and to lower the recidivism rate of women who come to Freedom House.



VOA Supports effective, innovative re-entry policies

The ability of individuals leaving incarceration to integrate successfully into Louisville and surrounding communities is vital to the long-term prosperity of Kentucky.

- Promoting an effective and consistent plan for re-entry strengthens our economy and promotes safer and healthier communities.
- Lack of coordination and planning has the opposite outcome: higher rates of recidivism, hospitalization and substance use disorder.
- A close working relationship between corrections facilities and behavioral health providers is essential to positive outcomes.
- Early and comprehensive supports and planning for individuals with substance use disorder and mental illness is a vital component of this partnership.
- Policies that mandate coordination with behavioral health providers to identify needs and prepare comprehensive and individualized supports for incarcerated individuals nearing re-entry.



VOA'S RESPONSE TO COVID

- Best practice safety protocols in all of our facilities
- Significant investment in PPE and increased overtime for employees
- Hero pay bonuses for employees
- Building awareness of procedures with community partners, including Department of Corrections
- Halfway Back Census: On March 15 – 36 beds occupied On August 15 – 16 beds occupied

RESULTS OF COVID RESPONSE

- 0 positives at Shelby Men's Campus
- Safe and sanitary residential conditions
- Utilization of telehealth



CONTINUING TO SERVE MEN IN RE-ENTRY

VOA provides a safe, effective re-entry program for men exiting incarceration.

During COVID, a goal of correctional institutions has been to reduce overall population.

We offer a safe, evidencebased alternative to incarceration.







