



## Reentry - Reintegration Process

The Reintegration Process is based on a multi-step process.

### \* Intake and Relationship Building

During intake sessions, a Reentry Specialist completes an extensive intake with the returning citizen. Information is gathered about the returning citizen's demographics, personal and criminal history. The Reentry Specialist takes the time to know the individual and their story.

### \* Resource Assessment of Needs

Through a series of conversations with the returning citizen, initial areas of need, both short and long term, are developed to facilitate transition back into the community.

### \* Goal Development

A service plan is developed with both short and long term goals. The individualized plan addresses up to 21 different areas of need and helps determine which programs in-house and other community services would be most beneficial to the individual's circumstances.

## Holistic Approach to Reentry

The holistic approach takes into account the entire individual needs that a person reintegrating back into their family and community may need in order to be successful in their transition.

This would include housing, social support, structure, stabilization and employment.

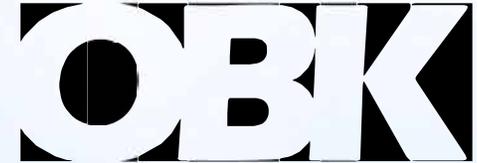
### Program Goals:

- \* Assist the returning citizens in establishing a stable lifestyle.
- \* Increase employment skills and knowledge as well as to provide opportunities to build job experience.
- \* Provide structure and social outlets to help increase returning citizen's sense of community and self.
- \* Empower the citizen to understand their past, avoid any criminogenic patterns and have hope for the future.
- \* Remove barriers during the reintegration and decrease the rate of recidivism.
- \* Partner with local communities to provide returning citizen's an opportunity to work and give back to where they live.



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### Our Brothers' Keepers



**of Southern Illinois**

Cooperative Reentry Services  
for Returning Citizens



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## **Mission**

Lutheran Social Services of Illinois-Prison Family Ministry and Our Brothers' Keeper of Southern Illinois are ecumenical faith-based organizations dedicated to the full integration of formerly incarcerated persons (returning citizens) into the St. Clair County Illinois community.

## **Vision**

Reentry Services for Returning Citizens is a multi-faceted program that supports people released from prison as they transition back into the community. This connects Returning Citizens to needed supportive assistance and helps them successfully adjust to living back in their community. All the core components of the program are designed to provide the transitioning client with job knowledge and experience, a support system, and a stable life.

**No clients are left behind: We all progress together, care for the welfare of each other, and help each other grow our skills and futures together. As a result, all our lives are changed forever for the better!**

## **Advance Literacy and Social Skills**

Reading impairment is the #1 root cause of prison inmate unemployment, poverty and incarceration. If the reading impairment is not addressed, the individual usually suffers thru cycles of imprisonment. Reading impairment can usually be relatively quickly and permanently addressed.

With punctual attendance  
**EARN A FREE COMPUTER**  
Plus FREE breakfast 8AM – 8:30 AM  
Call for class schedule  
Classes are 8:30AM – Noon  
3 days a week, for 4 weeks  
**Important Life & Job Skills**

**LEARN** Key Life Skills for returning student clients, and for their families and the communities they return to:

- ✓ “Beginning to Heal” self and students’ families from the traumas of prison and returning home.

**LEARN** Financial planning/cash budgeting:

- ✓ INFO provided from nationally recognized Mr. Dave Ramsey.
- ✓ How to Lease; and “shop smart”.

**LEARN** Restorative Justice opportunities:

- ✓ Learn ways to bring conciliation and how others have found resolution.

**LEARN** Smartphone, Twitter, Facebook and Social media competence:

- ✓ How people communicate in today’s world likely has changed a lot while imprisoned...and continues to change: Increase/improve your family and friend communications.

**USE** your right to vote and Register to Vote!

**CLIENTS MAY ATTEND INDIVIDUAL CLASSES**



**We accept** our past, recognize faults, and go forward knowing we all have our strengths and weaknesses...and with confidence in our God-given talents.

**We provide** valuable workplace skills, evaluate for punctuality, cooperation, personal appearance, communication, fulfilling assigned tasks and absenteeism.

**We discuss** the importance of teamwork on the job and in life, practice the Top 10 Work Ethics, display initiative and willingness to learn, with assertiveness and honesty.

**We develop** computer competence:

- ✓ Keyboarding and typing skills
- ✓ Basics of searching on the Internet
- ✓ Complete job application online

**We create a** career portfolio that includes resume’ writing, cover letter, interview, thank you letter and a list of references.

- ✓ Participate in a rigorous mock job interview process (with role playing)
- ✓ Knowing job required to meet family financial needs (salary and benefits).