



# Southern Kentucky Reentry Council

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Southern Kentucky Reentry Council is to coordinate resources in the community in our best efforts to provide assistance for offenders, ex-offenders and their families that will facilitate a better transition from incarceration back into society.

## **Background**

The Southern Kentucky Reentry Council is an extension of the Kentucky Reentry Council which was formed by Facilitator Glenn Minor. The Councils in Kentucky were established using the Area Development Districts which act as a basis for connecting resources. The Southern Kentucky Reentry Council covers the area of the Barren River Area Development District, which is made up of Logan, Simpson, Butler, Warren, Edmonson, Hart, Barren, Allen, Metcalfe, and Monroe counties. The council meetings are held in Bowling Green. The meetings are open for anyone to attend and are lead by the Council Director. All information that is shared in the meeting is expected to be done with care and consideration toward other members.

## **Leadership**

The Southern Kentucky Reentry Council will establish the leadership by recommending and voting on officers to fill the positions of Council Director, Deputy Director and Secretary. Should it become necessary, the Council may also elect a Treasurer to maintain records on any funds that may be acquired on behalf of assisting offenders/ex-offenders. For dealing with the different obstacles of Reentry, the Council will nominate a committee to research and successfully negotiate the proper course of action for dealing with that particular obstacle.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Council is to help bring together businesses, non-profit organizations, local governmental bodies, faith based organizations and individuals who could offer support, assistance and resources with helping offenders/ex-offenders acquire the necessary means to sustain a lifestyle that will not lead back to incarceration. The Council will develop goals for each obstacle the offender/ex-offender may face in their transition back into the community. Such obstacles would be job acquisition, transportation, child care, education, and housing.

## **Summary**

Educating the community about Reentry and getting support from area businesses, local governments, faith based organizations, non-profit organizations and individuals can better increase the chances for us to assist offenders/ex-offenders with transitioning back into the community. Looking ahead, we realize that those who learn to maintain an upstanding lifestyle in the community will be better for local economy and will reduce crime. Ex-offenders will feel better prepared to take on the responsibility of sustaining a life style that does not lead them back to jail. We must come together so that our community will stay together.