

# Re-Entry Services for Ex-Offenders

### • Service Providers Manual

o Includes **85 services providers** who assist ex-offenders upon their release from jail or prison by providing services to help them integrate into the community.

## Mentoring

• These trained mentors are paired with offenders while they are in jail or prison. They work with the offenders to prepare for life outside of jail and continue the program for six to 18 months after their release. The program is focused on ex-offenders who are identified with a mental health issue or a substance abuse related disorder.

#### • First Day-In program

- o Offenders are shown a re-entry video as they enter the DOC or jail facility in order to start discussions about how to integrate back into the community. They watch the same video before they are released.
- o **1,103 offenders** have seen this video since January 27, 2014.

# Employment

The Office of Re-Entry maintains a list of <u>over 20 companies</u> that offer jobs to ex-offenders. In addition, the Service Providers
Manual lists 18 companies that assist ex-offenders in finding employment within Marion County.

## • Partnership with the Department of Metropolitan Development

o Places parole officers inside IMPD district offices in order to provide a direct line of contact and resources to ex-offenders. Ex-offenders used to have to track down information in multiple places, reducing the likelihood of the information making it into their hands.