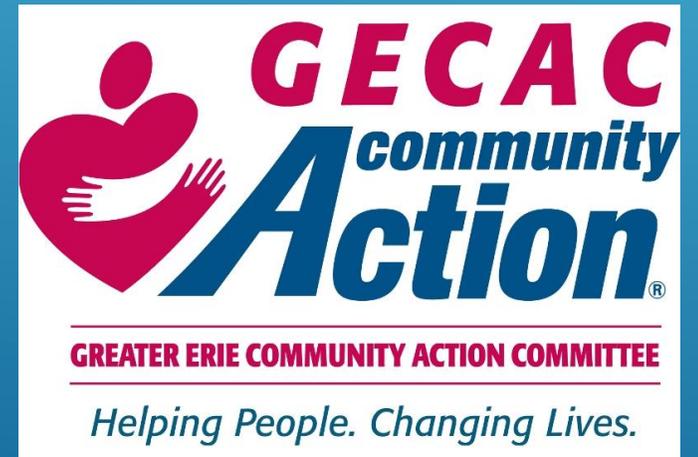


# EORSSA

Erie County Re-Entry Services and Support Alliance

*PROVIDING DIRECTION AND HOPE TO TRANSITIONING CLIENTS*

**Creating a  
Community Based  
Re-entry Services  
Alliance**





**UnifiedErie**

*A Violence Reduction Initiative*

## **A THREE PRONGED APPROACH**

**PREVENTION- COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN**

**ENFORCEMENT- PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**REENTRY- ERIE COUNTY REENTRY SERVICES AND SUPPORT ALLIANCE**

# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- ▶ Strategic Planning Process
  - ▶ Model Development; Best Fit for Our Community
  - ▶ Program Development
  - ▶ Looking at the Outcomes and Numbers (as of 1/31/18)
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**A dedicated planning team from various law enforcement agencies, community providers, and concerned citizens met for over three (3) years mapping out the**

## **ERIE COUNTY “TRANSITIONING CLIENT” REENTRY STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS**

Determined that the approximate  
# of individuals returning to the  
Erie community from prison each  
year is

**1,250**

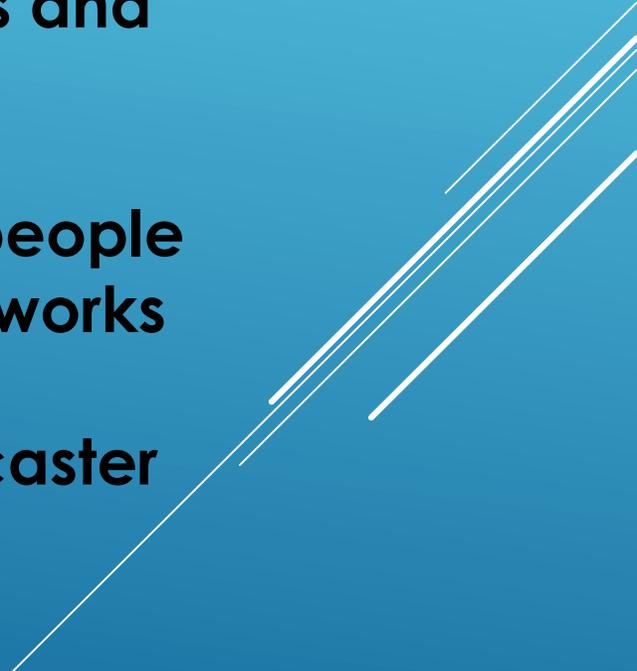
Approximate Recidivism Rate

**58%**

# **Program Recidivism Definition**

**When an offender on probation or parole is returned to custody and convicted for new charges or is revoked for technical parole violation(s) or both.**

# STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

- Over three years, convened federal, state and local criminal justice officials; service providers; faith-based representatives; and ex-offenders
  - Identified ex-offender challenges; and goals and essential elements for successful strategy;
  - Determined same supports are needed for people reentering law-abiding life from criminal networks
  - Looked at successful efforts elsewhere (Lancaster RMO)
  - Developed recommendations
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# CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS

- **Access to education**
  - **Access to transportation**
  - **Access to safe, stable, sustainable housing**
  - **Access to employment**
  - **Addressing criminal record issues**
  - **Creating a “stable community” that provides a positive and supportive environment**
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# Goals for Strategy

- ✓ Access to adequate/appropriate support services and case management
- ✓ Reduction in violence and recidivism
- ✓ Clients becoming prepared for, and obtaining, living wage jobs
- ✓ Clients becoming more self-sufficient

# MISSION

## MISSION:

The mission of the ECRSSA is to provide support and services to transitioning clients through an intentional network of community and faith-based organizations in partnership with the criminal justice system.

“Transitioning clients” are:

- (1) individuals released from federal, state or county prison reentering Erie County after serving a sentence for a criminal conviction; and/or
- (2) people reentering a law-abiding life from criminal network involvement.



## OUR VISION

**TO BE A COUNTY WHERE TRANSITIONING CLIENTS ARE SUPPORTED, EMPOWERED, AND FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY.**

# OVERARCHING RECOMMENDATION

- **Create Erie County Reentry Services and Support Alliance (ECRSSA)**
  - **Serve as “one stop shop”**
  - **Provide necessary case management**
  - **Make appropriate service referrals**
  - **Help address challenges of “transitioning clients”**

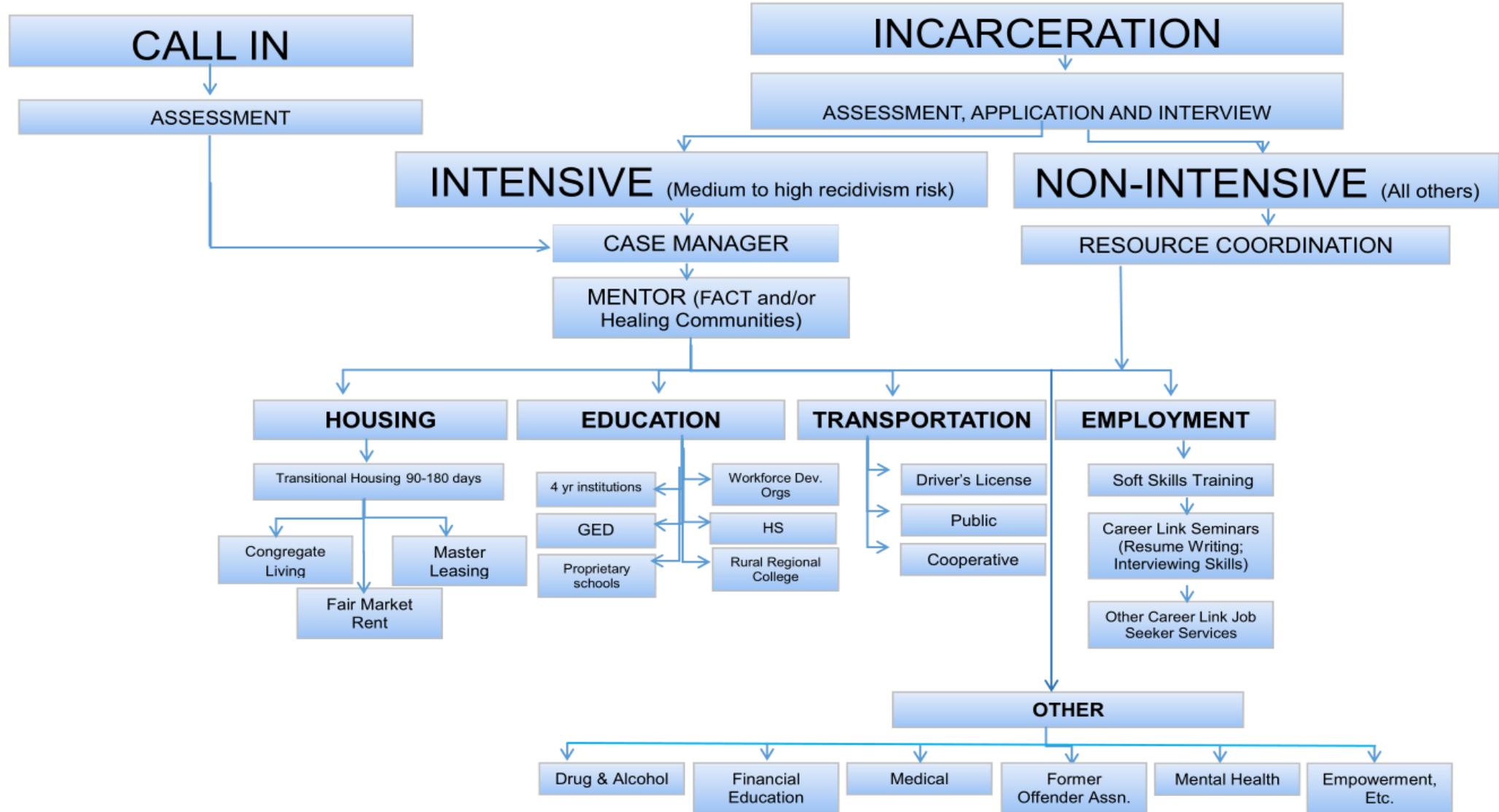
# TARGET POPULATION

**“Transitioning clients” (TC) are:**

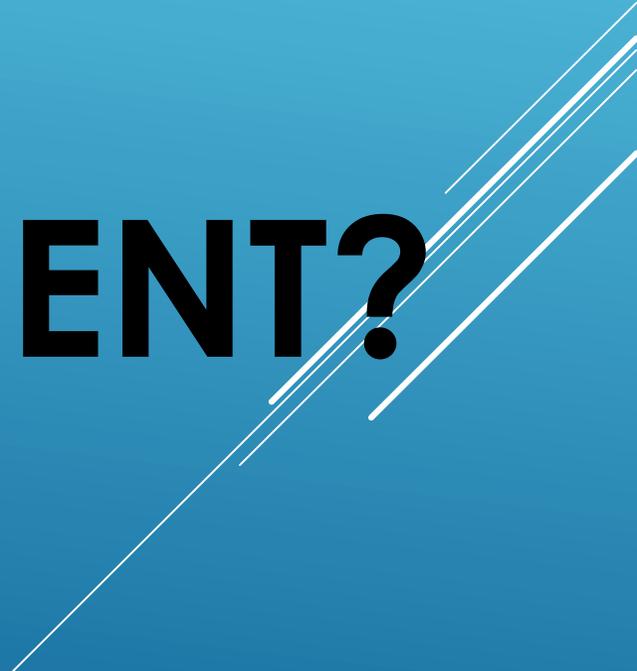
- individuals released from federal, state or county prison re-entering Erie County after serving a sentence for a criminal conviction and/or**
- people re-entering a law-abiding life from criminal/gang related network involvement through the ECRSSA Call In Program.**

# ECRSSA

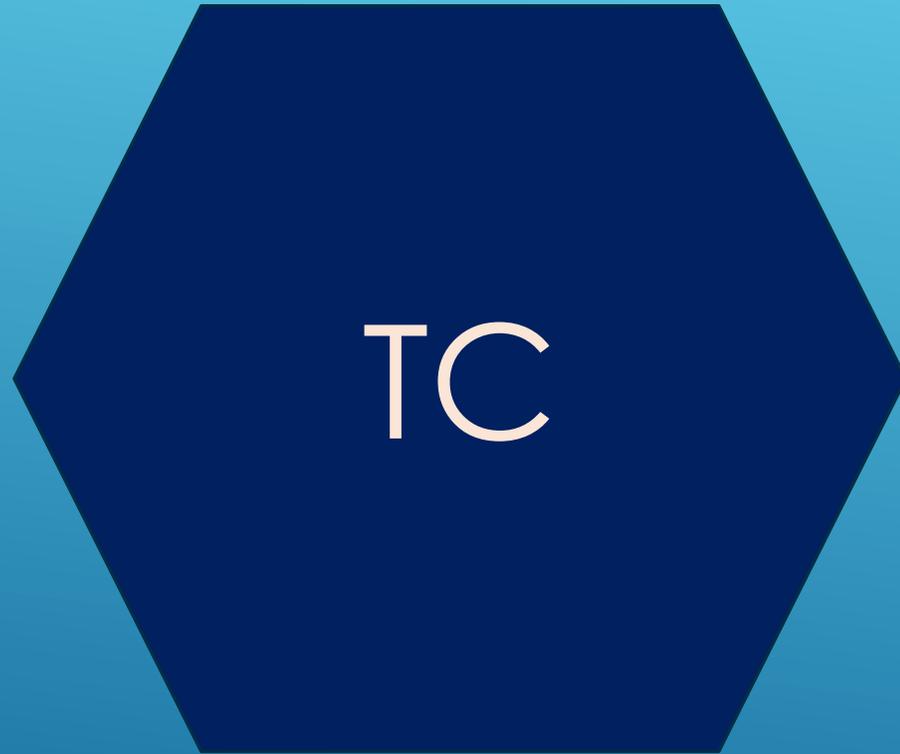
## Erie County Reentry Services and Support Alliance



**WHAT MIGHT THIS LOOK  
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TRANSITIONING CLIENT?**

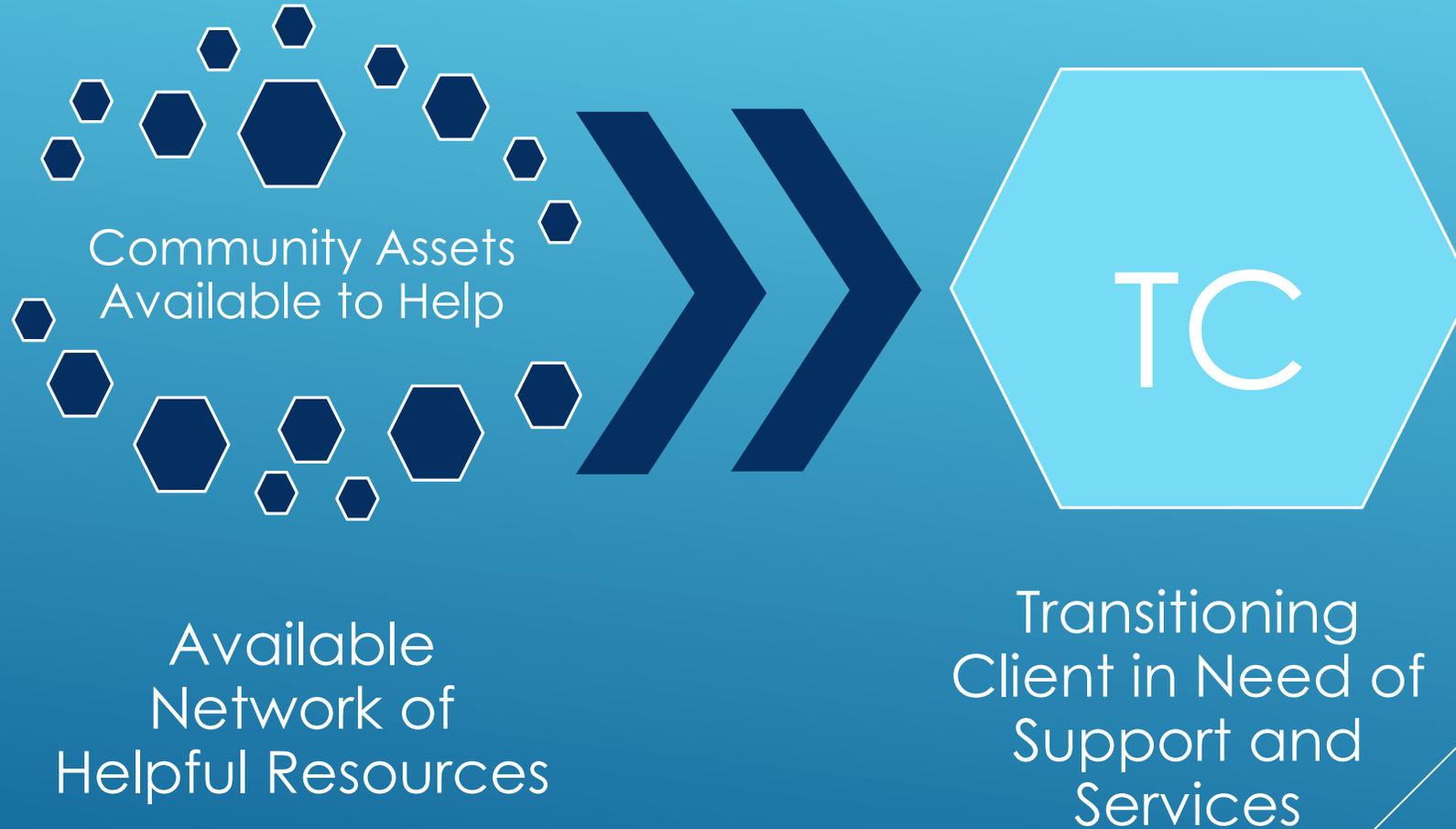
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# THE TRANSITIONING CLIENT

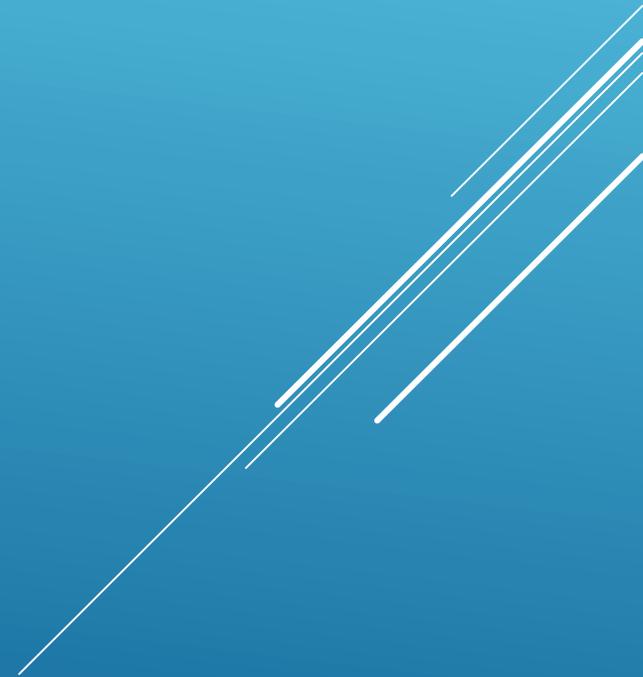
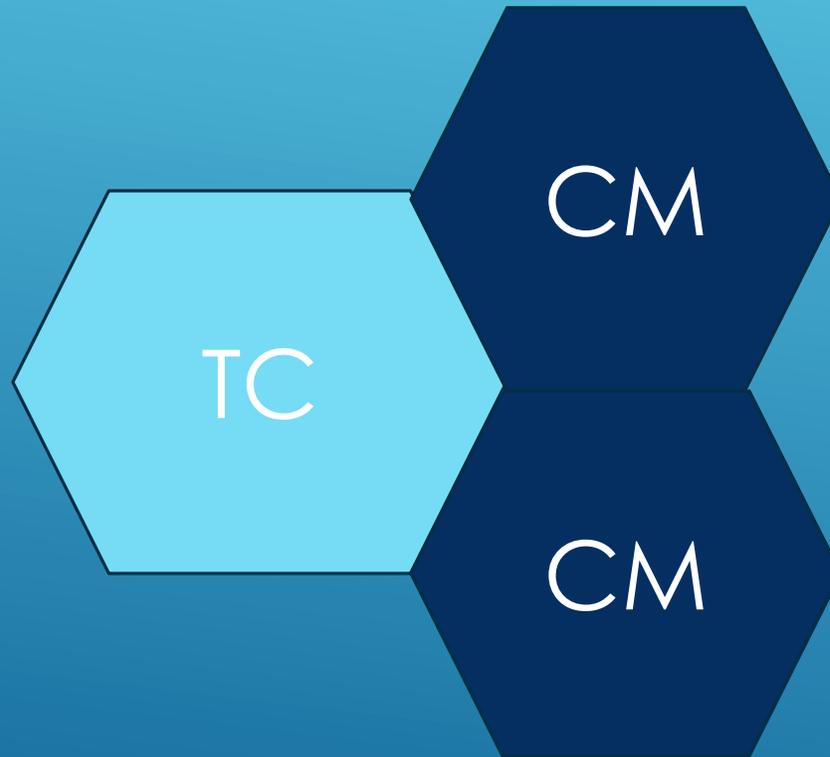


Reentering from Prison  
or Leaving a Criminal Network

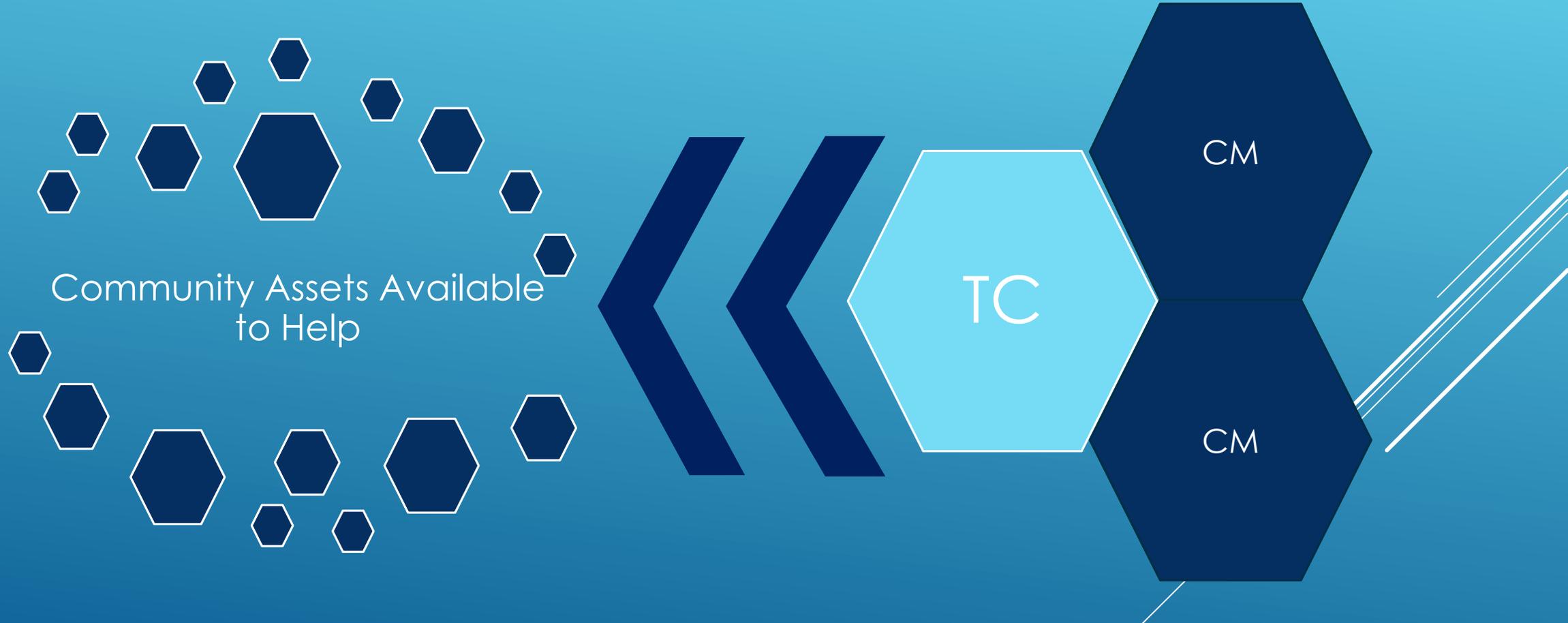
# PROVIDING SERVICES TO TRANSITIONING CLIENTS



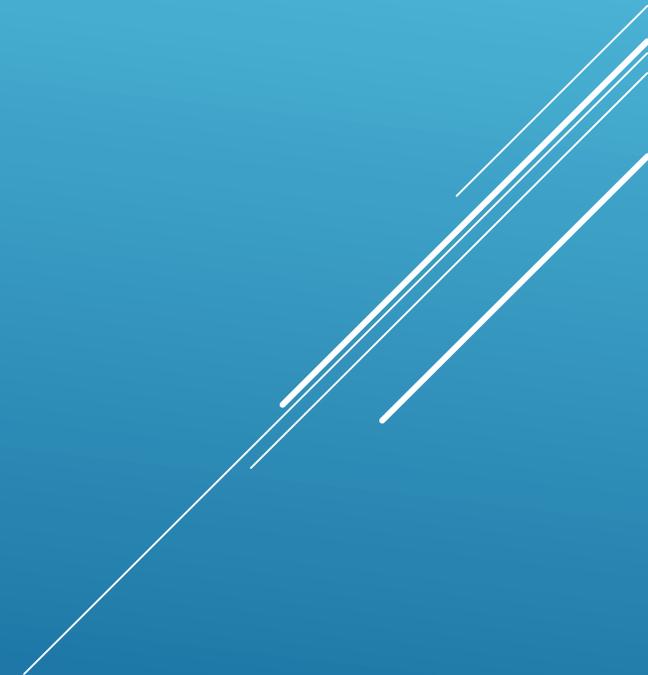
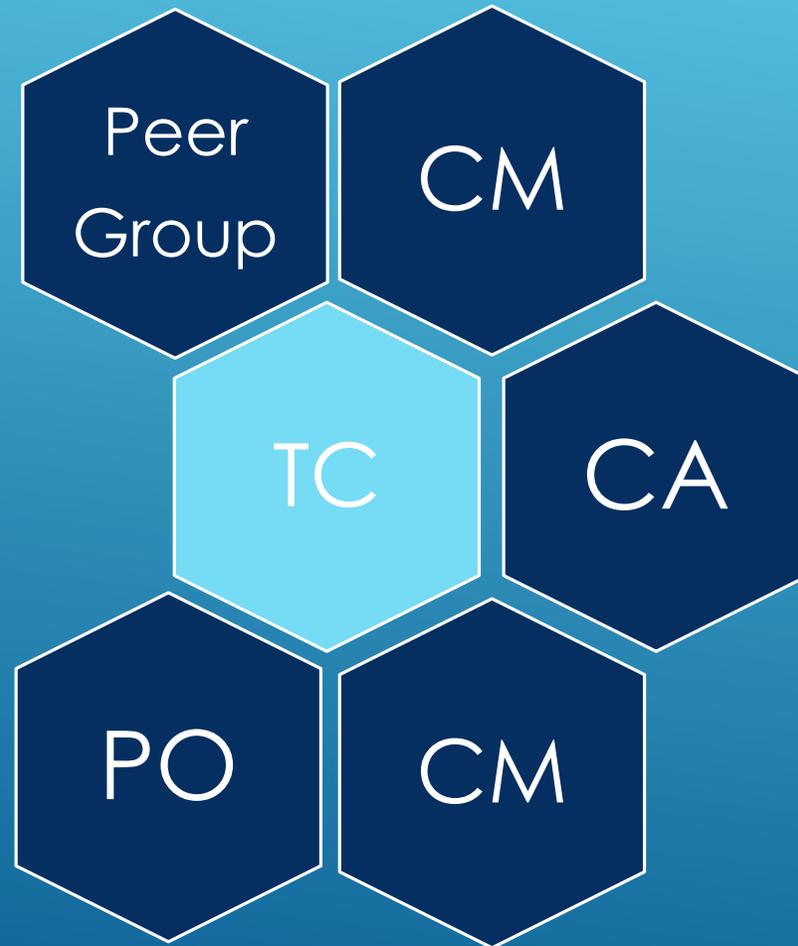
# CONNECT THE TC TO CASE MANAGEMENT TO CONNECT WITH SERVICES AND SUPPORT



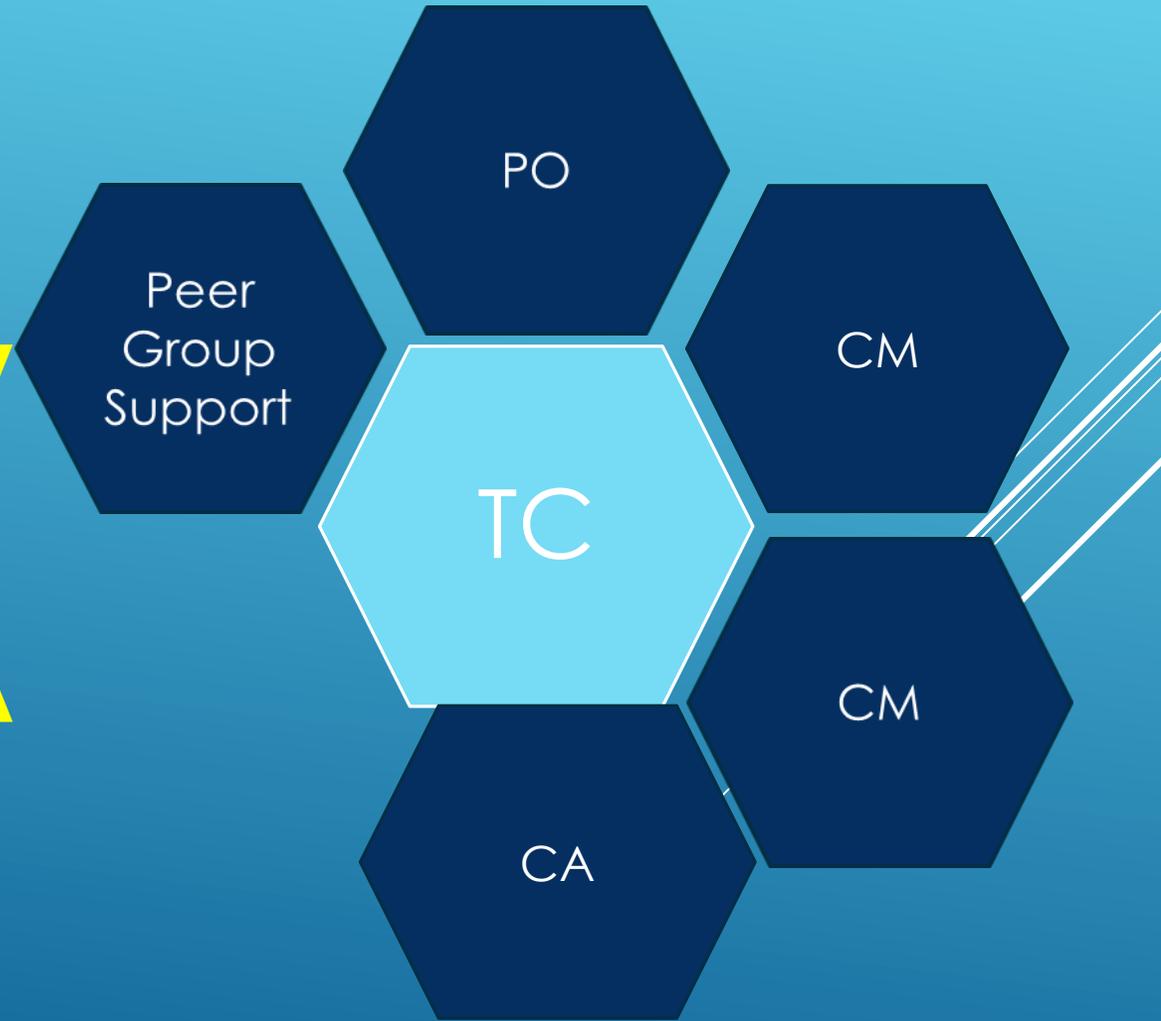
# CASE MANAGERS GUIDE TC TO SERVICES



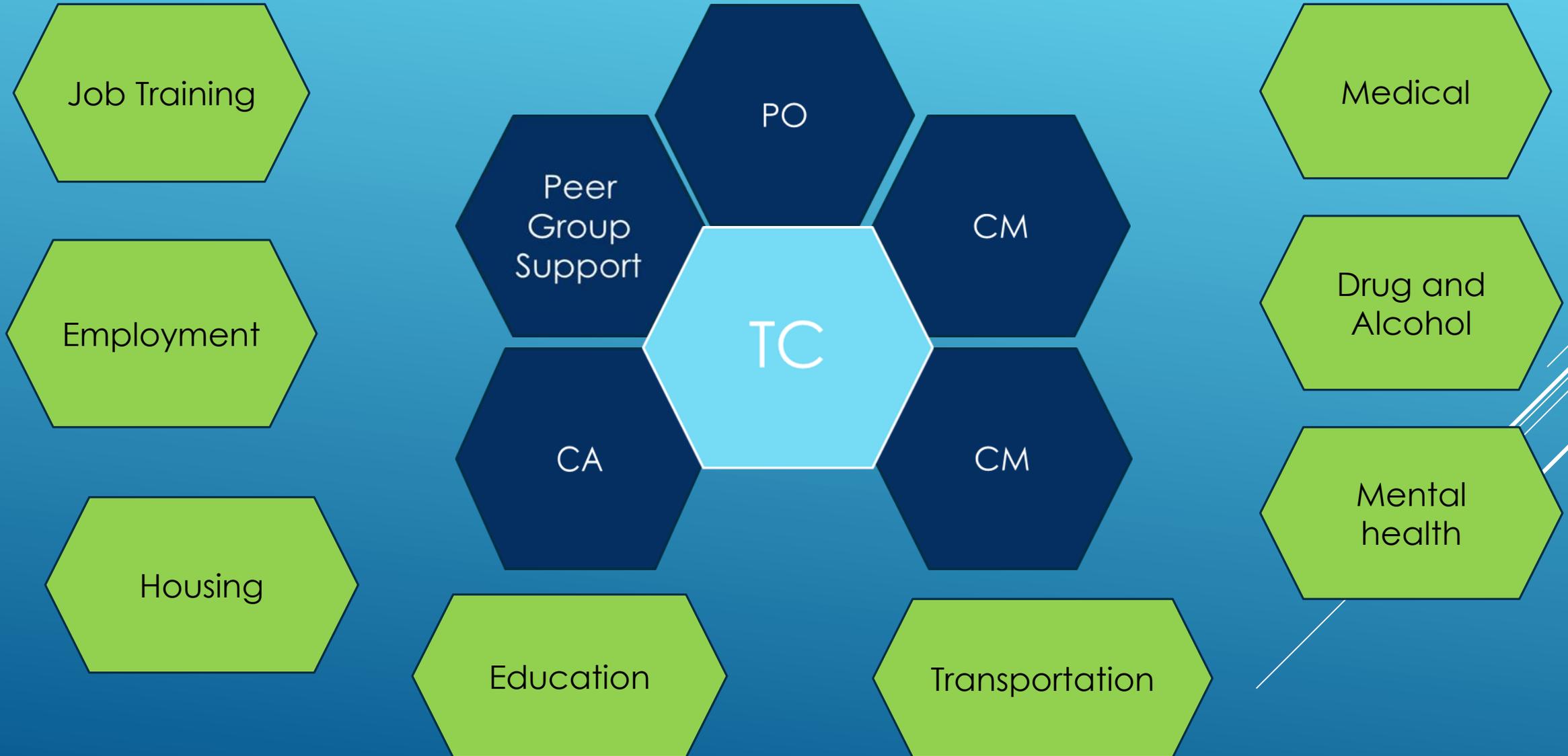
# PAROLE OFFICER IS PART OF THE TEAM. ADD IN CLIENT ADVOCATE AND PEER GROUP TO PROVIDE MORE PERSONAL GUIDANCE



# CASE MANAGERS, CLIENT ADVOCATES AND MENTORS GUIDE TC TO SERVICES



# SURROUNDING THE TRANSITIONING CLIENT WITH SUPPORT AND SERVICES





United Way of Erie County

**PROGRAM FUNDING WAS ANNOUNCED ON JULY 8, 2016.  
ECRSSA OPENED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2016.**

# ECRSSA TEAM

**(seated L-R)**

**Jessie Tate, BA; Case Manager**

**Mike Outlaw, MS; Case Manager**

**(standing L-R)**

**Jacquelyn Barney-Collins, MC; Call In Coordinator**

**Kaitlin Dolak, BA; Case Manager**

**Sheila Silman, MS; Program Manager**



# DOWNTOWN YMCA PARTNERSHIP



Contracted for 20 hours per week

Advocate meets with clients at the YMCA

Peer support to help with frustrations around re-entry

## Client Advocate

- ❖ Meet Tyshun Taylor
- ❖ Understands incarceration from personal experience
- ❖ Turned his life around after serving 11 years
- ❖ Has a passion and drive to help those that desire to get their life on track



# INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT (ICM)

## Highest level of service

Provided during the TC's initial 12-18 months of transition back into the community.

### Eligibility

- ✓ Individual is returning to Erie Co. from federal, state, or county incarceration and
- ✓ Person scores medium to high risk on parole risk/needs assessment
- ✓ All Call In participants receive ICM support.

# INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

Support to the eligible participant with accessing and attaining any or all of the following:

- ✓ Job training
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Medical
- ✓ Mental Health care
- ✓ Drug and Alcohol treatment
- ✓ Bus passes or tokens
- ✓ Pre-employment Support; e.g. obtain work boots, uniforms, clearances, ID
- ✓ Housing community resources support when the person has a sustainable income

# RESOURCE COORDINATION

## LOWEST LEVEL OF SERVICE UP TO 90 DAYS

### Eligibility

- ✓ Has a criminal history and
- ✓ Individual is relocating to the Erie community and/or
- ✓ Has been in the community for more than six months and/or
- ✓ Scores as low risk on parole risk/needs assessment



# **CASE MANAGER JESSIE TATE COMPLETING AN INTAKE WITH NEW TRANSITIONING CLIENT VERNON OVERTON**

**ICM participants are given a portable file folder, pocket day planner, pen, and tablet of paper to start the organization of important documents, appointment cards and other .**

# ICM AND RC DATA

JANUARY 31, 2018

Total ICM clients served-	128
Total RC clients served-	53
Total served-	181

Average Daily case load-	100
ECRSSA daily cost per client-	\$12

Incarceration costs per day-	
Erie Co Prison-	\$66
PA State Prison-	\$117
Federal Prison	\$95

# RECIDIVISM

WHEN AN OFFENDER ON PROBATION OR PAROLE IS RETURNED TO CUSTODY AND CONVICTED FOR NEW CHARGES OR IS REVOKED FOR TECHNICAL PAROLE VIOLATION(S) OR BOTH.

**ICM client data used due to length of case management service**

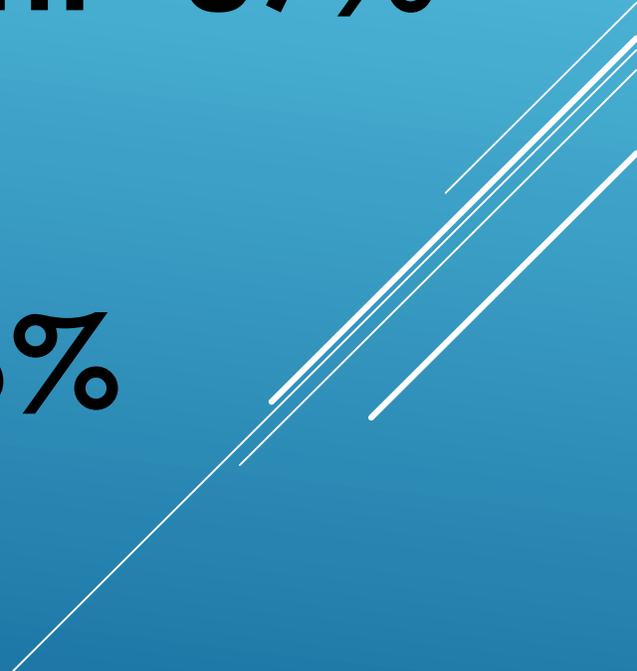
▶ Convicted of new charges and/or revocation-	8
▶ Total served-	128
▶ Recidivism rate-	6.25%

# COST SAVINGS OF OUR LOWER RECIDIVISM RATE

USING THE 58% RECIDIVISM RATE  
WITH 128 TC'S WE WOULD ANTICIPATE  
74 RETURNING TO PRISON

- ▶ 74 TCs back to prison
  - ▶ Average cost:  $74 \times \$92 = \$6808 \times 365 \text{ days}$  **\$2,484,920**  
(Average of Federal, State and Local prison cost estimates)
- ▶ 8 in ECRSSA who returned to Prison-
  - ▶ Average cost:  $8 \times \$92 = \$528 \times 365 \text{ days} =$  **- \$268,640**
- ▶ *Potential savings in Jail Costs in 1-year* **\$2,216,280**

# PLACEMENT RATES

- ▶ Of those seeking employment- 87%
  - ▶ Of those seeking housing- 76%
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# Transforming a life through an alliance of services and support, reducing violence and recidivism



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