

## Reentry and Restoring Citizenship

For individuals returning to Illinois communities following their release from prison, successful reintegration requires navigating a complex array of programs and public systems, along with the expectations and demands placed on the individual.

TASC helps people who have been incarcerated to complete their justice requirements, transition from supervision to self-sufficiency, and successfully reintegrate into their communities.

TASC's approach is to develop collaborative, systems-level responses that balance the supervisory needs of the justice system, the participation requirements in social support systems, and the needs of the individual, his or her family, and community. Service delivery plans are tailored to the unique needs and strengths of each individual, and also respond to broader goals of accountability, public safety, and the efficient use of public resources.

### Restoring Citizenship

“Restoring citizenship” entails supporting and guiding formerly incarcerated individuals as they learn positive ways of thinking, living, and being. Lives formerly characterized by involvement with drugs and the criminal justice system are transformed as individuals regain their health and experience the rewards of genuine self-care and respect for others. Individuals develop the skills, attitudes, and behaviors that are consistent with good citizenship, including assuming responsibility for self-direction and making positive contributions to their families, workplaces, and communities. In the process of restoring citizenship, there is a healing of past harms, and reassurance to victims, families, and communities that change is possible.

### Reentry Case Management

TASC works in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Corrections and the Illinois Department of Human Services to provide a range of services, including substance use disorder assessments and clinical reentry management. TASC also provides linkages to community-based substance use disorder treatment, mental health treatment, and other supportive services necessary to assist individuals in their transition back into their communities.

TASC guides clients as they work toward their goals, such as education, employment, housing, and other building blocks of successful reentry and stable recovery. TASC's services are designed to reduce recidivism, support recovery, encourage productive self-direction, and maintain long-term public safety.

### Recovery Support

Inner Circles and Winners' Circles are specifically designed to help formerly incarcerated individuals learn the privileges and responsibilities of productive citizenship. As a closed community support group (e.g., in prisons or adult transition centers) for clients in treatment and recovery from substance use disorders, the Inner Circle lays the foundation for successful reentry. The Winners' Circle program is a peer-led and peer-driven project that provides community-based support for participants (many of whom were formerly incarcerated) and their families. Both circles are designed to aid members in overcoming challenges often found in early recovery and reentry, such as obtaining identification cards, jobs, and housing, and to help them move toward full community involvement.

TASC, Inc. is an Illinois-based nonprofit agency committed to reducing justice involvement and its consequences by offering broad-scale solutions and by serving adults and adolescents who have a variety social and health-related needs.

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