

## ***The Connecticut Prisoner Reentry Initiative***

### ***Local Organizational Structure***

The state is implementing the Connecticut Prisoner Reentry Initiative (CT-PRI) Framework beginning with several Community Pilot Sites in 2020 adding more sites in 2021, and then adding additional regional sites until the entire state is engaged. Pilot Sites are organized under the Reentry Center model. Each Pilot Site has three key groups of stakeholders who will be instrumental to the wide range of activities needed for full implementation of the CT-PRI Model. The local organizational structure requires clear definition of roles and responsibilities with guidance for development by the Connecticut Department Corrections (DOC).

- **Local Reentry Roundtable:** Advises, informs, and supports the implementation process. The purpose of the coalitions is to help build support for the local implementation of the CT-PRI Model and will work to educate the community on how the initiative will create safer neighborhoods and better citizens. Many jurisdictions already have Reentry Roundtables of one kind or another and they will be invited to participate with the potential to expand. In other jurisdictions they will be developed by the community the DOC.
- **Steering Team:** Develops, oversees, and monitors the local implementation process and coordinates local community involvement in the overall statewide CT-PRI development process. The Steering Team is organized under three co-chairs:
  - **Warden/Superintendent** of a state or local correctional facility.
  - **Parole Representative**
  - **A Community Representative** drawn from the large number of local faith, human service, and planning organizations who are critical to the local effort.

Each Steering Team includes representatives or service providers associated with the CT-PRI partner government agencies representing the service modalities that must be included in successful reentry planning as well as representatives from business and industry, law enforcement, and the legal and education communities. These representatives are active on the Steering Team because of the expectation for multi-faceted collaboration and the encouragement and support of community leaders who empower their active participation.

The three co-chairs of the Steering Team will work with a local community coordinator – when funds are established to have one - who will be resourced for each site as the CT-PRI is implemented using a combination of local, state, federal and/or foundation funds. The Community Coordinator will staff the Steering Team under the guidance of the co-chairs. (See [Coordinating Community Development- the Heart of the CT-PRI](#) for more detail).

- **Transition Team:** Supports returning citizens in the transition planning process and guides the individual from the institution back into the community through a case-management approach. The Transition Teams are comprised of key local service providers, drawn from the membership of the Steering Teams, whose major responsibilities include the local and essential input needed to develop and implement the Transition Accountability Plan (TAP) for three phases of the CT-PRI, Reentry (TAP2), Community Supervision (TAP3) and Discharge (TAP4) as part of collaborative case management.

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