

SVdP District Council of Attleboro Immersion Reentry Program - Activity Report - January through March 2025

Eight Immersion Components

What we've done from January through March 2025

1	INTAKE INTERVIEWS FOR 72 HOUR AND TRANSITIONAL PLANNING	The Reentry Program continues to serve returning citizens, almost all of whom are in recovery. In the last three months, we completed 30 intakes with new returning citizens and assisted 25 continuing program participants. As needed, we provided clothing, toiletries, bus passes and grocery cards. We also provided financial assistance for storage unit rent, car insurance, state identification cards as well as outstanding excise taxes.
2	MENTORING	Volunteers worked with local agencies to help some of our justice-involved individuals be matched with Behavioral Health Navigators who can assist them as they move forward with their lives. Volunteers continue to provide encouragement and guidance with applications for housing and apartment searches.
3	EDUCATING RETURNING CITIZENS & FAMILIES	The Reentry team recently learned of the Virtual Court Service Center in Taunton, both a Zoom and in-person service, that offers answers to basic questions, referrals to community services, and access to online resources. This service, which is offered to anyone, provides legal information, helps with court forms, and connects a person with legal aid supporters.
4	EMPLOYMENT	Volunteers spent time with neighbors brainstorming potential employers and familiarizing neighbors with the MassHire HOT JOBS link on the SVdP Attleboro website (www.svdpattleboro.org). Stanley Jumpe, Reentry Services Case Manager with the Community Justice Support Center in Taunton (CJSC), visited the Reentry staff to discuss CJSC employment assistance as well as possible interagency collaboration.
5	HOUSING	The Reentry Program paid for transitional housing for 39 returning citizens. Remittances represented both full and partial month's assistance. A Reentry volunteer assisted with planning the annual Point in Time Count of the homeless in Attleboro. (The Point in Time Count occurs nationally on the last Wednesday of January each year.) Many thanks to the City of Attleboro Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Unit for their support of the Point in Time Count.
6	COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS	The SVdP Reentry Team has continued to meet with Sheriff Paul Heroux to discuss how his team might further collaborate with the Reentry Program. In addition, the Reentry Program continues to participate in the Attleboro Area Self-Sufficiency Coalition meetings as well as the meetings of the South Coast Reentry Collaborative. A Reentry volunteer continues to represent the Attleboro area on the Bristol County Continuum of Care Executive Board along with the corresponding HUD Grant Performance Review and Racial Equity committees. Effective February 1, the Reentry Program was offered and accepted temporary office space at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Center in Seekonk. Many thanks to Father Cook and his parishioners for their warm welcome and generosity!
7	ADVOCACY	Letters requesting support for legislation, which would direct a small portion of the Massachusetts Millionaire's Income Tax to support multiple Reentry initiatives, were sent to our Bristol County legislative team as well as to targeted committee chairs.
8	EDUCATING VINCENTIANS & VOLUNTEERS	The Reentry team has been collaborating with Emerge Career, a free CDL training program for justice-involved individuals. Funded by government agencies, Emerge Career provides coaching, training, and guaranteed job placement for those who participate in the program. We have been referring returning citizens to this program, which begins with self-study, as a means of obtaining employment while being paid to learn the skills required. A Reentry volunteer was invited to enroll in and completed the national SVdP Advocacy Academy Program, a self-directed online course on government advocacy. The Reentry Program participates in the monthly national SVdP Reentry Program Zoom meetings.
	Attleboro SDVP Immersion Reentry Program, 385 Central Ave, Seekonk, Massachusetts 02771	For more information, go to svdpattleboro.org and see Reentry. Our Reentry Help Line and business phone number is 508-445-2054. Select voicemail option #1 and leave a clear, detailed voice message. Someone will get back to you. We are open most Wednesdays at 385 Central Ave in Seekonk for scheduled appointments, which are highly recommended. For guidance on remitting donations to the Reentry Program, we can be reached via email at reentry@svdpattleboro.org . For more information about Reentry and other programs of the National Council of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, go to svdpusa.org and select "Assistance & Services" and "Programs/Ways We Help". Look for "Immersion."