DUTCHESS COUNTY JAIL
RESTART PROGRAM OUTLINE
(RE-ENTRY STABILIZATION TRANSITION AND REINTEGRATION)
MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP

The RESTART initiative is collaborative effort combining the historical knowledge, skill and experience of the following agencies:

- Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO)
- Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections
- Dutchess County Dept. of Behavioral and Community Health (DBCH)
- Hudson Valley Mental Health (HVMH)
- Project MORE
It is the goal of the RESTART program to provide treatment and re-entry services to male and female inmates housed in the Dutchess County Jail (DCJ) who are at high risk for reoffending.

A 50 bed DCJ housing unit for male inmates has been designated for RESTART participants only; this unit has typically been at capacity since October 2015.

15-20 female inmates are routinely enrolled for intensive RESTART services.

High risk inmates with an anticipated length of stay of 6 weeks or longer will be seen as promising candidates.
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Booking, Screening, Quick Assessment

Potential release

Referral to RESTART

Collaboration (eligibility)

Collaboration (assignment to RESTART)

Collaboration (Information sharing with stakeholders)

Collaboration (Evidence-Based curriculum in program)

Collaboration (treatment plan)

Collaboration (Discharge Planning)
Collaboration (Evidence-based curriculum in the community)

Department of Behavioral and Community Health

Department of Probation and Community Corrections

Hudson Valley Mental Health

Project MORE services

Other Community partners

Collaboration

ANY COMINATION OF PROGRAMMING
Incarcerated

Evaluation for Pretrial Release (COMPAS)

Referral for Jail RESTART

Screened by Jail/Program Staff

Placement into RESTART by Collaboration group

Communication with Judicial process stakeholders

Program Placement With Treatment Plan

Evidence-Based Curriculum in Program (schedule)

Evidence-Based Curriculum in The Community

Re Entry

VA Outreach (VJD)

Exodus Transitional Community

Other services

Evidence Based Curriculum in The Community

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QA Group System Review

Released Pretrial Bail or Court Order

JAIL TRANSITIONS PROGRAM RESTART SYSTEM

FLOWCHART
SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT

PROXY – this instrument generates a score within a 0-6 range; the higher the score the more likely an individual is to recidivate. Inmates with PROXY scores between 4 and 6 are screened for RESTART services.

COMPAS – an actuarial assessment that generates risk scores over a series of domains:

- Associates/peers
- Family
- Financial Status
- Leisure/recreation
- Residential stability
- Social environment

- Vocation
- Education
- *Mental health
- Substance abuse
- *Criminal attitudes/thinking
- *Current charges/offense history
Current evidence indicates that treatment approaches consistent with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques are beneficial with criminal justice populations. RESTART is currently utilizing the following CBT related curricula:

- **Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT)** – a nationally recognized, manualized, CBT curriculum focused on antisocial personality traits and thinking. Facilitators must complete a four (4) day training. All RESTART staff are trained in MRT.

- **New Directions** – a Hazelden curriculum utilizing CBT techniques (thinking reports) targeting both substance abuse and criminal attitudes. Appropriate for high risk offenders. Expansive course with multiple modules (Intake-Discharge).

- **Anger Management (SAMHSA Curriculum)** – available online, twelve (12) chapters, participants have individual workbooks.

- **Ready Set Work (RSW)** – ten (10) session employment readiness course for criminal justice population. Facilitators must complete a three (3) week training
• **Habits of Mind** – developed by James Anderson and initially utilized in school environments; explores positive thinking strategies. Simple basic curriculum applicable to many target groups.

• **Seeking Safety** – a trauma informed approach to substance abuse, currently provided to women in the RSTART program but can be used with men as well. Facilitator is “tutored” by a Seeking Safety Trainer by sitting in with an on-going group.

• **Dialectical Behavior Therapy** – highly structured approach to emotional and behavioral regulation. Emphasizes skill building. Requires specific training and on-going supervision (Linehan Institute)
# RESTART Group Programming

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CASE MANAGEMENT

• **Initial Screening** – getting “buy in”

• **Intake** – COMPAS assessment

• **Case Plan** – connecting programming to risk factors

• **Ongoing Transition Planning**

• **Jail Release** – implementation of transition plan
POST RELEASE CONTINUITY

In order to provide for the continuation of recommended treatment “dosage” we have advocated that our community based partners utilize a uniform set of curricula consistent with RESTART approaches.

- **ITAP (DBCH)** – MRT, New Directions, Seeking Safety, DBT
- **CTC (Project MORE)** – MRT, Ready Set Work!, Anger Management
- **Women’s Reporting Center (Project MORE)** – MRT, Ready Set Work!
- **RSC (Project MORE)** – MRT, Ready Set Work
- **Hudson Valley Mental Health (HVMH)** – DBT, MRT, Seeking Safety
- **Lexington Ctr. for Recovery (LCR)** – MRT, Seeking Safety
- **Probation and Community Corrections** – MRT, Ready Set Work!
Hudson Valley Mental Health, Inc. (HVMH) is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 2006, and is charged with developing comprehensive and integrated services to meet the behavioral health needs of adults living in the community. In carrying out this mission HVMH strives to ensure that services are accessible, affordable, cost-effective, culturally competent and community-oriented.

- HVMH currently operates a total of 9 adult outpatient mental health clinics in the Hudson Valley region (6 clinics in Dutchess County and 3 in Ulster County).
- HVMH provides over 50,000 services to over 5,000 people each year.
- HVMH staff includes licensed clinical social workers, licensed mental health counselors, psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, & registered nurses.
- HVMH clinicians regularly receive training in best practices and evidence based treatments.
- HVMH is also proud to be part of the RESTART program in the Dutchess County Jail!
HVMH & RESTART

HVMH helps people transition to the community by getting them the treatment and services they need to succeed!

- DBT
- CBT in individual therapy & groups
- Medication Management
- Referrals to other services such as care coordination, peer advocacy, vocational training, education, housing, and medical services.
- MRT & Seeking Safety will be available by the Fall
Project MORE, Inc.

*Project Model Offender Reintegration Experience, Inc.*

Headquarters are located at:

830 Grand Avenue, New Haven, CT
Our Agency History

- Founded in 1974
- Has successfully served a variety of offender populations over the past 42 years
- The agency has a strong record of offering community-based ATI programming
- Combines supervision and monitoring with skill-building and opportunities for personal growth.
PROJECT MORE, INC. MISSION:

Provide a structured and systematic process to reintegrate ex-offenders into the community and to provide services to their families. In providing this service, Project M.O.R.E. works with individuals on parole, probation, bail and those released from correctional facilities.
Transitional Housing Facility - 2007
Residential Stabilization Center - 2009

In-Jail RESTART Program - 2015

Community Transition Center - 2015

Women’s Reporting Center - 2014

Project MORE, Inc. - New York
Staff hired to reflect the specific needs of the program
  - Culturally competent; preference given to community applicants
  - Gender responsive
  - Human Services experience
  - Knowledgeable regarding clientele and security

Adequate numbers to provide security, supervision, and services

Project MORE, Inc. requires an extensive orientation training, followed by on-going training according to national standards
Transitional Housing Program (DCT): 2007

- Highly Structured
- Supervised
- 38 – bed, locked facility
- Utilized for pretrial or sentenced cases
- Services individuals with chronic substance abuse problems that need
  - Structured
  - Safe
  - Sober housing
8 Bed Co-ed Capacity
Services Multiple Counties
Case Management
MRT
Ready Set Work!
Housing
GED
RSC Advantages

- Works with individual Probation Officers
- Flexible program duration based on participant needs
- Individualized program components based on needs
- Client Centered Approach
Re-Entry
Stabilization
Transition
And
Reintegration
Track
In-Jail RESTART Program - 2015

• Implementation & development of transition/release plans
• Individual case management and group sessions
• Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)
• Ready, Set, Work!
• Habits of Mind
• Anger Management (SAMHSA)
• Seeking Safety (trauma/substance abuse)
• New Directions (substance abuse)
• Dialectical Behavior Therapy (mental health)
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Incorporates step by step format to enhance self-image by raising moral reasoning levels, assessments of life purposes, and positive personality variables.

**Major Elements of MRT**

1. Confrontation and assessment of self
2. Assessment of current relationships
3. Reinforcement of positive behavior and habits
4. Positive identity formation
5. Enhancement of self-concept
6. Decreased hedonism
7. Developing higher stages of moral reasoning
A Day Reporting Program Focused on Recidivism Reduction Through a Collaborative Approach
Community Transition Center (CTC)

Day Reporting

- Provides services for 60 people
- Individual assessments
- MRT
- Education and vocation assistance
- Psycho-educational groups for
  - Parenting
  - Substance abuse
  - Health issues
- Ready Set Work!
- Anger Management
## CTC Program Schedule

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Women’s Center Program Offerings

• Case Management Services
  – Stabilization, Basic Needs, Referrals to Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services and Community Resources

• Gender responsive risk/needs assessments

• Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT)

• Employment Services
  – Offender Workforce Development Specialists offering *Ready, Set, Work!*
  – Individual employment readiness, job search, employment support, life skills

• Transportation

• Child care

• Pro-social activities and on-site educational group offerings
PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP
PARTNERSHIPS

➢ Relieve overcrowding at the jail

➢ Prevent unnecessary pretrial detention

➢ Provide alternative to bail for those without financial resources