START

Sheriff's Transition and Reentry Team



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Dr. Errol D. Toulon, Jr. was elected as the 67th Sheriff in 2017 and is the county's first African American to be elected into a non-judicial countywide office. He spent 22 years as a uniformed member of the NYCDOC and retired as the Deputy Commissioner of Operations. As Suffolk's highest-ranking law enforcement official, he serves and protects our residents through innovative programs to reduce crime and recidivism, eradicate the drug epidemic, and works to put an end to human trafficking. Sheriff Toulon has his Doctorate in Educational Administration, a Masters in Business Administration.



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Sheriff Toulon's Philosophy

"Reentry begins on the first day of incarceration and there is a continuum of support from jail to the community"

Mission

This philosophy has shaped the mission of Team Members



START RESOURCE TEAM & CENTER

History

The Transition and Reentry Team was formed in 2020 and provides services from a Resource Center staffed by six Correction Officers

A Captain and Lieutenant supervise the Team

Location

Services are supplied from a Resource Center located on the grounds of the Yaphank Correctional Facility Campus



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Mission of the Team

Identify the reentry needs of the incarcerated and match them to available services and resources

Goal of the Team

The reduction of recidivism by facilitating a "warm handoff" into the community after incarceration



Team members bridge the gap between the correctional facilities and communities that the incarcerated will be returning to





The **START** Resource Center is open to any individual with current or prior justice system involvement that resides in Suffolk County.

The Center serves both county individuals, their families, and those transitioning from state prison back to Suffolk County.

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Team Members Roles and Responsibilities

Captain-supervises, plans and organizes activities of the Team to the meet the objectives set by the Sheriff

<u>Lieutenant</u>-manages the activities of correction officer team members, assesses progress and monitors resource utilization



<u>Correction Counselor</u>- first contact with the incarcerated, begins individual reentry plan

Community Correction Officer - completes and implements reentry plan



Duties of Correction Counselors

Meet with the incarcerated within first week of confinement to:

- Conduct a needs-based assessment to create an intake screening packet
- Create an initial case file for ongoing case management
- Identify programs available inside the facility and match to inmate needs
- Facilitate communication with mental health, addiction treatment or internal security professionals if necessary
- Careful not to discuss current crime
 Utilization of Active Listening and Communication Skills
 Professional trust is formed Not a "got you" moment





Goals of Correction Counselors

- Assist the incarcerated individual *during* confinement
- Begin to formulate an Individualized Reentry Plan (IRP).
- Utilize a *holistic approach* looking at the "whole person" including mental health and physical, emotional, social and spiritual wellbeing

Connect the individual to available services



Facility Services and Programs

A wide variety of services are available to the incarcerated including:

Faith and Religious Based

- Weekly services for prominent religions including Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths
- Group and individual religious counseling sessions

Community and Life Skill Based

- New Hour for Women and Children
- Youth Enlightenment Seminar (YES) \bullet
- Dog training (SATP)

Drug and Alcohol Based

- Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous \bullet
- Substance Use Disorder Counseling (in house and transitional case managers) 0

Working Paws Training, Inc.



Facility Services and Programs

Education Based

- Learning Centers
 - Provides educational services for GED and High School Equivalency Diploma attainment
- Eastern Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.)
 - Incarcerated Youth and Adult Literacy Programs
 - Facility Maintenance Program
 - ServSafe Program
- Sound Justice
 - Variety of educational offerings aimed at reducing recidivism and reverse the "prison pipeline"

Sheriff's Addiction Treatment Program (SATP)

• Intensive substance use treatment initiative







Facility Services and Programs

Occupationally Based

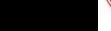
- Department of Labor liaison
- Law Library
- Universal Class access at the Learning Center

Motivationally Based

- Mentoring
- Memoir Writing

Veterans Program

- Vietnam Veterans of America (Green Jackets)
- NYS Defenders Association
- Senior Program (55 and over)
 - Housing Unit



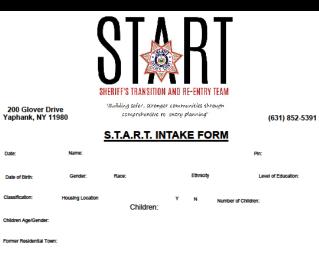
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Returning Residential Town:

SERVICES/ACTIONS APPROPRIATE FOR THE INMATE (check all that apply)

| MEDICAL | ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| MENTAL HEALTH | NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS |
| E.A.C | PROPERTY |
| INTERNAL SECURITY | RELIGION |
| S.A.T.P. | GED |
| VETERAN PROGRAM | CLASSIFICATION |
| OVER 55 / SENIOR PROGRAM | LEARNING CENTER |
| BRIGHTER TOMORROWS | Other: |
| NEW HOUR | |

Screened By:

Signature/Rank/Shield

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Duties of Community Correction Officers Evaluate Collected Data to Complete Individualized Reentry Plan Direct Action Begins One Month Prior to Release

- Serve as a liaison between the community and the Sheriff's Office including:
 - Mental Health / SUD Facilities
 - Stable Housing Locations
 - Employers
 - Research and identify quality employment opportunities
- Schedule post release appointments including:
 - Department of Motor Vehicles
 - Employment Interviews
 - SUD treatment centers
- Coordinate and meet with community-based partners and service providers

Duties of Community Correction Officers

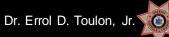
The IRP is finalized and utilized for reentry after additional information is collected including:

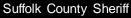
- Personal Identification Needs
- Benefits Eligibility
- DSS / Medicaid / Medicare / SNAP
- Financial Obligations
- Housing / Family Situation / Children
- Education Needs
- Transportation Needs
- Incarceration History
- Voting Registration







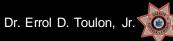




Reentry Plan Finalization

- Community Corrections Officers help develop the IRP and Corrections Counselors finalize the plan with the incarcerated
- Once the plan is complete, appointments are made with START and outside service providers
- The incarcerated can telephone the Resource Center free of charge via housing area telephones to update their IRP





Transitioning from Incarceration to Community

The "Warm Handoff"

At this time, the "warm handoff" to the community begins, and lines of communication are established for follow up care.

After discharge, releasees communicate with and visit the START Resource Center, where solutions for additional needs are developed. The total number of visits is unlimited.







Post Incarceration Services

Remains a viable assistance center when released are most vulnerable

Employment- best suited for the individual Identification- BC, SS Card, NYS non-driver ID Transportation- START, UBER, family or friends Education/Vocational training- BOCES, Acces VR Housing- DSS, sober living, transitional, Spa Housing Mental Health- Family Service League, Empower Assist Care (EAC) Response Crisis Center Medical Benefits- DSS, The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI)

Substance Use Disorder Assistance-Seafield, Victory, Voyage, THRIVE, BEST, New Horizon, Phoenix House, Sun River Health



Examples of Outside Service Providers

- Axis Church Satellite Office
- BOCES
- DOL- Department of Labor
- ECLI- Empowerment Collaborative of Long Island
- EOC- Economic Opportunity Council of LI Identification needs
- EAC- Empower Assist Care
- Family Service League
- Long Island Cares/Long Island Harvest
- New Hour Women & Children
- Salvation Army
- United Way Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables Career Training











Examples of Employers

- NYCBS- New York Cancer & Blood Specialists
- Winters Bros
- Stop & Shop
- Island Exterior Fabricators
- American Maintenance
- Randstad
- East End Food Institute
- Islip Town (seasonal)
- United Way

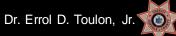


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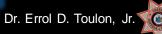


DISTRIBUTION OF DONATED ITEMS

START receives donations to supply dignity bags for the returning citizen in need.

Items include: food, gently used clothing & toiletries, childcare items





Team members participate in community events to improve the law enforcement and community relationship.



Spanish Heritage Parade in Patchogue St. Joseph's College Domestic Violence Seminar New Horizon Visit / Housing and Substance Use Treatment

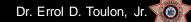
St. John Paul Regional School Riverhead Trunk or Treat Spanish Outreach Turkey Drive Patchogue SCSO Turkey Drive/START Resource Center Axis Church Toy Drive Cops and Kids Brentwood and Wyandanch











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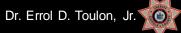












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Satellite Offices

Provides a neutral & easily accessible location for services

- Axis Church- Port Jefferson- December 2022
- Spin the Yard- Wyandanch- Spring 2021



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Financial Literacy: Partnership with Chase Bank and Liam Connect

- > In-house Training Class
- Chase Bank in their community Incentivized to open Checking / Savings / **Credit of Funds**
- Power Up! Wind, Solar & Renewables Career Training
- **Promoted in our Learning Center**
 - Deer Park Training Center first 3 graduates
 - Certificate in Building Science Principles

Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes > Job Training Grant with BOCES – Facilities Maintenance Program



The Sheriff's Transition and Reentry Team



The Resource Center has Case Managers and Correctional Counselors to help with:

- Housing Referrals/Resources
- Employment Assistance/Vocational Training
- Educational Opportunities/GED
- Community Support Meetings
- Substance Use Disorder Support
- Identification Assistance
- Transportation
- Clothing, Toiletries, Food Pantry
- Assistance with DSS
- And much more.

If you or someone you know has been Justice Involved and needs assistance, we can help.

Center Hours Monday - Friday Bam - 8pm Bus Route S68

(Probation Stop)



<u>Address</u> 200 Glover Drive Yaphank, NY 11980 The Resource Center is on the grounds of the Yaphank Correctional Facility.

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START SLOGAN

"Building safer, stronger communities through comprehensive re-entry planning"







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