



NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

# REENTRY AND REHABILITATION REPORT



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# LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

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Public safety is not just about the security of our facilities; it is about the success of those who leave them. When we provide individuals in our care with the tools to achieve stability and open the door to future opportunities, we are directly investing in the safety of every New Jersey community.

Our Department is fundamentally shifting the correctional landscape. By integrating evidence-based programming, academic studies, vocational training, and clinical treatment, we ensure that the transition from custody to community is seamless and supported. This mission is driven by a commitment to the rehabilitation of the incarcerated population and the belief that recidivism is a challenge we can overcome through strategic intervention.

This report reflects our priority on specialized, targeted care. Our commitment goes beyond traditional oversight; we are investing in public safety by providing the population with robust job training, trauma-responsive programs, education, parenting initiatives, and reentry services. By bridging the gap between custody and community, we provide the resources, services, and family connectivity essential for a successful transition back into society.

None of this progress is possible without the dedicated professionals of the NJDOC. Our custody and civilian staff are the backbone of this transformation. Their professionalism creates the stable environment required for rehabilitation to take hold. We are fostering a culture that values both the safety of our staff and the advancement of those in our custody, recognizing that the two are inextricably linked.

The data confirms that our trajectory is the right one. I am proud to share that the 2021 release cohort achieved a historic 6% recidivism rate for new criminal convictions within three years. This is more than a statistic; it represents thousands of lives redirected toward family, employment, and civic contribution and shows the importance of the NJDOC in enhancing public safety. While we celebrate these results, our work continues. We remain steadfast in our goal to lead the nation in correctional excellence, to ensure that every individual who leaves our care has a clear pathway to a productive future, and to protect our communities.



## New Jersey Achieves Record-Low 6% Recidivism Rate

The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) recently announced the publication of the 2021 Recidivism Outcome Report. Tracking 4,174 individuals released in 2021 over a three-year period, the data confirms that New Jersey's recidivism rate has reached an unprecedented low. Only 6% of those released were reincarcerated for a new criminal conviction within three years marking a milestone that reflects the continued effectiveness of the Department's rehabilitation and reentry initiatives.

→ 4,174

Individuals released in 2021 over a three-year period fixed margin

→ 6%

Released were reincarcerated for a new criminal conviction within three years

The 2021 findings represent a significant long-term downward trend in reoffending. Since 2011, the rate of reincarceration for new convictions has dropped by approximately 50%.

- Reincarceration for new male convictions dropped from 12% to 6%.
- Reincarceration for females dropped from 4% to just under 2%.
- Since 2011, male reconvictions (any new guilty verdict, regardless of sentence) have decreased by 27%, while female reconvictions fell by 21%.

### Vocational Efficacy and Academic Achievement

Educational and vocational programs remain a significant driver of post-release stability, equipping individuals with the tools necessary for economic self-sufficiency.

- Nearly 55% of individuals who completed a vocational education program were employed at some point within three years of release.
- The Department reported a remarkable 86% pass rate for incarcerated individuals participating in mandatory education who took the High School Equivalency (HSE) test.

### Residential Community Reintegration Programs (RCRP)

Residential Community Reintegration Programs (RCRPs) function as a managed transitional bridge for individuals preparing to return to the community. These programs emphasize a comprehensive approach to stability by integrating clinical treatment, including mental health and substance use disorder support, with academic and vocational advancement. By providing a structured environment that facilitates employment opportunities and family reunification, RCRPs empower participants to secure the professional and personal foundations necessary for long-term independence and successful community restoration.

The 2021 cohort data reinforces that transitioning through an RCRP significantly reduces reoffending across every tracked metric. Compared to the general release population, RCRP participants saw:



22% decrease  
in rearrests



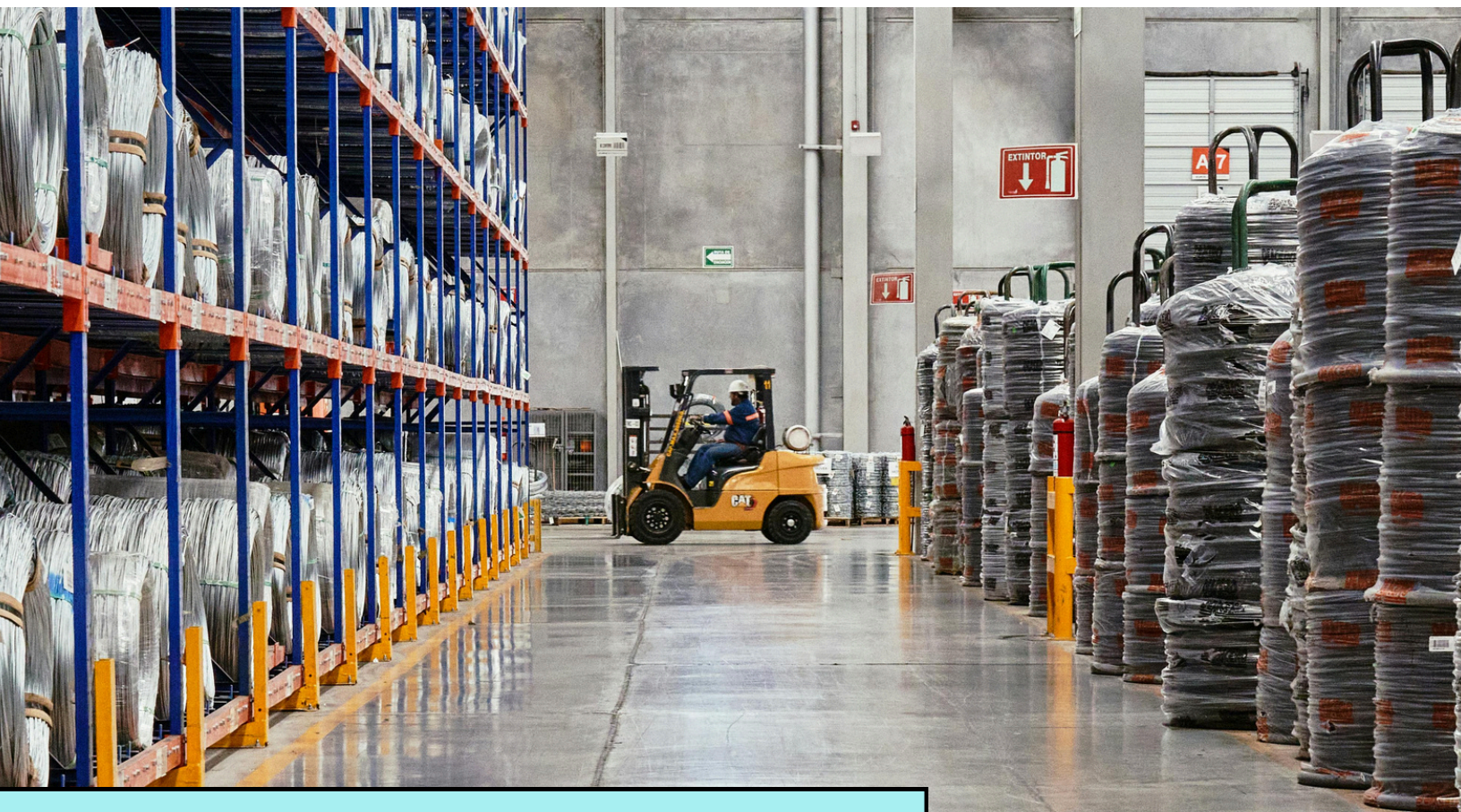
39% decrease  
in reconvictions



44% decrease  
in reincarceration

### Work-Release Excellence

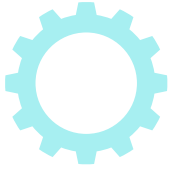
Participants who completed work-release RCRP programs yielded the most favorable outcomes, as 3% of individuals released in CY2021 who completed a work release RCRP were reincarcerated for a new conviction within three years of release.



Take a deep dive on recidivism.  
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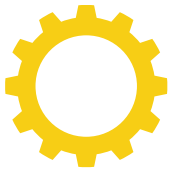
## REENTRY OVERVIEW

Reentry preparation within NJDOC follows a structured approach:



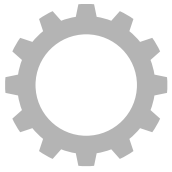
### Assessment and Placement

Individuals are assessed and placed in programming aligned with educational need, workforce readiness, career interest, and behavioral goals.



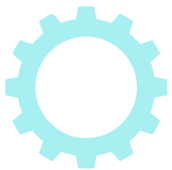
### Program Engagement

Participants engage in trauma-informed care through services such as cognitive interventions, parenting programs, trauma recovery services, academic education, and vocational credentialing.



### Pre-Release Coordination

Prior to release, individuals are connected with identification documents like MVC and non-MVC IDs, social security cards, cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and health Insurance (NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid), SNAP enrollment, Affordable Care Act enrollment, workforce readiness services, and community-based providers.



### Community Transition Support

Through partnerships, grant-funded services, and follow-up engagement, individuals receive support during the transition period following release.



## Division of Programs and Reintegration Services

The Division of Programs and Reintegration Services (DPRS) is responsible for delivering structured educational, vocational, cognitive, behavioral, trauma recovery, and transitional programming to incarcerated individuals across New Jersey correctional facilities. The Division also administers community-based reintegration initiatives, reentry services, and compliance oversight functions.

DPRS operates through coordinated offices and specialized units that collectively address criminogenic risk factors, workforce readiness, trauma exposure, family reunification, and access to essential documentation. Programming is delivered through standardized curricula, credential-based instruction, grant-funded partnerships, and policy-driven oversight mechanisms.

Division of Programs and Reintegration Services units

- Office of Community Programs
- Office of Programming and Supportive Services
- Office of Community Engagement and Reintegration Initiatives
- Office of Victim and Trauma Services
- Office of Chaplaincy Services
- Office of Educational Services
- Limited English Proficiency Support
- Paralegal Studies and Training Program
- Compliance, Integrity, and Accountability Unit

### OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Office of Community Programs (OCP) administers Residential Community Reintegration Programs (RCRPs), which provide structured community-based placement prior to release. These programs support work release, substance use treatment, vocational training, and academic enrollment under contractual oversight.

#### Residential Community Reintegration Programs

The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) utilizes RCRPs to provide a structured, supportive transition for individuals nearing release. By merging clinical treatment with practical life skills, these programs foster long-term independence and significantly improve public safety outcomes.

## A Pathway to Reentry

RCRPs employ a tiered "step-down" model. As participants complete treatment phases, they progress into education, vocational training, or full-time work release. This allows individuals to secure employment, manage personal budgets, and strengthen family bonds while still benefiting from professional oversight.

## Core Reentry Services

To ensure a holistic transition, RCRPs offer a comprehensive suite of services tailored to individual needs:

- **Clinical Support:** Includes individual and group counseling, substance misuse education, anger management, and trauma-informed domestic violence support.
- **Education & Vocational Training:** Access to GED courses, Associate or Bachelor's degree programs, and certified vocational training to build marketable skills.
- **Employment Readiness:** Intensive job-search preparation, resume building, and a work requirement for all eligible participants.
- **Transition Planning:** Comprehensive case management and discharge planning that begins at admission, covering everything from family reunification to specialized services like laser tattoo removal for professional reintegration.

## Residential Community Reintegration Programs Key Metrics:

- Employed Residents: 381
- Residents Enrolled in Education: 94
- Furloughs Granted: 517
- Site Visits Conducted: 462

## Office of Programs and Supportive Services

Office of Programs and Supportive Services (OPSS) provides structured reentry preparation services, including discharge planning, identification acquisition, workforce readiness, and benefits enrollment. The unit ensures individuals leave custody with documentation, healthcare enrollment, and employment readiness services that reduce systemic reentry barriers.

## Pre-Release Preparation

The acquisition of foundational documents and benefits enrollment ensures individuals are eligible for employment and access to healthcare immediately upon release, eliminating the primary systemic barriers to community stability.

→ 3,304

Birth Certificates Secured

→ 3,160

Social Security Cards Processed

→ 1,782

MVC Non-Driver IDs Issued

→ 3,573

Affordable Care Act Applications

→ 3,101

NJHelps Applications Completed (food assistance or SNAP, cash assistance (WFNJ/TANF or WFNJ/GA), and Health Insurance (NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid))



## Office of Programs and Supportive Services

The Office of Programs and Supportive Services provides transitional and reentry services for incarcerated individuals, including the delivery of psychoeducational programs and supportive services. OPSS provides comprehensive discharge planning and reentry services designed to support successful community reintegration.

### Cage Your Rage

Cage Your Rage is a structured intervention designed to help participants develop emotional regulation skills and reduce impulsive or aggressive behavior. The program focuses on accountability, decision-making, and practical strategies to manage anger in institutional and community settings.

→ Enrolled **689**

→ Completed **600**

→ Completion Rate **87%**

### Healthy Opportunities to Parent Effectively (HOPE)

Healthy Opportunities to Parent Effectively strengthens parenting skills by promoting responsible decision-making, communication, and family engagement. The program supports participants in maintaining and rebuilding positive relationships with their children and caregivers.

→ Enrolled **414**

→ Completed **334**

→ Completion rate **81%**

### Family Reunification and Transition (FRAT)

Family Reunification and Transition prepares participants for structured reintegration by strengthening family communication, responsibility, and transition planning. The program supports stable reentry through improved family connections and coordinated planning.

→ Enrolled **547**

→ Completed **487**

→ Completion Rate **89%**

## Thinking for a Change

Thinking for a Change is a cognitive behavioral program that targets criminogenic thinking patterns and promotes pro-social decision-making. The curriculum emphasizes cognitive restructuring, social skills development, and problem-solving strategies.

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→ Enrolled **773**

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→ Completed **665**

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→ Completion Rate **86%**

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## Road to Reentry (R2R)

Road to Reentry is a comprehensive pre-release preparation program that addresses employment readiness, community expectations, and personal accountability. The program equips participants with practical tools necessary to transition successfully from incarceration to the community.

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→ Enrolled **786**

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→ Completed **722**

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→ Completion rate **92%**

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## OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND REINTEGRATION INITIATIVES

Office of Community Engagement and Reintegration Initiatives (CERI) provides centralized oversight of NJLEAD, PACE, and Volunteer Services. The unit ensures compliance, fiscal accountability, and alignment between community-based partners and Department reintegration objectives.

### New Jersey Locally Empowered Accountable and Determined (NJLEAD)

NJLEAD is a competitive grant process grant-funded pre-release and post-release services delivered by approved community-based providers including non-profits, for profits, and local government. The program supports workforce development, behavioral health services, financial literacy, case management, emergency housing, and cognitive interventions through structured partner oversight and compliance monitoring.

#### 2025 NJLEAD Outcomes

- State Prison Pre-Release Service Connections: 7,335
- State Prison Post-Release Service Connections: 3,882
- County Jail Pre-Release Service Connections 311
- County Jail Post-Release Service Connections: 1,050
- Grants Awarded: 41



#### NJLEAD Grant Categories

##### → Reintegration Service Coordination in Urban Communities

This category empowers municipalities to take a localized approach to reentry. Funding supports the hiring of a dedicated Municipal Reentry Coordinator to manage local strategies, build community partnerships, and serve as a direct point of contact to navigate residents toward essential local supports.

##### → Reentry Supportive Services

To address the immediate needs of individuals returning home, this initiative funds community-based organizations that provide direct, "wraparound" support. Focus areas include intensive case management, housing assistance, mental health services, and other critical stabilization resources.

##### → Innovative Reentry Cooperative Economic Empowerment

This initiative focuses on long-term financial independence by fostering career pathways and entrepreneurship. Grantees develop programs that offer job readiness training and entrepreneurship opportunities, allowing justice-involved individuals to earn stable wages and actively contribute to their local economies.

##### → Innovative Prerelease Preparation and Vocational Training

Recognizing that successful reentry begins before release, this category funds prerelease interventions within correctional facilities. Programs provide life coaching, industry-standard certifications, and vocational training, ensuring individuals exit the system with the credentials and skills required to enter the workforce immediately.





## OFFICE OF VICTIM AND TRAUMA SERVICES

The Office of Victim and Trauma Services (OVTS) provides trauma-informed, gender-responsive, and culturally relevant services designed to address the psychological, emotional, and behavioral impacts of trauma.

The unit integrates clinical support, psychoeducation, chaplaincy-based trauma programming, and victim advocacy certification to strengthen emotional regulation, accountability, and behavioral stability prior to release.

In 2025, OVTS:

- Expanded trauma-informed programming capacity
- Increased certification-level training for staff
- Deployed the Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) team 18 times
- Partnered with NJLEAD Category D grantees for trauma-based programming

## Focus on the Victim

Focus on the Victim is a structured program that addresses accountability by examining the impact of crime on victims and communities. The program supports participants in building awareness and responsibility as part of reentry preparation.

→ Enrolled 141

→ Completed 121

→ Completion rate 86%

**Volunteer Services Unit**

The Volunteer Services Unit processes volunteer applications, conducts orientation, and ensures compliance with institutional security and rehabilitative standards. The unit serves as the central point of coordination for community-based volunteers delivering services within correctional facilities.

**644**

Volunteer applications processed

**OFFICE OF CHAPLAINCY SERVICES**

The Office of Chaplaincy Services (OCS) provides inclusive spiritual care, pastoral counseling, crisis response, and faith-based programming to incarcerated individuals and staff. Services are delivered across faith traditions and support emotional stability and personal reflection.

The NJDOC continues its commitment to supporting the families of justice-involved individuals through its annual participation in the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree program. Facilitated by the Office of Chaplaincy Services, this initiative focuses on maintaining the bond between parents and their children during the holiday season by providing Christmas gifts on behalf of incarcerated individuals. OCS mailed 660 applications to the Salvation Army for children of those housed in NJDOC. Through the applications from Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF), Angel Tree served 445 children.

**OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

The Office of Educational Services (OES) provides incarcerated individuals with academic and vocational pathways tailored to their specific needs. Operating under a mission of accountability and measurable results, OES is divided into two primary units: Academic Affairs and Career Technical Education (CTE).

The Academic Affairs Unit manages all teaching and learning initiatives, including curriculum development, faculty oversight, and high school equivalency (HSE) programs. A core component of this unit is the New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons (NJSTEP) initiative—a partnership with a consortium of New Jersey higher education institutions that provides college-level coursework and degree opportunities for students while they are incarcerated and assists in their transition upon release.

## OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES (continued)

The current NJSTEP consortium includes:

- Drew University
- Princeton University
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Rutgers University

### Digital Transformation of Academic Testing

In August 2025, Academic Affairs successfully transitioned to computer-based GED testing, aligning NJDOC with national standards set by the GED Testing Service (Pearson Vue). This shift from manual, paper-based exams to a digital platform has fundamentally improved operational transparency and data integrity:

- Moving to a digital platform provides immediate visibility into pass rates, subject-area trends, and instructional impact, allowing leadership to make data-driven decisions.



- Computer-based testing ensures encrypted data transmission and digital audit trails, eliminating the inherent risks associated with the storage and transport of paper exams.
- Digital records are stored securely and integrated into structured reporting systems, enhancing compliance documentation and audit readiness.

### Higher Education Expansion and Accreditation

NJDOC continues to expand access to high-level academic achievement through the NJSTEP consortium:

- Programming offered through Drew University was recently accredited by the Middle States Commission of Higher Education, authorizing the university to provide students with the opportunity to earn a Master's in Religion.
- The Princeton University NJSTEP in-class laptop initiative, originally established at East Jersey State Prison, was expanded to include the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) to enhance student engagement with complex course materials.

### Educational Services Highlights:



523

NJSTEP enrollment



45

Associate degrees awarded



55%

Adult literacy program growth  
(Pre-K to Grade 5)



450

Adult literacy program enrolled  
(Pre-K to Kindergarten)



70%

GED passing rate



## Career Technical Education

Career Technical Education (CTE) provides industry-aligned, credential-based workforce training in high-demand trades. Programs are structured to deliver hands-on skills aligned with labor market needs.

### 2025 Certificates Issued

- FORKLIFT: 908
- GREEN TECH: 697
- NCCER CORE: 697
- ELECTRICAL TRADES: 227
- OSHA-30: 113
- WELDING: 52
- HVAC: 46
- CABINET MAKING: 17

## PARALEGAL STUDIES AND TRAINING

The Paralegal Studies and Training Program provides structured legal education and court-access support training to incarcerated participants. The program curriculum was recognized as equivalent to three trade credits by Thomas Edison State University.

### 2025 Outcomes:

- South Woods: 16 completions (94%)
- Edna Mahan: 4 completions (67%)



## Reentry Spotlight

### Expanding Literary Access: NJDOC and Freedom Reads Partnership

In 2025, the New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) significantly expanded its collaboration with the national non-profit Freedom Reads. This initiative aims to foster a culture of reading and personal growth by integrating high-quality literature directly into the daily living environments of incarcerated individuals.

#### The Expansion of Freedom Libraries

Throughout 2025, the NJDOC opened more than 60 new libraries across the state's correctional facilities. These libraries are uniquely situated directly inside housing units and cellblocks to make reading a visible and spontaneous part of daily life.

- South Woods State Prison: The most recent expansion included the installation of 27 libraries within housing units.
- Northern State Prison and Edna Mahan Correctional Facility: Earlier in 2025, 37 libraries were established across these two facilities (27 at Northern State and 10 at Edna Mahan).
- Approximately 32,000 new books donated including fiction, poetry, memoirs and classic literature.

#### Inside Literary Prize Partnership

The NJDOC, in partnership with Freedom Reads, the National Book Foundation, and the Center for Justice Innovation, facilitated the second annual Inside Literary Prize at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) and Northern State Prison (NSP). This initiative represents the first US-based literary prize awarded exclusively by incarcerated individuals.

- Twenty-five readers across EMCF and NSP served as judges, joining a national cohort of 300 individuals tasked with selecting a winner from a four-book shortlist.
- Programming included book discussions, voting sessions, and a poetry performance by Freedom Reads Founder Reginald Dwayne Betts at EMCF.
- Northern State Prison hosted an author event featuring Caitis Meissner, editor of PEN America's *The Sentences that Create Us*.



## Division of Women and Veterans Services

The Division of Women and Veterans Services prioritizes gender-responsive programming, vocational innovation, and the expansion of health and peer support networks to facilitate successful reintegration for the women and veterans in the Department's care.

### The Design Studio

In September 2025, the Division launched the inaugural Design Studio at Edna Mahan Correctional Facility (EMCF) through a partnership with the Pratt Institute. This ten-month vocational program provides a structured environment focused on concept-to-production manufacturing within the fashion and textile fields.



Following a competitive application and interview process, eleven individuals were selected for the initial cohort. The curriculum includes daily instruction—five days per week for 6.5 hours—combining virtual design pedagogy from Pratt Institute faculty with on-site technical guidance. Training encompasses garment design, digital patternmaking, CAD instruction, and manufacturing workflow experience. Nine participants remained actively enrolled at the close of the reporting period.

### Mental Health and Peer Support

The Division expanded access to mental health services through the Voices for Wellness program, facilitated in partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Hunterdon County Chapter. Utilizing the NAMI Connections recovery model, the program offers structured support groups within the Maximum-Security compound. These sessions, led by facilitators with lived justice system experience, focus on symptom awareness, emotional regulation, and resilience development.

### Health Literacy and Personal Development

The Empowering Women series provided monthly health education presentations throughout 2025. Guest presenters from community and state agencies addressed critical topics including cardiovascular health, reproductive care, human trafficking awareness, and nutrition. These sessions directly supported improved health literacy and personal health management among the population.

## Reentry Spotlight

### Strengthening Family Connections

Positive family interaction is a public safety strategy. Strengthening these bonds reduces recidivism by providing a stable support network and a powerful incentive for personal accountability.

#### 2025 Program Participation and Impact

- **Father's Day Engagement:** Hosted across six male facilities (NSP, SWSP, EJSP, BSP, MSCF, GSCF), these events brought together 176 fathers, 127 children, and 33 caregivers to reinforce paternal bonds.
- **Mother's Day Recognition:** Reaching individuals across all custody levels—including Maximum Custody and Mental Health units—97 incarcerated mothers participated in programs focused on sustained family engagement.
- **Title XX Mother-Child Holiday Event:** Facilitated a structured, festive environment for 12 mothers and 28 children, providing emotional connection and practical support through gifts of clothing and essential items.
- **Angel Tree Outreach:** The Office of Chaplaincy Services processed 660 applications for children of NJDOC residents, including 445 children specifically from the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility.

Strong family connections maintained through visitation are one of the most effective tools for successful reentry, as they provide the emotional stability and accountability necessary to reduce recidivism and ensure a safe, permanent return to the community.

→ 58,479

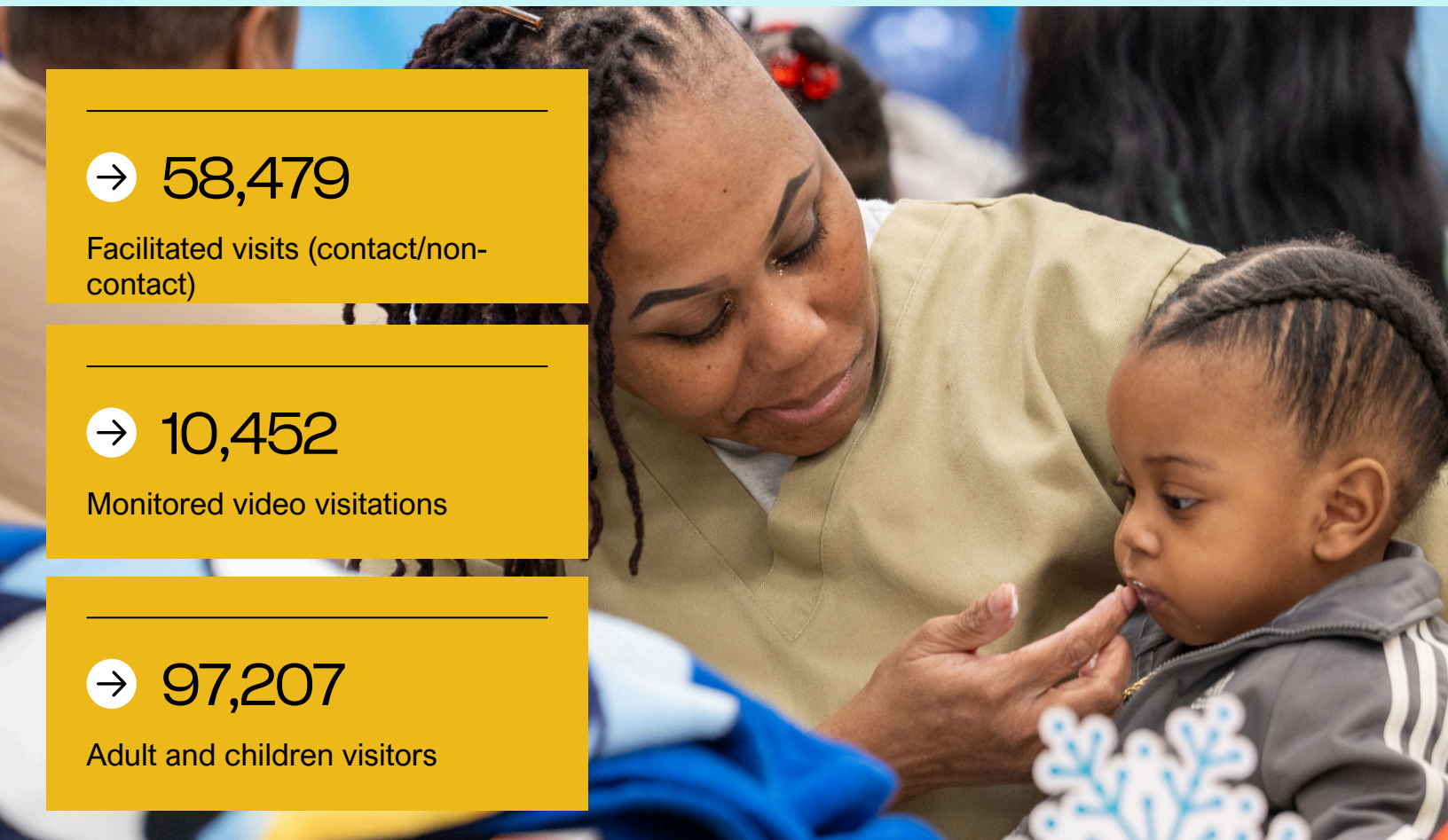
Facilitated visits (contact/non-contact)

→ 10,452

Monitored video visitations

→ 97,207

Adult and children visitors



## DEPTCOR

DEPTCOR is New Jersey's correctional state-use industry program operating within the New Jersey Department of Corrections. The program provides training in the production, assembly, and manufacture of goods and services by incarcerated individuals within state correctional facilities. Participation is voluntary and designed to support the development of employable skills and positive work habits. Products and services are sold exclusively to state and local government agencies.

### Sign Production and Graphic Design

Sign production training environments were upgraded to integrate computer-aided design (CAD) workstations and industry-standard graphic design software. The facility also introduced wide-format digital plotters, replacing legacy manual methods. This modernization allows participants to develop applied competencies in:

- Digital File Preparation: Mastering the technical requirements for commercial-grade production.
- Raster and Vector Graphics: Proficiency in industry-standard editing and design platforms.
- Workflow Management: Managing the transition from digital concept to physical output.

### Advanced Printing Operations

Printing production operations transitioned to digital prepress workflows, incorporating desktop publishing platforms and sophisticated color management systems. The integration of high-output digital printing equipment ensures that the training environment remains aligned with contemporary commercial production practices.



The program is designed to correspond directly with employment opportunities in sign manufacturing, commercial printing, marketing services, and municipal operations. By working on professional-grade systems, participants gain the practical skill sets required for competitive entry into the 21st-century workforce. The modernization of these shops reflects a strategic emphasis on workforce readiness as a foundational component of reentry preparation.

### **Manufacturing and Service Operations**

Through DEPTCOR, incarcerated individuals are trained and employed to manufacture and assemble items including:

- Wooden beach boardwalks
- Commercial baking
- Lifeguard stands
- Custom sheds up to 12' x 36'
- Picnic tables
- Park benches
- Parking bumpers
- Furniture assembly
- Clothing and textiles
- Printing services
- Sign manufacturing
- License plate manufacturing



## Office of Substance Abuse Programming and Addiction Services

The NJDOC maintains a comprehensive continuum of care for individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD), ranging from clinical assessment at intake to intensive residential treatment and community-based peer support. These programs are designed to address the root causes of recidivism by fostering behavioral change, family stabilization, and long-term recovery.

### Addiction Assessment and Clinical Referrals

To ensure evidence-based placement, all incarcerated individuals undergo a formal addiction assessment during the intake process. Utilizing the Texas Christian University Drug Screen (TCU-V) tool, healthcare personnel evaluate the presence and severity of substance use disorders to determine the appropriate level of intervention. Individuals identified with high-acuity treatment needs are referred to Licensed Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Programming. The Department maintains 761 dedicated treatment beds across two specialized facilities.

### Cognitive-Behavioral and Educational Interventions

For individuals requiring targeted or supplemental support, the Department offers a suite of evidence-based curricula and recovery groups:

- Living in Balance (LIB): A 12-week comprehensive educational program that provides structured treatment sessions for individuals struggling with alcohol and drug dependency.
- Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART): A cognitive-behavioral recovery program that empowers individuals to address addictive behaviors through self-empowerment and practical tools.
- Stacked Deck: A specialized 6-week curriculum focused on gambling prevention. The program educates participants on the risks associated with problem gambling and emphasizes responsible decision-making.
- Community Support Groups: Access to traditional 12-step recovery models, including Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and Gamblers Anonymous (GA).

### Family and Parenting Stabilization

Recognizing that family support is a critical factor in successful reentry, the NJDOC provides specialized programming to strengthen domestic ties and address legal obligations:

- Engaging the Family in the Recovery Process (ETF): This 12-week initiative recruits spouses, partners, and children as active allies in the recovery process. ETF specifically targets an underserved population—those who “max-out” their sentences—to ensure they have a supportive family network upon community return.

## Office of Substance Abuse Programming and Addiction Services

- Responsible Parenting Program (RPP): An interdepartmental collaboration with the Department of Human Services, RPP assists participants with active child support orders in preparing pro se modification applications while delivering a specialized parenting curriculum.

### Peer Navigation and Reintegration Support

The Department leverages peer-led models to increase program engagement and facilitate successful community transitions:

- Integrated Reentry Support/Peer Navigator: A multidisciplinary team approach that provides assessment and support for individuals with opioid and other substance use disorders. This program offers a seamless link to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and other recovery services through both pre- and post-release components.
- Corrections Peer Orientation Program (CPOP): In partnership with Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC), this initiative integrates Peer Health Navigators into the initial orientation process. By introducing peer services at the point of intake, the Department increases enrollment in addiction services. Furthermore, Peer Navigators work to re-engage individuals previously discharged from licensed SUD programs, ensuring a continuous loop of care throughout the term of incarceration.

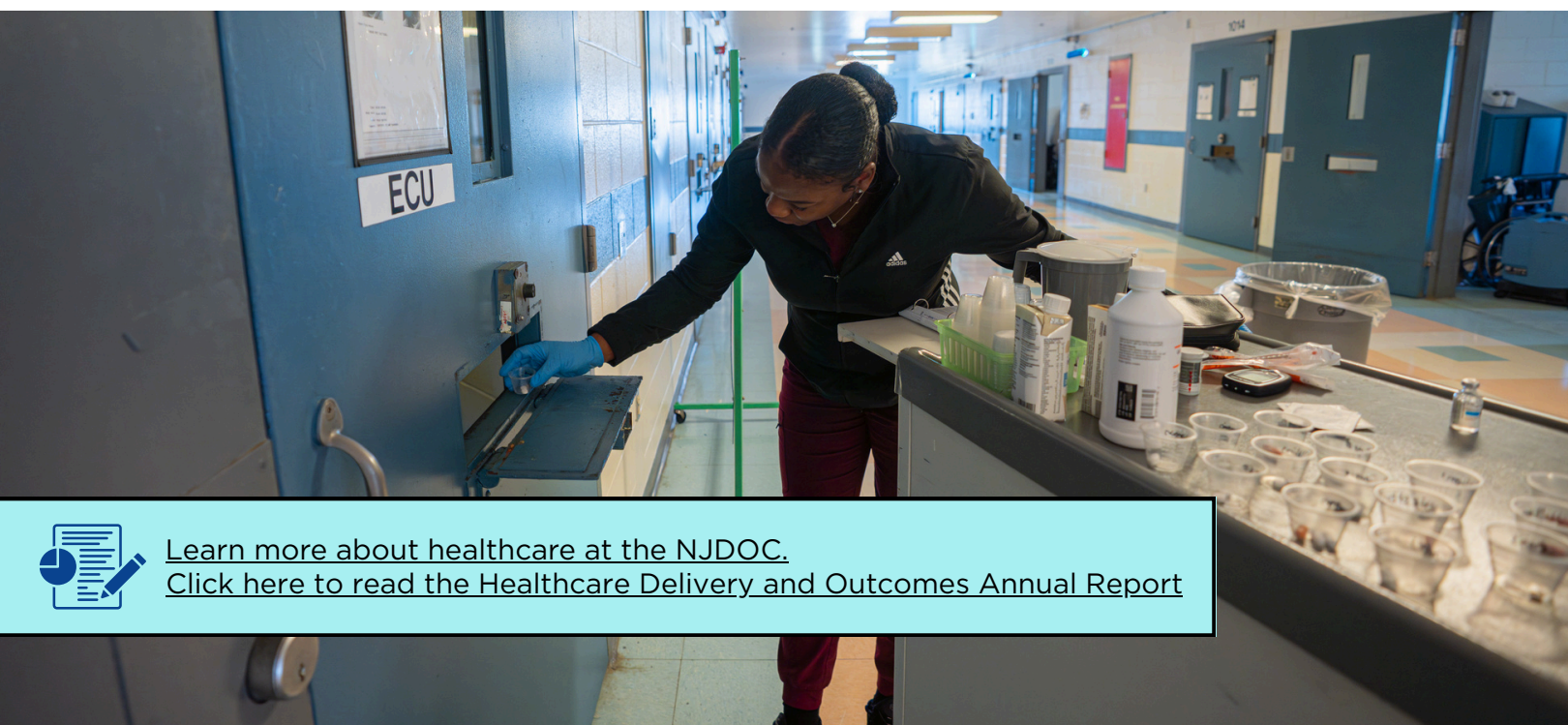


## Healthcare and Continuity of Care: A Foundation for Reentry

The Healthcare Compliance Unit (HCU) supports reentry by ensuring that individuals maintain physical and mental stability during incarceration, which is a prerequisite for successful community transition. By modernizing healthcare delivery and oversight, the HCU ensures that individuals do not exit the system with untreated or unmanaged conditions that could become immediate barriers to employment and housing.

Specific ways this supports reentry include:

- Access to high-quality, constitutional care ensures that chronic conditions and mental health needs are addressed, leaving individuals in a healthier state to navigate the challenges of release.
- The transition to a new Electronic Health Records (EHR) system, funded by 340B savings, facilitates the "warm handoff" of medical data. Accurate, digital records allow for a seamless transfer of care to community providers, preventing gaps in medication or treatment.
- Standardizing the evaluation process for medical eligibility ensures that the most vulnerable populations are transitioned to appropriate community-based care in an ethically and administratively sound manner.
- By lowering costs through the 340B Pharmacy Program, the Department can redirect funds into modern healthcare infrastructure that directly benefits the long-term wellness and "release-readiness" of the population.



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