



Monroe DRC Update



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WELCOME



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This quarter, the Monroe Day Reporting Center has continued to deliver innovative programming options including in-person as well as technology-based classes and groups, along with in-person intensive treatment and training and ongoing drug and alcohol testing, to help prepare participants for successful community reentry. We also recently led a virtual graduation celebration to honor 10 of our participants who completed all the requirements of our intensive reentry program.

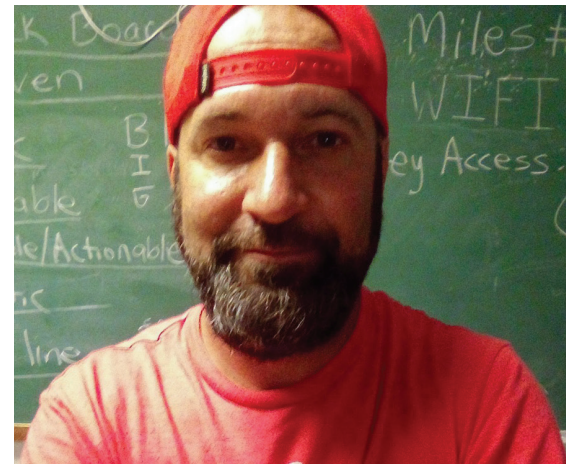
Going forward, DRC staff is working toward assisting more of our participants in obtaining steady, gainful employment in the community. At this time, roughly 50% of our participants are employed, and we are working toward our goal of having 75% employed.

Thanks for reading our July update, and please stay safe!

SPOTLIGHT ON... PARTICIPANT SETH W.

An American veteran, Seth W. was homeless before coming into the DRC program, which connected him with housing through the Salvation Army and then to a local transitional housing center. According to Seth, the DRC also opened the door for him to the VA so he could access his benefits. "I have a case worker through LA Works connected with the VA who is helping me with my resume. I'm interested in taking the civil service test," he said.

Since beginning at the DRC in May, Seth W. is currently in several classes including Managing my Life, Employment Skills, Making Changes and Living in Balance, all of which have helped him get better at communicating with people and at making positive decisions. Most of all, Seth said he is thankful for his case manager and the rest of the staff at the DRC. "All the staff are so professional and caring," he said. "For someone who is in need, it is nice to be surrounded by people who care for their job and have a respectful attitude."



DID YOU KNOW?



In evidence-based practice, **providing feedback** builds accountability and maintains integrity, ultimately improving outcomes. Research indicates that a ratio of four instances of positive reinforcement for every one instance of negative reinforcement is optimal for promoting lasting behavior change. This does not mean that swift and real responses to negative and unacceptable behavior should not happen; offenders with self-control problems usually respond well to reasonable and consistent structure and boundaries. People generally comply in the direction of more rewards and less punishment, and this extrinsic motivation can be helpful for beginning the process of behavior change.

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