



Shreveport DRC Update



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WELCOME



This past quarter, Shreveport Day Reporting Center staff have continued to provide our participants with intensive reentry services to help them learn the skills they need to successfully reintegrate into their communities. In December, the DRC also hosted a graduation ceremony, where we recognized the achievements of our participants who had completed all program requirements. We are extremely proud of our graduates, and also of our current participants, who continue to work hard to obtain employment, further their education, and maintain sobriety, all while attending our DRC program.

Thank you also to our staff for maintaining a positive attitude while continuing to provide the highest level of evidence-based treatment services. I would also like to recognize the parole officers who referred the most participants to our program this past quarter: October's highest referring officer was Officer Sledge; Officer Cook and Hoskey tied for the most referrals for November; and Officer Cook had for the most referrals in December.

Thank you for reading our January newsletter, and please stay safe.

Justin Jones
Program Manager

SPOTLIGHT ON... DECEMBER TRANSITION CEREMONY

This December, the Shreveport DRC hosted a graduation ceremony to recognize the achievements of our participants who completed all requirements of our intensive reentry program. Center staff and local officials congratulated participants for their hard work and commitment to make it to graduation and encouraged them to continue moving toward their goals.

Family members were also present to show their support for their loved ones. Transition ceremonies serve as positive reinforcement for our graduating participants, encouraging them to continue working hard to maintain employment, stay sober and engage in prosocial behavior once they leave the center.



DID YOU KNOW? NATURAL COMMUNITIES ARE ESSENTIAL



By actively working to improve offenders' bonds and ties to prosocial community members, non-residential and residential reentry programs provide an environment that supports and positively reinforces desired new behaviors. Community members can include family members, spouses, supportive others, religious groups, 12-step programs, and other community organizations. These bonds and ties also continue to support offenders as they complete their supervision and treatment requirements and reintegrate more and more into the community.

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