

# ChancesR: Re-Entry, Reunification, and Recovery

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The Beaver County ChancesR: Re-Entry, Reunification, and Recovery Program focuses on Beaver County residents with a substance use disorder (SUD) or a co-occurring substance use and mental health disorder (COD), and who have been sentenced for their crimes to the Beaver County Jail. ChancesR addresses the issues that hinder an offender's successful return to the community upon release from jail and places an emphasis on the difficulties those released face in obtaining and keeping employment. This fact sheet showcases the involvement with Beaver County Rehabilitation Center (BCRC) with the individuals enrolled in the ChancesR Program.

## The Program: BCRC

BCRC provides vocational/educational and employment services to individuals enrolled in ChancesR. Between October 2011 and December 2013, 238 individuals enrolled in ChancesR were referred to BCRC while in jail. BCRC has been actively working with 179<sup>1</sup> (75.2%) of those initially referred. They stayed in the program on average for 71.9 days, ranging from less than one day to 501 days, or 16.5 months.<sup>2</sup>

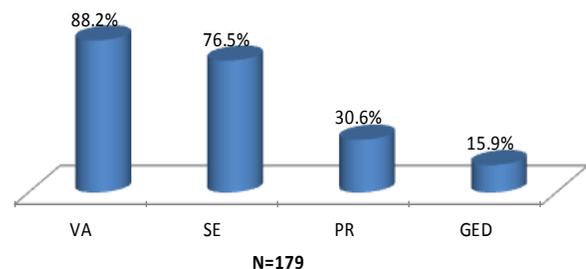
**BCRC Mission Statement:** "It is the mission of the Beaver County Rehabilitation Center, Inc. to provide the opportunity for vocational growth and independence while respecting the dignity and uniqueness of each individual."

## The Services

Eighty-eight percent of the clients received vocational assessments (VA) during their time with BCRC followed by 76.5% receiving supported employment (SE), 30.6% receiving psychiatric rehabilitation (PR), and 15.9% receiving General Educational Development (GED) services. Additionally,

- The average number of different types of services individuals received was 2.1;
- Seventy-one percent of the clients received more than one type of service, and 28.8% received just one service;
- Average numbers of times an individual received SE, PR, and GED services were similar, 4.3, 4, and 4.1 respectively.

Percentage of Clients Receiving Each Type of Services  
October 2011-December 2013



## Story of Adam<sup>3</sup>

Adam is a forty-one year old African American male who has worked with BCRC through the ChancesR program at the Beaver County Jail. He received a variety of supported employment services from BCRC for more than two months while he was incarcerated and for another month since his release in early January 2014. In particular, with BCRC assistance, Adam developed his resume, practiced interview and other job search skills, as well as learned some strategies for conflict resolution. BCRC also helped him to set up an email account, complete an online job application, open a bank account, and acquire some clothes. Within six weeks of his release from jail Adam found a job at a restaurant and is currently employed there.

*"Adam was very engaged throughout the supported employment process as he was committed to learning ways to present himself to prospective employers in the best possible manner."* -- Supported Employment Staff

<sup>1</sup> This group includes program participants who received at least one service from BCRC.

<sup>2</sup> The length of stay was calculated for only those participants who exited the program between October 2011 and December 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Adam's real name has been changed to protect confidentiality.