

BEAVER COUNTY R.E.A.C.H.

FACT SHEET JULY 2013

BC-REACH (Re-Entry Addressing Co-occurring Histories) focuses on individuals incarcerated in the Beaver County Jail who have been diagnosed with a Co-Occurring (Mental Health and Substance Use) Disorder, specifically targeting resources for women offenders. These offenders often fail to make decisions needed for a successful transition and do not access available resources needed to live on the outside. All these are factors that increase the risk of relapse and recidivism.

During the first six-months of the BC-REACH Program, 85 individuals have been eligible for enrollment. While one of the primary populations targeted was women offenders, less than one-quarter (24.7%) of those eligible have been female. The majority of individuals eligible are Caucasian (72.9%) with an average age of 35 years (ranging from 19 to 64 years of age). The following factsheet **showcases a success story** resulting since implementation of the BC-REACH Program in December 2012.

Mary¹ is a twenty-nine year old African-American female who was originally enrolled in the ChancesR Program at the Beaver County Jail in December of 2011. It was during this time that she was assigned a sponsor who intensively worked with her during her first release. The sponsor worked with her life and training skills, and she received on-site job skills at the R.O.O.T.S. Academy. Unfortunately, she returned to a difficult relationship and co-occurring issues arose resulting in a subsequent relapse and return to jail. In December of 2012, she was eligible for BC-REACH. Once in jail, her sponsor continued to work with her and played a role with her placement in a job through Beaver County Rehabilitation Center (BCRC). While incarcerated, she was referred to the BCRC and enrolled in March 2013. Since then, she has been successful in completing the following Milestones:

- Assessment and Engagement Phase 1 (Vocational Assessment)
- Assessment and Engagement Phase 2 (Intake for entrance into Work Release Program)
- Assessment and Engagement Phase 3 (Interview with Human Resources)
- Initial Work Placement
- Job Maintenance (1 month)
- Job Maintenance (2 months)
- Maintained involvement in supported employment program enhancement

Her immediate supervisor adds that in just 4 months, she has learned to work on some extensive Kodak scanners learning how to capture digital images of printed materials in addition to learning the software program that accompanies it to be able to save and manage the large files. In addition, she has been involved with several projects where she used Microsoft Office products, i.e. Word, Excel, and Publisher. The projects she completed include: a product inventory log and box labels for BCRC's on-hand embroidery items, a review of prior time studies for completeness and accuracy, creating a log of the time study information on an Excel spreadsheet, and building an excel workbook that contains titles for all of our MSDS info sheets. She is also in the process of creating a Handout to accompany a presentation to clients on conflict resolution.

"She is a quick-study! ...

I am also happy to report that she has an interview with a representative from Giant Eagle this afternoon!"

-Mary's Immediate Supervisor

¹ Mary's real name has been changed to protect confidentiality.