

REENTRY SUPPORT SERVICES



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Re-entry Support Services (RSS) began in May of 2011. It is an initiative from the Ohio Department Youth Services Targeted RECLAIM Fund Initiative and Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative assessment (**JDAI**) to implement evidence-based community programming for youth being released from our local community correctional facility (**CCF**): the Youth Treatment Center (**YTC**). Youth transitioning back to the community are at risk for commitment to the Ohio Department of Youth Services. Youth range in age from 12 to 21. Based upon the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative to engage local community supports, the court contracted with the University of Cincinnati and The Youth Advocate Program (**YAP**) to provide a highly structured, nonresidential, community-based program to support successful reentry that focuses on Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (**CBI**), such as Pathways to Self-Discovery, skill streaming, and the Effective Practice in Community Supervision (**EPICS**) model of probation supervision

Reentry Support Services are individualized and family driven. Youth are assigned a Reentry Advocate through the Youth Advocate Program during the third phase (reentry preparation) of treatment at YTC. Advocates meet with each assigned youth an average of 10 hours per week upon reentering the community. The 10 hours per week are individualized and based on the case plan. Once released, youth are placed on GPS monitor to support their transition home as youth are not being able to leave on home visit during their third phase (this occurred in response to COVID-19 pandemic), family team meetings are held to address and support youth and family's work on the case plan. Family meetings are either conducted in the family's home or at designated place in the community of family's choice. Youth are held accountable through the court's graduated responses process, which includes but is not limited to family accountability, Reentry Support Advocate hours increased (temporarily as an intervention), review hearings, violation being filed, community detention (house arrest) and detention.

YOUTH AND FAMILIES SERVED: 26

SEX	# OF YOUTH
Male	24
Female	2
TOTAL	26

RACE	# OF YOUTH
African American	21
Caucasian	2
Latino	1
Other	2
TOTAL	26

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TERMINATIONS	# OF YOUTH
Successful	11
Unsuccessful	6
Other	3
TOTAL	20

ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR 2023:

- ♦ RSS provided strong case management.
- ♦ RSS assigned its own Probation Officer.
- ♦ Maintain a strong collaboration with the Youth Advocate Program and utilizing a team approach to serving RSS youth individually in the community.
- ♦ RSS continues on-going coaching from the University of Cincinnati to maintain fidelity to cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- ♦ Youth entering RSS have an increasingly higher level of risk than youth entering the program in the past.

GOALS FOR 2024:

- ♦ Maintain our strong collaboration with the Youth Advocate Program and utilizing a team approach to serving RSS youth individually in the community.
- ♦ Implementing a process for disbursement and tracking of RSS funds for incentives, educational support and short-term emergency housing.
- ♦ Continue on-going coaching from the University of Cincinnati to maintain fidelity to cognitive-behavioral interventions.
- ♦ Youth return to having home visit again while in residential placement (**YTC**) during their Third Phase transition back to the community with their families and RSS.■