

The Dannon Project

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Agency Overview

- **The Executive Director's teenage brother-in-law, Dannon, was killed by a newly released non-violent prisoner that faced barriers to successful reintegration back into his community**

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- **Dannon's untimely death compelled her to create a reentry program in 1999 for non-violent previously incarcerated persons (PIPs) reintegrating into their communities from prison as well as offer programs and services benefitting the PIPs families for crime prevention efforts**

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- **The Dannon Project (TDP) is a non profit organization providing case management, reentry, wraparound supportive services, education, job readiness/placement and coordination of social services to over 800 non violent ex offenders, at-risk youth, veterans, and other high-risk populations annually**

Mission Statement

- **The Dannon Project is the "Point of Contact" within the community to provide supportive services, case management and referrals to several at-risk populations**

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- This will result in employment, housing, improved and sustained health, mentors, job placement, substance abuse and mental health counseling, career and job training, stable families, and significantly change poor social behavioral patterns

Target Populations

- Previously incarcerated persons
- At-risk youth
- Parenting youth
- Veterans
- Non-custodial parents
- Homeless individuals and families

Four Core Programs

1. The A.C.E.R. Program

- Provides prisoner reentry services to interrupt the cycle of recidivism and help people successfully return to and remain in the community

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2. The Economic Self Sufficiency Program (ESSP)

- Provides participants and their families with self-employment and micro-enterprise development training

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3. Helping Hands

- Provides training and technical assistance to other faith and community-based organizations, homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services, and emergency transitional support

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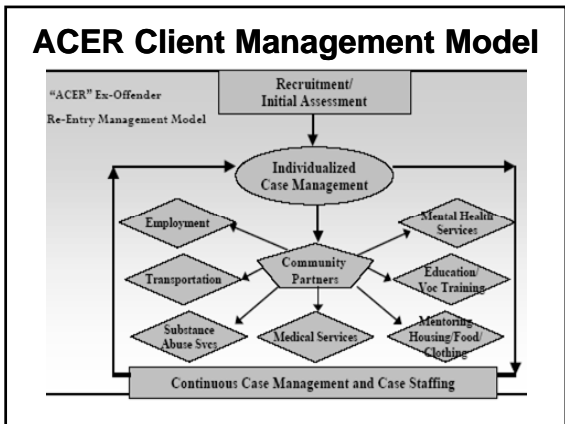
4. Youth Careers Opportunity Program

- Provides life skills, parenting, job readiness, and occupational training leading to a state recognized certification or license (i.e. C.N.A., Phlebotomists, EKG Technicians, and Pharmacy Technicians), mentoring, job placement, and wraparound supportive services



- ### Other Issues to Following Through with Health Care Referrals
- Fear
 - Childcare
 - Anxiety of the unknown
 - Low literacy levels
 - Work schedules

- ### Other Issues to Following Through with Health Care Referrals
- Transportation
 - Provider office hours
 - Shame and afraid to show signs of abuse



- ### Case Management Goals Regarding Healthcare
- Track, monitor, and report participant progress utilizing an Individual Service Plan (ISP)
 - Routine assessments, meetings, emails, phone calls, and face to face interactions

- ### Case Management Goals Regarding Healthcare
- Assess and re-assess risk and needs and adjust intervention strategies in ISP
 - Create a seamless assessment and case planning system that incorporates individual needs and/or interest and aspirations

Case Management Goals Regarding Healthcare

- Form an accountability team to develop, execute, and adjust case plans accordingly based upon participant progress towards the development and skill sets necessary for law abiding sustained independent living in the community

Case Management Goals Regarding Healthcare

- Establish a medical home and mental health screening system to support participant's health care and wellness needs

Case Management Services Promoting Linkages to Healthcare Providers

- Restoration of personal identification
- CASE MANAGEMENT
- Coordination of housing
- Education, GED, and job training
- Employment assistance/short-term employment

Case Management Services Promoting Linkages to Healthcare Providers

- Substance abuse and mental health treatment
- Access to health care and medication
- Transportation and other emergency supportive services

Case Management Services Promoting Linkages to Healthcare Providers

- Job placement and job readiness
- Short-term loans
- Counseling and mentors
- Financial literacy training
- Life skills training and work support

Benefits of Case Management

- Seven days a week on-call case management support during work hours and after hours
- Invest time to build relationships and rapport with participants to know they have an advocate
- Track, monitor, and report success through ISP

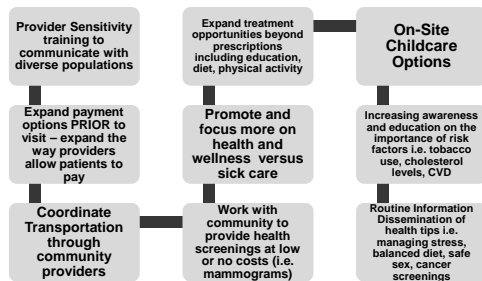
Benefits of Case Management

- Help participants conceptualize and visualize short and long term goals
- Establish friendships/relationships with Case Managers and other staff and team members that they can count on and trust

Benefits of Case Management

- See how they have made progress to fit into the community and more aware of risk, issues, and obstacles that could deter them from maintaining success and achieving their life and work goals
- See office and TDP team as a “safe place and haven”

Suggestions or Best Practices for Health Care Providers



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