



Lake Charles Day Reporting Center



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WELCOME



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Program Manager

As Program Manager for the Lake Charles Day Reporting Center, I'm pleased to kick off our center's first newsletter update. In August, we opened the doors to our new facility, located at 1717 E. Prien Lake Road in Lake Charles. We provide reentry services for men and women referred from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections, Division of Adult Probation and Parole. We recently hosted a "luncheon and learn" to introduce our center to the staff of Lake Charles Probation and Parole, and we have also been working McNeese State University to set up a grant to assist former offenders after they leave incarceration.

Most recently, Area Manager Timithia Hall and I teamed up with Probation and Parole District Manager Brandon Thompson and staff members to meet with the judges of Calcasieu Parish and introduce them to our DRC program. We are grateful to be working with the judicial system in our parish as we implement our evidence-based treatment program and help our participants change their thinking to change their lives for the better. Until our next update, please continue to stay safe!

SPOTLIGHT ON... OUR LAKE CHARLES DAY REPORTING CENTER STAFF

Thank you to our four talented Lake Charles DRC staff for working hard to provide participants with our evidence-based treatment services to help them reduce criminal thinking and change their behavior. In addition to **Program Manager Tamela Lee** (second from left), our wonderful staff consists of (pictured from left to right):

Case Manager Katelyn Guillory, Case Manager Inetta Johnson, Client Service Specialist Kimberly Nolen and Case Manager Brian Ceasar, Jr.



Each member of our staff brings something unique to our team, as they work hard to get the job done. Our staff are dedicated to connecting with our participants and motivating them to reach personal goals like finishing their education, finding stable employment, reconnecting with family and reintegrating into their local community.

DID YOU KNOW?



Current research reveals the most effective reentry programs are those that target their evidence-based interventions to the level of offender risk. GEO Reentry prioritizes correctional resources for high-risk offenders, ultimately using these resources more efficiently to help customer agencies reduce recidivism and boost public safety. At GEO Reentry centers nationwide, staff members intervene according to a participant's risks and needs, which are identified during an initial risk/needs assessment. While undergoing cognitive behavioral therapy, employment readiness classes, and counseling, participants begin to remedy criminogenic thinking patterns and increase prosocial behavior, gaining the tools they need to live more productive and law-abiding lives.

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