

Community Partners Reinvestment Project



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“CPR’s investing in my family’s future.”
– Brian, CPR Participant

CPR supports positive changes in the lives of young men and their families and reduces their overall risk for reincarceration.

The CPR team of private and public partners provide integrated case management where counselors, parole officers, family educators, and employment specialists use best practices encouraging these young men to get involved in positive activities, stay out of trouble, and get back on track when they make mistakes.

CPR’s outcomes demonstrate a significant reduction in:

- rate of recidivism
- risk factors for re-offending
- mental health symptoms
- substance abuse and severity of addiction

Independent evaluation conducted by the PSU Regional Research Institute for Human Services, June 2008.

CPR has significantly decreased overall risk to re-offend

Six month follow-up LS/CMI* data as of 6/2008

LS/CMI Areas of Risk Targeted for Intervention	Change in Risk Level
Family/Marital: Participants gain skills in parenting, communication and anger management to have healthier relationships with their families.	↓ Decrease within Medium Level
Procriminal Attitude/Orientation: CPR’s innovative cognitive behavioral program helps young men understand how their perceptions influence their behavior.	↓ Decrease from Medium to Low Level
Leisure/Recreation: Participants and their families take part in pro-social, clean and sober activities that connect them to the broader community.	↓ Decrease within Medium Level
Alcohol/Drug Problem: 8 out of 10 participants had not used drugs in the past 30 days. Substance use and the severity of addiction were reduced.	↓ Decrease from High to Medium Level
Companions: CPR is positively effecting participants’ decisions about where they hang out and with which friends they associate.	↓ Decrease from High to Medium Level
Education/Employment: Nearly 60% of clients are currently employed or enrolled in school. CPR focuses on training, skill development and job readiness.	↓ Decrease from High to Medium Level
Anti Social Pattern: Participants learn how to identify inappropriate behavior by practicing problem-solving and decision-making skills.	↓ Decrease within High Level
Criminal History: Due to significant criminal records, participants face challenges when seeking employment or housing putting them at higher risk.	↑ Increase within High Level
Overall Risk to Re-offend The overall risk of re-offending decreased significantly (p<.001)	↓ Overall Decrease from Very High to High Level

* Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI; Andrews, Bonta, & Wormith, 2004).
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According to Max Williams, the Director of the Oregon Department of Corrections, “Reducing recidivism by ONE percentage point for one year results in a savings of \$2.25 million in corrections costs alone.”

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A public safety improvement program

Engaging in Positive Community Activities

CPR received the Meritorious Service Team Award from Multnomah County for their help with flood relief efforts in Vernonia, Oregon. As an incentive to participate, CPR parole officers waived six months of supervision fees (an expense all parolees must pay while under County custody) and bought breakfast at Starbucks. They targeted participants who struggled to pay these fees because they were out of work. By using a combination of incentives and sanctions, the CPR counselors and PO's are able to connect these young men to positive community activities.



"I've done a lot of bad things in my life, but I just wanna thank you guys for giving me the opportunity to do something to feel good about myself."
— Jose, CPR Participant

Helping Young Families Succeed

Brian benefited from CPR's cognitive therapy and alcohol and drug treatment before and after his release from prison. With support from his counselors and his parole officer, he earned his GED, took classes at the Northwest College of Construction, and completed an apprenticeship program. The result: a \$20/hour union job to help support his family. Additionally, CPR's team of professionals helped Brian and his family by providing parenting classes, assistance for rent, clothing and furniture, and medical assistance for a prosthetic eye.

Building Momentum and Expertise

CPR partners expand resources and services to create a Reentry Network

