



Reaching One Family At A Time

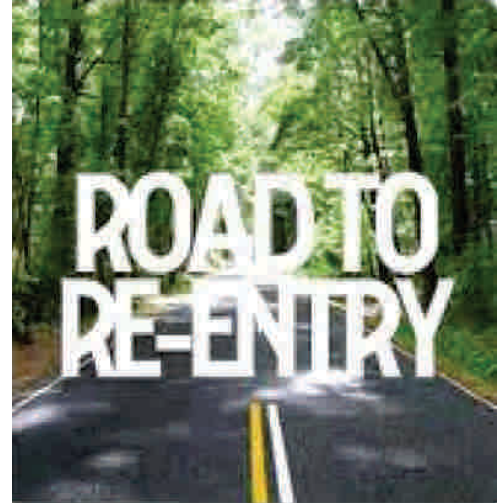
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Guilford County Reentry Council

Who We Are:

A collaborative network of community and faith-based organizations and individuals that work together to advocate for, support and connect the justice-served and justice-involved with essential services, such as: health care, housing, employment, clothing, food, treatment, transportation and family reunification.



Our Mission:

To reduce recidivism, increase community/public safety, develop an infrastructure/network of stakeholders assisting the justice-served and justice-involved, leverage and maximize existing resources and services, and develop innovative approaches to address gaps in resources and services.

Our Purpose:

To coordinate and collaborate with community stakeholders in an effort to provide supportive service and assistance for returning citizens and their families that will facilitate a seamless and successful transition from incarceration back into the community, or assist with navigating the barriers faced by those who have been justice-involved.



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2020: Year in Review

Challenges and Triumphs

The Guilford County Reentry Program was one of the few Reentry Organizations in North Carolina that provided uninterrupted services during the trials of COVID-19 for the justice served residents of Guilford County.

Reentry staff sought innovative ways of ensuring service to our clients.

The following report represents a year in review for 2020.

Clients Served by GCRC in 2020

The Guilford County Reentry Program served 127 clients in 2020.

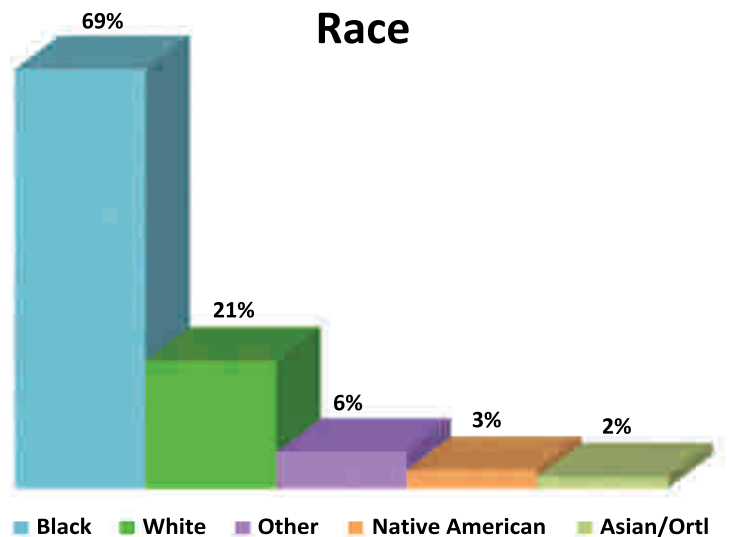
Gender

78% of clients served were MALE.

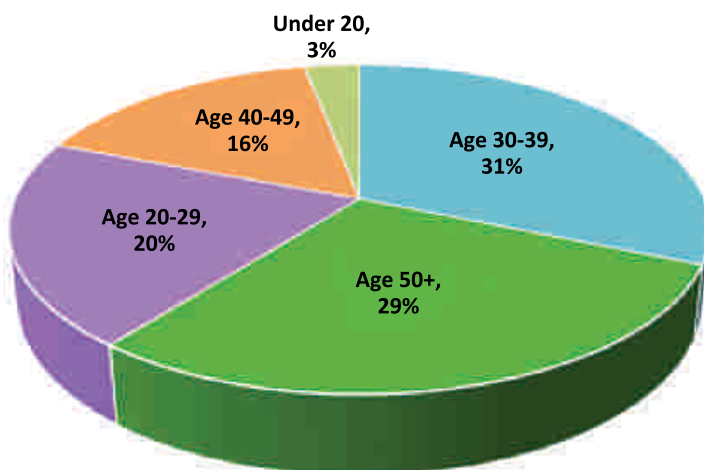
22% of clients served were FEMALE.



Race



Age Range at Enrollment



Enrollment into the Reentry Program was the greatest for individuals between 30 and 39.

Men make up the majority of the clients served.

The second largest population served is 50 and over. Understanding the needs of an older justice served population is critical when assisting with services such as housing, health care and employment.

Stakeholder Partnerships

While many of our stakeholders had significant challenges during the pandemic, several stakeholders enhanced services to our clients.

Strengthened alliances with stakeholders assisted numerous clients who were granted expedited release from State prison.

The Guilford County Health Department was instrumental in providing temporary housing to prevent homelessness for many recently released.

Further, the NC Fit program provided much needed medical assistance to ensure those requiring medication and subsequent medical assistance were served.

Other stakeholder services included:

- Welfare Reform
- NexGen
- NC-Works
- Monarch
- Salvation Army
- Partners Ending Homelessness
- Drug Court
- Friends of Bill
- Path of Hope
- NC Probation

Most Frequent Services Completed

Employment and housing were the most requested services from participants.

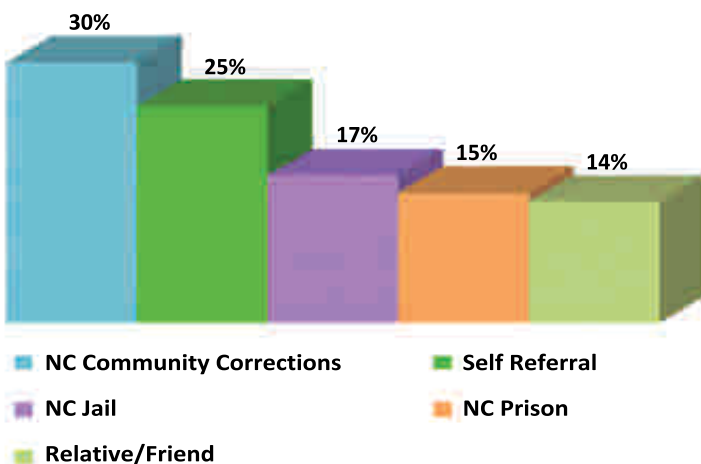
Unemployment and under-employment are chronic issues of returning citizens.

The Guilford County Reentry Council has staff dedicated solely to assisting clients applying at local employers.

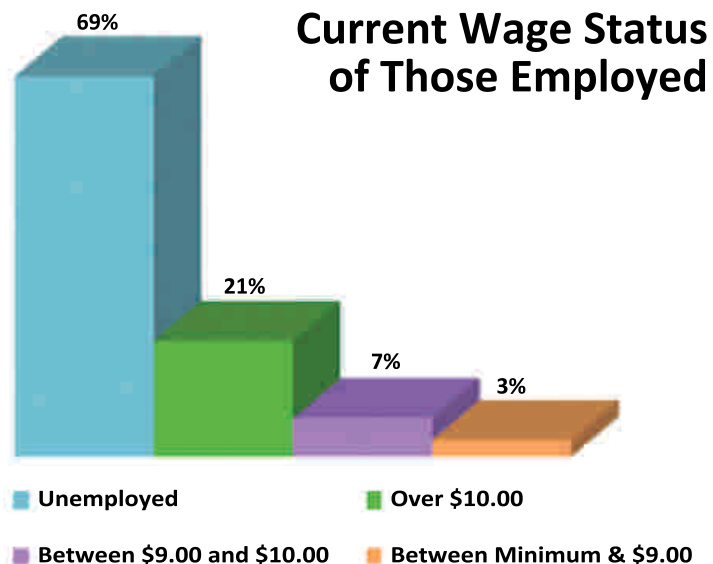
GCRC, in conjunction with our local partners, provides clients with access to one-time, short-term and long-term supportive services. Clients can receive more than one service.



How Clients Were Referred to Our Services



Current Wage Status of Those Employed



2020 Community Outreach Initiatives

GCRC Hosts First Food Drive



On December 12, 2020, the Guilford County Reentry Council hosted the first food drive titled “Feeding One Family at a Time.” GCRC provided food boxes and supplied an array of meats, canned goods, pasta, etc. This also provided an excellent opportunity for local churches, groups, retailers, and others to partner with us to combat hunger in our community. The Council had the privilege to serve over two hundred families, and all food boxes were given away.

Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree

Incarceration can strain family ties to the breaking point. Prison Fellowship’s Angel Tree program helps to strengthen family bonds by delivering personalized gifts to the children on behalf of their incarcerated parents at Christmas. This year, instead of home deliveries, we did curbside pickup from December 17th thru the 19th and served 125 children and their families. Thanks to Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church (our host), Pay Tel Communications, and the Reentry Team for purchasing gifts and serving as helpers at the curbside pickup.

