

Shelby County Community Corrections Advisory Board

2022 Annual Report

Shelby County Community Corrections provides effective community-based cost-efficient alternative sentencing options for local participants.

Currently, Shelby County Community Corrections offers the following programming options:

Adult Post-Trial Supervision Programs

- Home Detention
- Electronic Monitoring
- Community Transition Program
- Adult Day Reporting
- Forensic Diversion
- Community Service
- Adult Road Crew

Adult Pre-trial Programs

- Pre-trial Basic Supervision
- Pre-trial Moderate Supervision
- Pre-trial Enhanced Supervision
- Pre-trial Adult Day Reporting Treatment Program

Adult Collaborative Supervision Programs

- Shelby County Jail Intervention Program – Shelby County Probation and the Shelby County Criminal Justice Center
- Sex Offender Management Program – with Shelby County Probation
- Recovery Support Program – with Shelby County Probation
- Vivitrol Program – with Shelby County Probation

Juvenile Programs-Collaborative with Shelby County Probation

- Juvenile Assessment and Guidance
- Juvenile Home Detention
- Community Service-Learning Project
- Restorative Justice
- Re-entry
- Why Try
- Botvin Life Skills
- Juvenile Prevention

Shelby County Community Corrections receives grant funding through the Department of Corrections for Adult Home Detention, Adult Day Reporting, Community Transition Program, Forensic Diversion, Sex Offender Management Program, Jail Intervention Program, Recovery Support Program, Juvenile Assessment and Guidance, Juvenile Home Detention and Restorative Justice.

In 2022, Shelby County Community Corrections received additional grant funding in the form of the Juvenile Discretionary Grant. The Juvenile Discretionary Grant totaled \$25,000 and enabled the agency to begin serving at risk youth in the local community. At-risk youth would qualify as those whose parents or guardians were involved in the criminal justice system or living in an unhealthy social setting. This was in the form of youth transportation, education, and resources. For example, through an application process juveniles were able to apply for a sponsorship for summer camps, youth sports, or driver's education courses. Youth were referred from numerous sources such as the Department of Children's Services, Youth Assistance Program, the local school system, Girls, Inc., YMCA, Babe Ruth Baseball, or the Shelbyville Parks Department. Upon completion of the sponsored program youth would submit a follow-up letter explaining what was learned or how this opportunity promoted a pro-social lifestyle. This program allowed youth to participate in positive extra-curricular activities who otherwise might not have been able to.

Shelby County Community Corrections collaboration with Shelby County Probation increased in 2022. Monthly meetings allowed for the identification of service overlaps and a more effective way of monitoring those services. Internal classes offered to participants such as MRT and Moving On expanded with the additions of Jobs for Life, Hickory Recovery IOP classes and Peer Recovery. Last year also marked the return of quarterly joint meetings between both agencies. These meetings allowed staff to receive training in Suicide Awareness/Prevention, case management, and resource or service offerings in the community. After several meetings with the new Chief Probation Officer, the goal for this year is to collaborate more than previous years.

This year will see these meetings increase to more than quarterly with more focused training for both agencies staff. Many policies and procedures as well as auditing processes will mimic each other. Specifically, both agencies will change up the intake or on-boarding process for all participants. This process will utilize assessments and questionnaires to detect areas of needs outside of what the IRAS provides. By doing this at the beginning of supervision the referral process becomes much more efficient, and participants can begin receiving services immediately. A focus on increased collaborative training has been planned for the year. Already scheduled are a poverty simulator, firearms safety, mental health response and presentations by many of our community partners. The goal of these trainings is to increase the use of evidence-based practices, camaraderie between agencies, increase the use of resources as well as increased productivity in staff roles.

Shelby County Community Corrections collaborates with Shelby County Probation, Shelby County Courts, Shelby County Prosecutor's Office, and the Shelby County Criminal Justice Center through supervision programming such as the Jail Intervention Program and the Recovery Support Program. These programs allow all offenders the opportunity to receive alternative supervision options focused solely on recovery and support. Additionally, the Shelby County Criminal Justice Center has allowed for an increase in offender programming while incarcerated in the jail. Moving On, Thinking for Good and mental health treatment are some of the services that would not be possible without the support of the Sheriff and Jail Commander.


Growth in the area of community collaboration expanded during 2022. A partnership with Major Health Partners allowed for the formation of the Community Action Team. The group meets to case manage frequent flyers in both the criminal justice system and Major Hospital's emergency department. This group includes diverse representation from affected agencies throughout Shelby County and allows for quick response to citizen needs and lack of access to resources. Shelby County Community Corrections worked with Unite Indy and The Bridge Ministries to develop the Jobs for Life program. This program targets the unemployed or underemployed involved in the criminal justice system. Participants received class training in job skills and soft skills. A champion or mentor was assigned to each participant to walk with them through the class as well as meet with them individually on a

weekly basis. After graduating, participants received assistance in finding employment with the champion remaining an active partner for many months after.

This year will see the further expansion of the jobs program between The Bridge Ministries, Shelby County Chamber of Commerce and Community Corrections. In addition to the jobs skills classes, participants will learn important on the job skill training with the Bridge Ministries. Wood-working and basic business operations will take place in a hands-on environment every week for 10 weeks. At the conclusion of the full class, we will utilize our developed jobs network to fast track participants into appropriate employment settings.

Community Corrections will also implement more efficient processes in the areas of Community Service and the Intake process. By targeting these two areas assigned staff members will have more time to focus on the evidence-based practices that have the longest impact on our participants. Additionally, through our local JRAC we will be modifying the pre-trial services offered. To cut down on the amount of bond revocations with the pre-trial population, we will begin assessing newly arrested offenders for services and programming offerings in a case management setting. It is the belief of this agency and our JRAC that by providing these services we will decrease recidivism and increase successful completion of our pre-trial program numbers.

Since 2020, the goal of Community Corrections has been to increase community involvement through partnerships and collaboration, provide the highest degree of quality and effectiveness in the services we provide, and to create greater value in the work we do for the community. Last year saw the culmination of all three of these goals and 2023 will continue growth in these areas.



Advisory Board President
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