



2024 Mat-Su Reentry Summit: Building Bridges to Success

Sept 6, 2024 – DAY 2

9:00 – 9:30

Housekeeping Reminders and Ice Breaker Activity

9:30 – 10:45

Session 6 - Key Note Speaker: Dr. Sandra Smith - Reentry Peer Support

The speaker will discuss the creation of a Reentry Peer Specialist certification training program and a registered apprenticeship for Certified Peer Specialists through the Department of Labor. Distinct from other reentry training models, the Via Hope program focuses on the trauma individuals face before, during, and after incarceration. This Reentry Peer Specialist credential not only allows formerly incarcerated individuals to enhance their own recovery but also enables them to offer support and hope to others navigating their journey through reentry and recovery. The registered apprenticeship program for Peer Specialists was designed specifically to bolster support for mental health and individuals returning to society after incarceration and workforce development.

10:45 – 11:00

Break/ Door Prizes

11:00 – 12:00

Session 7a: Building Resilience through Community Corrections and Peer Support – Marsha Oss (Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Coordinator)

This Presentation will look at the vital role that Corrections Staff and Peer Support play in helping justice-involved individuals remember who they are, what they can accomplish, and reclaim their resilience.

11:00 – 12:00

Session 7b: What is an FQHC and why are we important? - Bernie Jarriel – Director of Operations for Mat-Su Health Services

A preview of what an FQHC is, where they are in the Mat-Su Borough, services required to be provided. Why FQHC's are so important to the community and health care system. Discuss the services at and locations of Mat-Su Health Services.

12:00 – 1:00

Networking Lunch (Meal Provided)

1:00 – 2:00

Session 8a: Educational Contractors Panel – Kristofer Black – DOC Reentry

Join us for an insightful panel discussion on the innovative initiatives designed to improve employability skills and career understanding for reentrants in Alaska. This discussion will feature panelists from the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Alaska Driving

Academy, and the University of Alaska, Anchorage's Automotive & Diesel program, alongside staff from the Alaska Department of Corrections who oversee the grant supporting these efforts.

1:00 – 2:00

Session 8b: Culture in Community – Speakers include Ralph Lewis and Sarah Nicholson, Wellness Circle facilitators from Knik Tribe, also Jessica Svetkovich, Justice Program Coordinator, and Bobbi-Lynn Palmer, Parenting Class Instructor from Knik Tribe

Presentation will focus on Wellbriety, Warrior Down, Community Wellness Circles, and Cultural Activities as a means of Connection and Healing (for justice involved youth and adults). Will touch on Juvenile Reentry Program roll-out and capability to support AN/AI youth in case management both in facility and community.

2:00 – 2:15:

Break/ Door Prizes

2:15 – 3:15:

Session 9: Session: Reentrant Panel: Roads to Success – Reentrants from various reentry programs – Facilitated by Ashley Smith, Mat-Su Job Center

Listen to the journey of reentrants that have reintegrated into the community, hear the challenges and what was successful in their change for life.

3:15 – 3:30:

Wrap-up / Evaluations

Close the out day and discuss any questions, complete evaluations for presenter sessions.

The Mat-Su Reentry Coalition would like to thank the following members that were part of our planning committee:

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