



Jail Resource Reentry Program

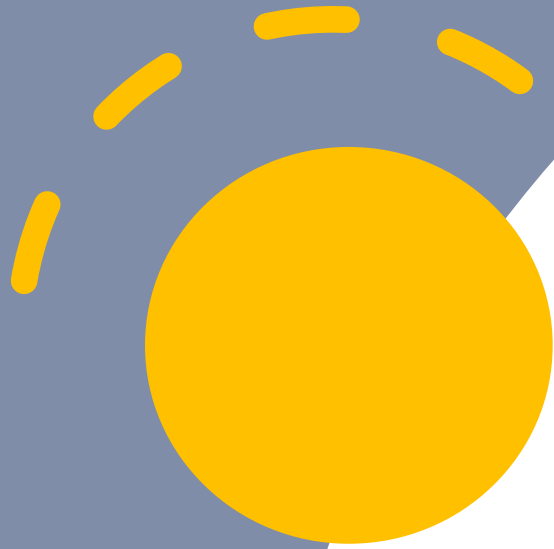
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The Need

Thousands of clients are booked and released from the jail yearly. Average prior bookings for inmates is 10 bookings per inmates throughout most of the year.

No program addresses the large portion of individuals who are quickly, and often unpredictably, released from jail. Too often, they are immediately confronted with homelessness, addiction, untreated mental illness and other challenges that frequently result in additional incarcerations.

There is a need to better send them out with as much useful information specific to their needs and prevent them returning to the same circumstances that led to their arrest.



Goals

Reduce disruptive behavior in the community after release.

Decrease the likelihood that the person will re-offend and reappear in the jail.

Help former inmates navigate the transition from jail back into the community by offering access to services and support they may need to stabilize, stay healthy and regain self-sufficiency.

Analysis

80% of inmates are incarcerated for less than a month. The jail has little time or capacity to address deep-rooted and often overlapping issues of substance addiction, job and housing instability, mental illness and health problems.

74% of this largely male, high-risk, high-need population will be re-arrested. On average, they will be arrested 2.8 times and spend 336 days incarcerated. Many have been or will be involved with pretrial, Legal Defenders, AP&P, CJS Probation or Treatment Courts

Existing Resource Re-entry Programs:

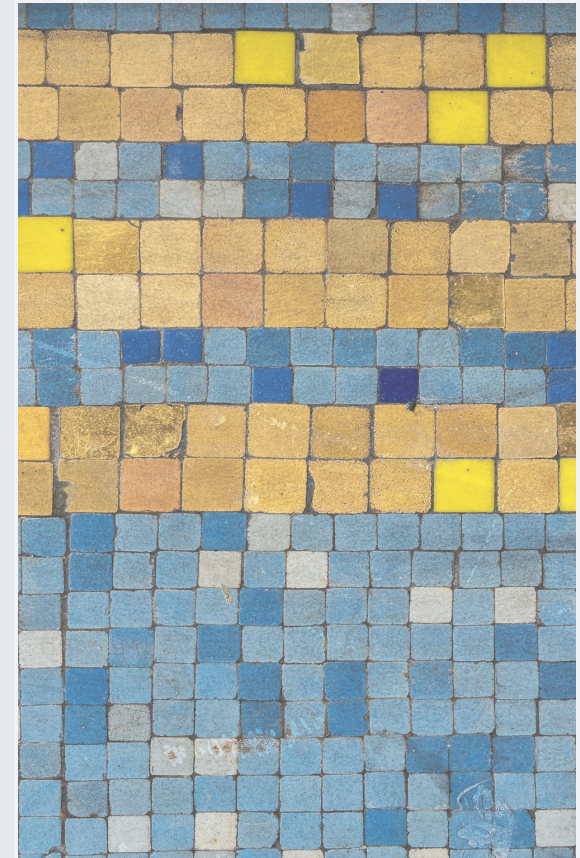
- Allegheny County, PA – opened in 2011
- Bernalillo County – opened in 2015

Recommendation

Establish a Salt Lake County Resource Re-entry Center program within the Jail to provide a short-term, temporary location to wait for critical need services that can be administered within and under several hours.

Staffing: SLCo Criminal Justice Services (CJS), the Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association (LDA), Sheriff deputy and Valley Behavioral Health Medicaid/TAM coordinator.

Hours of Operation: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.
(two eight-hour shifts)



Target Population & Success Metrics

Target Population: High-risk inmates being released that are homeless, mentally ill and/or suffer from substance abuse addiction.

Success Metrics: Reductions in the number of arrests, months without jail, services and referrals offered to inmates being released and number of inmates engaging in services.



CLEARED
FOR
RELEASE

Services

The Center will connect inmates who have experienced arrest with a short-term safe place to stay while identifying resources, including transportation, phone calls and referrals based on a brief needs assessment.



Criminal Justice Services and Legal Defenders Association staff will provide services to clients with a referral or warm handoff for services. Information regarding court hearings, supervision locations and area service pocket manual will be provided.



Basic Services

- Resource information packets
- Access to email, phone calls and free Wi-Fi
- Phone charging stations
- Snacks & beverages
- Female personal hygiene products
- SNAP/Medicaid enrollment
- Department of Workforce Services (DWS) information
- Transport options (bus tokens, VOA van service, homeless van services)
- Homeless housing referrals
- Donated clothing items on-site.



Ancillary Services

Case Management – CJS and LDA have relationships with numerous nonprofit agencies, religious agencies, County contracted agencies in Salt Lake County, private treatment programs and other community resources across the state of Utah. CJS can link clients with parole and probation officers to re-establish compliance, inform clients of important upcoming court dates and assist re-entry into treatment programs.

Legal Services – CJS and the LDA provide a “safe space” for clients to develop trust and disclose the full extent of their struggles, knowing that they will receive assistance in defense of a legal case, as well as the process of taking accountability, identifying their needs, and providing assistance in navigating the complexity of criminal justice and social services systems.

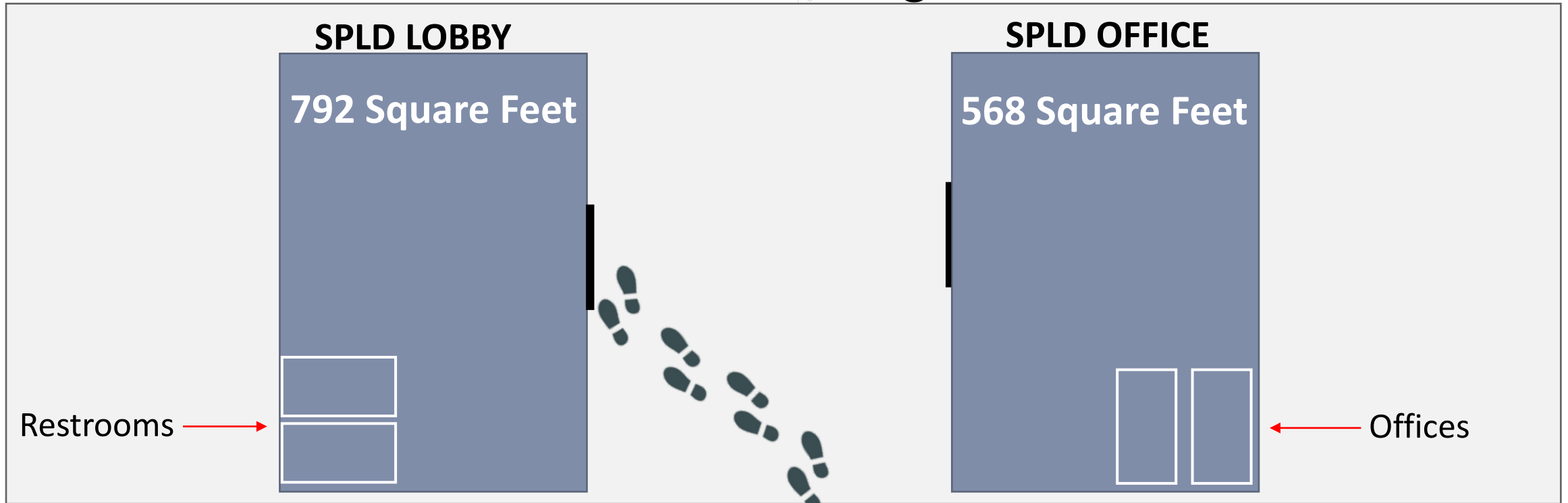


Location – Why the Jail?

- Increase likelihood of inmate engagement.
- Lower cost and expedited timeline to stand-up the program.



SPLD Area Footage



Trauma informed design

Physical environment affects an individual's sense of identity, worth, dignity and empowerment.

Create a space that is welcoming, demonstrate a safe environment, and provide some degree of privacy, while at the same time not interfere with the staff's need to monitor residents' behavior.





Budget

Criminal Justice Services and Sheriff's Office

Staffing \$1,020,345

Annual Operating Costs \$88,948

One-time Costs \$16,466

Recurring Costs \$4,500 (computer 3 year rotation)

Legal Defenders Association

Staffing \$399,650

Annual Operating Costs \$32,778

One-time Costs \$41,116

Recurring Costs \$12,000 (computer 3 year rotation)

Jail Space Design/Remodel and Rental Expense – TBD

Funding Opportunities

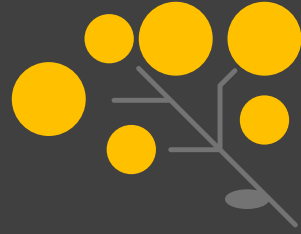
Bureau of Justice Grant: *Innovations in Re-entry Initiative Building System Capacity and Testing Re-entry Strategies* provides state and local jurisdictions with the resources to identify assets and gaps in their re-entry systems and improve their overall approach to re-entry.

- Phase 1: Planning (up to 12 months)
- Phase 2: Implementation (24 months)
- Phase 3: Evaluation and Sustainability (12 months)

Program-specific priority areas – Applications that target offenders with histories of homelessness, substance abuse, or mental illness.

Maximum dollar amount of award \$1,000,000 – 50% Match (combination of 50% cash, 50% in-kind)

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