

Waldo County Reports 2013 Another Successful Year for Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center

Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center (MCRRC) enjoyed another successful year in 2013 serving 57 inmates, significantly reducing the likelihood of their return to incarceration. In addition to committing themselves to the effective and innovated programming offered at MCRRC, these men gave over 5,000 hours of community service to our many local partners in Waldo County, paid over \$22,000 in restitution to their victims and fines to the courts, and contributed over \$27,000 in room and board.

Other highlights:

- 57 inmates were served by the reentry center last year. 33 of those inmates were Waldo and Knox County residents. All 57 were habitually impacting our populations and our budgets prior to their entry into our program.
- MCRRC employs a validated risk/needs assessment tool that accurately measures the risk to reoffend and identifies the dynamic risk factors driving criminogenic behavior. MCRRC brings in individuals that have a moderate to high risk of reoffending, and targets their criminogenic risk factors during their stay, ensuring that upon their release, their risk of reoffending is substantially reduced.
- MCRRC successfully utilizes the Risk-Need-Responsivity Model in assessing, addressing, and effectively reducing criminogenic behavior.
- MCRRC uses the latest in evidenced based programming, cognitive behavioral therapy, innovative, risk reduction strategies, and a team of responsive staff that successfully implement and support evidenced based principles ensuring positive treatment outcomes.
- All MCRRC residents become employed and/or enrolled in postsecondary education during their stay, and this employment carries through and beyond their release.
- We had 28 residents graduate from our program last year. All 28 left here with permanent housing, 23 were employed and 5 were enrolled in postsecondary education.
- One resident hired by a local paper was given his own column, "View From the Center", and was published biweekly.
- This past year, the MCRRC garden produced and supplied 26,200 pounds of fresh produce to the tables of those in need, including food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, numerous other nonprofits, and our own program.

- \$27,736.64 in room and board was collected from our employed, tax paying, MCRRC residents last year.
- \$22,055.41 was collected from MCRRC residents for fines & restitution last year.
- MCRRC residents teamed up with the Tri-Town Parent Teacher Group (PTG) and provided labor and staffing for three major fundraisers that totaled over \$4,000 in money raised to support Ames and Weymouth Elementary School Student Programs.
- MCRRC residents performed 5,128 hours of community service with 35 partners in Waldo County. Calculated just at minimum wage, this translates to \$38,460 worth of labor given back to the community.
- Programs like MCRRC are a cost effective, proactive approach to reducing jail populations, and provide solid, responsible, long term solutions to overall public safety while strengthening communities.

