Taking an active role in the improvement of public safety by helping offenders find their way to a new, productive, and crime-free way of life.
Take One seeks to have individual organizations agree to mentor just one offender and his/her family for a period of one year. The idea is that faith-based and non-profit organizations can provide a level of support, encouragement and guidance that could be the difference between a successful transition home or a return to prison resulting in more victimization (to the family and the community). Take One is an opportunity for citizens to take an active role in the improvement of public safety by helping offenders find their way to a new, productive, and crime-free way of life reunited with their families, friends, and their communities. TDCC will be a supportive partner in this program rather than the primary driver. This will be an initiative guided by the community rather than a governmental agency.

The Objective

Tennessee faith-based and non-profit organizations in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Correction will provide support services and role models to offenders and their families in adjusting to society during the first year of release. This is achieved by each organization providing guidance and support for one offender for six to twelve months prior to release and one year following release. Services provided include mentoring and accountability, along with other services.
Faith-based and Non-profit Participation

- Fill out the application (provided online).
- The offender will be referred to the faith-based or non-profit organization by a Steering Committee member.
- The Steering Committee will provide the name of the Chaplain at the facility and their contact information.
- Chaplains will set up visits with the inmates.
- The Steering Committee will arrange volunteer training to be held at one of the local Community Supervision offices.
- The faith-based or non-profit organization will meet with the offender at least 2-3 times prior to release.

Take One Steering Committee

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THE TENNESSEE REENTRY COLLABORATIVE

You are not alone. TREC is here to help you. They provide a continuum of services for all offenders reentering society in order to reduce recidivism and promote public safety.

Local TREC offices:

- Johnson City/Tri-Cities
- Knoxville
- Chattanooga
- Clarksville
- Nashville
- Franklin County (Tullahoma)
- Jackson
- Memphis/Shelby County
- State Agency TREC

Each group seeks to enhance public safety by working collaboratively to improve reentry opportunities for offenders in four core areas:

1. Housing: Transitional, supportive, and permanent.
2. Employment, education, vocational training, resume development, interview skills, GED, specific skill training, and other job readiness skills.
3. Treatment: Mental Health, substance abuse, parenting, life skills, etc.
4. Pro-Social supporters

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Relapse Prevention
- Anger Management
- GED programming
- Thinking for a Change
- Courage for a Change
- Victim Impact
- Employment Specialist
- Resource Specialist
- Mental Health Counseling
- Housing

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