What Is the Lebanon County Day Reporting Center?

The Lebanon County Day Reporting Center (DRC) is a program designed to help reduce the county's jail population by offering an alternative to incarceration for those with nonviolent charges.

The primary emphasis of this program is two-fold, focusing on rehabilitation of the participant and community safety. The program is designed to assist participants in connecting with community resources and to provide job skills training that will enable long-term employment. In addition, the DRC provides each participant with the opportunity to improve their whole self by connecting them with local therapy providers, parenting classes, life skills training, and by offering spiritual programming and healthy living strategies. To complete the program successfully, each participant is required to report according to program requirements and successfully obtain steady employment.

The Lebanon County DRC provides the following services:

- Individualized needs assessment
- Intensive individualized case management services
- Drug and alcohol relapse prevention
- Evidence-based programming for life skills
- ✓ "Cog" classes a program based on the National Institute of Corrections' program Thinking for a Change
- Résumé building and workshops geared toward finding steady employment
- Financial literacy training budgeting classes and money management
- Parenting skill-building and family reunification
- Introductory computer skills and other "soft skills" training
- High school equivalency test preparation and course work
- Essential life skills training, including conflict resolution, time management, problem solving and communication
- Incorporation of spiritual programming based upon clients' needs
- Healthy living education and access to state of the art gym equipment
- Placement and retention services helping our participants achieve and maintain employment
- Supportive services and referrals to community agencies within Lebanon County to address other needs, including food, clothing, toiletries, healthcare, transportation, legal advocacy, mental health services, drug and alcohol treatment, mentoring, peer support, spiritual programming, housing and parenting/ family relationships

Completion Guidelines: Successful completion is based upon the completion of all life skills classes, financial literacy training, résumé building and job skills training, participation in referred treatment, abstinence from drugs and alcohol and successful completion of all phases (levels) of the program.

Daily Time Requirements and Length of Program: The average length of participation in the program is six months. Throughout this time, the participants will attend the facility as frequently as six days per week, dependending on the client's level of program achievement.

Daily Monitoring: Participants are required to check in with DRC staff according to their individualized service plan. Drug and alcohol screenings are administered and the participants are required to meet with their probation officers and case coordinators regularly to ensure that all requirements are fulfilled. These check-ins will be coordinated in conjunction with classwork, job searching or other useful engagement.

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