



YORK COUNTY REENTRY COALITION

HOPE. SUPPORT. COMMUNITY.

2026 ANNUAL REPORT

SUPPORT CHANGES OUTCOMES. CONNECTION CHANGES **LIVES.**



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*Working together since 2016
for a safer, healthier, stronger
York County.*



Though things change
we will always be thankful!



*Like all collaborations, YCRC is in a constant state of becoming. Over the past year, YCRC has experienced several leadership transitions with York County District Attorney and long-time reentry champion **Tim Barker** stepping down as Coalition Chair and **Dave Dunkel** of Sees-the-Day completing his Advisory Board term at the end of 2025. In October 2025, YCRC Advisory Board Member **Adam Ogle** retired from his role as York County Prison Warden. Most recently, Executive Director **Chawna Griffith-Myers** departed the Coalition in April 2026. We pause here express our gratitude for the impactful contributions Tim, Chawna, Dave & Adam have made, and will continue to make, to York County's reentry landscape.*



Justin Cravener & Allison Shipley
Co-Chairs
York County Reentry Coalition

FROM OUR REENTRY TEAM

2026, like most years, has brought change, challenges, and growth. But this year is special – we celebrate YCRC’s 10th birthday in September as well as a decade of serving the York County community. We’re marking the milestone in big and small ways throughout the year with our whole YCRC family.

One of the best things about the York County Reentry Coalition is the strong community support that continues to fuel our work. Ten years in, YCRC is thriving. Justin Cravener of Life Changing Pathways stepped in as Chair in January and continues to lead by example, supporting peer-centered prevention, recovery, and reentry work.

He is joined by Co-chair Allison Shipley of York/Adams MH-IDD, who sees every day how mental health and reentry intertwine. We also welcomed new Advisory Board Members Brianne Lindstrom of Affordable Housing Advocates and Warden Joseph “JJ” Johnston, who has ushered in a fresh chapter of collaboration with York County Prison. Most recently, I returned as YCRC’s Executive Director in August and am looking forward to tackling a variety of reentry challenges with you all.

Meanwhile, the Reentry Opportunity Center continues to expand its impact on the reentry journeys of people leaving York County Prison. Early this year, York County Probation Services created a new Reentry Supervisor role dedicated to making ROC services even more accessible. Shannon Brady stepped into that position in March 2026 and immediately strengthened access to the Prison’s Work Release Unit and launched new community walk-in hours for people seeking support after release.

I am proud to present this report as a snapshot of YCRC at ten years. I remain grateful for the renewed opportunity to guide this work alongside long-time partners, new collaborators, and—most importantly—the community members who trust us with their reentry experiences. Together, we’re building a foundation of hope, support, and community, knowing that reentry wins are wins for all of us.



Warm regards,

Melissa Plotkin
YCRC Executive Director



Connecting with our community

is one of the most important things we do because a **reentry-ready community** is our most powerful tool for success.



2025 & 2026 brought opportunities to raise awareness in some exciting, out-of-the-box ways! You may have seen us out and about at:

- York County's May Mental Health Month Walk
- York Opioid Collab's Ghouls, Goblins, & Golf event
- York County's Trunk or Treat
- Give Local York karaoke & bus trip
- William Penn High School Career Panel & Public Safety Academy
- OLLI class at York County Prison & the ROC
- Bro2Go Gala
- ROC Barbershops
- Family First Health Community Briefing
- WGAL *In Focus* episode on Health & Reentry
- and many more!

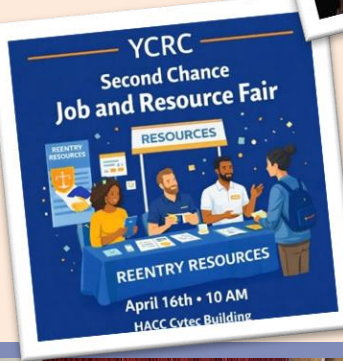




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Reentry Simulation

Understanding the reality of starting over



April is Second Chance Month

YCRC holds a Reentry Simulation every April to build community empathy and awareness of reentry barriers. This year we also hosted our second annual Second Chance Job & Resources Fair on April 16th. Many thanks to the volunteers and partners who make these events possible!



Prevention strengthens reentry.

YCRC is committed to addressing root causes because there is no better way to disrupt personal and generational cycles that affect peoples' overall stability. The most impactful form of reentry happens when someone never enters the justice system in the first place.

Since the beginning, YCRC has intentionally collaborated to increase access to behavioral health care for people across York County in a variety of ways.

- **Emergent behavioral health care at START.** YCRC continues to partner with WellSpan Behavioral Health's START Center to increase access to care for justice-impacted people.
- **Crisis Walk-in Services at START.** New in 2026, 24/7 walk-in services are available at the START Center for people in mental health crisis.
- **York County District Attorney's Office Co-responder Program.** YCRC partners with our co-responder program as it expands coverage and evolves to include peer-based post-overdose services.
- **York County Mental Health & Justice Advisory Committee and the Stepping UP Team.** Diversion & Reentry staff in York County Probation Services coordinate systems efforts to better serve people with serious mental illness in jail in tandem with reentry work at the Reentry Opportunity Center.
- **Crisis Intervention Team initiatives.** York County's CIT program continues to prepare law enforcement, first responders, and community-based providers to recognize and deescalate behaviors rooted in mental health. In 2026, for the first time, CIT offered academies focused on schools and youth needs.



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Brandon Kelly from START and Derek Hartman of the District Attorney's Office talk to members at YCRC's May 2026 meeting.

717-851-5320 & 800-673-2496

24/7 mental health crisis support in York

**Getting help quickly can make
all the difference.**

Connect locally to immediate, compassionate care from behavioral health crisis response specialists.

One call, two ways to support.

717-851-5320 or 800-673-2496

Call the crisis line if you are in crisis and need someone to talk to.

Or ask our mobile crisis team to come to you — home, school or work.

Walk in, no appointment needed

Our calm, welcoming center offers confidential support focused on stabilization, safety and next steps, like connecting you to ongoing care. And if you need more time or a higher level of care, we offer short-term treatment and stabilization (up to 23 hours) in a safe, comfortable and therapeutic setting, with a team working together to support your whole health.

WellSpan Behavioral Health Walk-In Crisis Center
A service of WellSpan York Hospital
605 S. George Street, Suite 100, York
Loretta Claiborne Building

Supported by public and community partnerships focused on strengthening the local behavioral health safety net and improving access to crisis care in York County.

- For 24/7 support from the National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, call or text 988.
- If someone is in immediate danger, call 911.
- For medical emergencies, go to the ED or call 911.



Partner Spotlight



"I have found a better way to experience unwanted feelings and respond rationally to them since attending the group."

- Recover with WellSpan patient at YCP

2.5 pt ↓

Clients reported a 2.5 point decrease in **depression & anxiety scores** on the PHQ-9 & GAD-7 assessments.

16.7 pt ↓

Clients reported a 16.7 point decrease in **trauma scores** on the PCL-5 assessment.

Jesse Dzubak, LPC, CAADC – START Recover with WellSpan

YCRC has known from its earliest days how important recovery can be to someone's reentry journey. **Recover with WellSpan** expands on our WellSpan Health partnership at the START Center to provide critical substance use treatment to people residing in York & Adams County Prisons. From July 2025-June 2026, Jesse Dzubak and the WellSpan team met with **126 people** living in York County Prison over **1,832 visits**.

We asked Jesse to share his thoughts on his reentry work:

"Supporting reentrants during a vulnerable stage of their lives, when they are open to growth and change, is incredibly meaningful."

Working alongside my colleagues at the ROC, prison and probation has been equally rewarding. Having the opportunity to be where positive change is taking place and to provide clinical support to underserved individuals is an honor that I value deeply."

These numbers are a testament to the relationships that Jesse and his team build with patients: on average, each person sits with the Recover with WellSpan team **15 times** in one-on-one or group sessions.

With this level of connection pre-release, going to treatment after release seems within reach and reaching recovery becomes a much stronger possibility. Recover with WellSpan patients leave Prison with tangible skills and tools they are confident in using in their daily lives. As one participant recently noted: **"I'm getting what I need as far as tools."** Another shared: **"That's why I like coming to START Recover with WellSpan, I feel heard here."** Patients in the program report significant improvements to assessment scores measuring the impacts of depression, anxiety, and trauma on patients, reaffirming that treatment empowers people to identify and work on root causes of behavior.

Jesse is a core part of Probation Services' Reentry Multidisciplinary Team, where recovery needs are considered holistically along with with timeline to release and other social service needs. . At the ROC, people smile when Jesse arrives because he's **easy to work with**, his **sense of humor** is top notch, and **it's clear he cares**.

Probation-led Reentry Strategies at the ROC

Meet **Reentry Supervisor Shannon Brady**, who joined the Reentry Opportunity Center in March 2026. Shannon started with Probation Services in 2012 as a Probation Officer and later supervised the Hanover Unit. She's long been committed to reentry work and was an active member of the Reentry Coalition when it launched in 2016.

At the ROC, Shannon and Reentry Probation Officer Betsy Anderson are a dynamic duo working closely with providers, clients, York County Prison, and community partners to keep operations running smoothly and expand access to services.

Community Transition Initiative

Shannon is working with **York County Prison, York County District Attorney's Office and Probation Services** in their joint **Community Transition Initiative (CTI)**. CTI's goal is to increase service access by streamlining entry into the Prison's Work Release Unit and by developing protocols for a new Minimum Security Mini ROC location inside the Prison. Minimum Security CTI will serve people who are ineligible for Work Release, but who will still be returning to our York County community. Notably, Minimum Security CTI will allow us to reach people who are awaiting disposition pretrial, a population that has historically been difficult to engage in reentry planning because they may be released on time served with little notice.





"The ROC"

York County's
Reentry Opportunity
Center

Our Mission
To empower individuals
(reentrants and their supports)
to be successful by building
connections, resources, and
support to empower quality of
life, break the cycle of
recidivism, and restore dignity.

Take Charge of Your Reentry!

The ROC is your access to care!

Do you need.....



Connection to Care?
medical, dental, podiatry, optometry,
substance use, pharmacy



Peer Support?
recovery planning, resource navigation,
positive community connections



Education & Employment Help?
computer lab, employment,
training and certificate programs



Probation Support ?
connections to other ROC partner providers
for resources such as clothing, housing, GVI,
mental and physical health etc.

WALK-IN HOURS

Monday &
Wednesday
11am - 1pm

Other hours
by appointment
only

Community Walk-in Hours

In June 2026, the ROC began hosting its first community walk-in hours on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 am – 1 pm, with other times available by appointment. Anyone impacted by the justice system is welcome to reach out and explore reentry resources. Being able to serve community clients is another strategy to increase access to reentry services.

The Reentry MDT & Stepping UP

With both the Reentry Multidisciplinary Team and the Stepping UP Teams administered by the Diversion & Reentry Services Unit in Probation Services, coordination between the two has never been closer. Where the Stepping UP Team has deep knowledge of behavioral health treatment options, the Reentry MDT can work to assist with a broad range of social service needs.

Partnering with the ROC

The ROC partners with organizations and volunteers in many ways. Here's what partnering can look like:

- Engaging with clients living in York County Prison in 1:1 or group settings at the ROC
- Using the ROC as a base to engage with secure-side clients
- Becoming a referral partner for reentering people
- Donating items to meet day-to-day client needs, like clothing, snacks, and similar items.

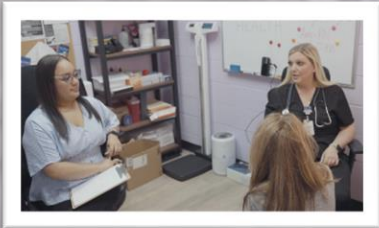
To learn more, contact the ROC through any of the methods to the left!

Transitions & Transformations



Given how prevalent healthcare needs are in reentry, **Family First Health's Transitions in Care Program** has quickly become a Reentry Opportunity Center mainstay. The FFH Transitions in Care team of Morgan Conner, Amy Heiner, Sandra Frecon, and Evie Baez are positive, kind, consistent powerhouses at the ROC, where they help patients living in Work Release, and in the secure jail through in-reach engagement, plan for their release.

The Transitions in Care program recognizes that housing and communication barriers often stand in the way of someone pursuing primary and behavioral health care. Transitions in Care has always been able to help people with employment-related needs like work gear or clothing and, this year, support has expanded to help people meet the initial costs of obtaining housing as well as provide a cell phone and 30 days of service.



Transitions in Care Program

Supporting successful reentry by addressing healthcare and non-medical health needs.



The Challenge

Individuals returning to the community often face barriers that make it difficult to access healthcare, ensure non-medical health needs are met, and maintain employment. Disconnected systems can leave critical gaps during reentry.



Community Partners

- County of York
- York County Reentry Coalition
- Life Changing Pathways
- Bro2Go
- York County Economic Alliance

Our program helps justice-involved individuals return to the community by addressing the barriers that often stand in the way of successful reentry. By addressing needs prior to reentry, this model improves access to healthcare, helps reduce reliance on emergency services for routine care, and strengthens workforce participation, leading to improvements in healthcare systems, public safety, and the local economy.

HOW WE SUPPORTED CLIENTS



36

Meals



62

Clothing Items



24

Work-Related Shoes



36

Hygiene Kits



51

Bus Passes



2

Vision Care

PROGRAM IMPACT

147

CLIENTS SERVED

380

ENCOUNTERS

185+

NON-MEDICAL HEALTH NEEDS SUPPORTED

142

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

86

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

78

SNAP APPLICATIONS

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

When individuals have access to healthcare, non-medical health needs, and support, stronger outcomes follow.

We are seeking healthcare, workforce, and community partners, as well as funders and policymakers, to help sustain and expand this program.

reentrysvcgrante@familyfirsthealth.org

The ROC's monthly **Barbershop is a living, breathing reentry strategy**, changing lives by nurturing positive, affirming connections that follow people after release.

We would like to take a moment to extend our sincere gratitude to **Chawna Griffith-Myers** for dreaming big with Barbershop and to the team of barbers and stylists who made it a reality:

- **Commissioner Mike Muldrow of the York City Police Department**
- **Luis Berrios of Life Changing Pathways**
- **Vidal Baez, community volunteer**
- **Tyleta Sweeney, community volunteer**
- **Ray Brown, community volunteer**

We extend thanks to these and the many other volunteers who have made each Barbershop a success by sharing your time, talents, food, and laughs. We wouldn't be where we are today without your generosity and heart!



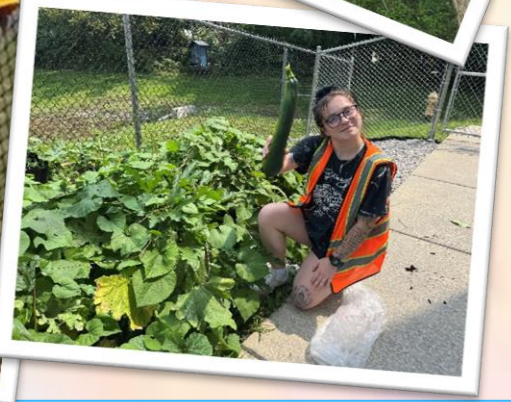
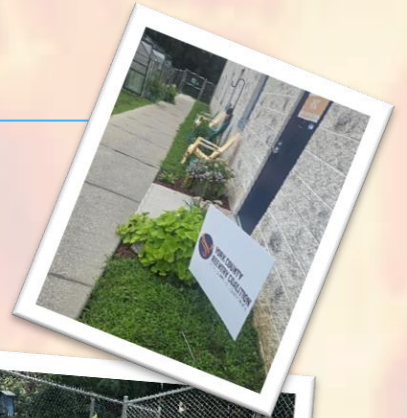
Barbershop entered a new phase in July 2026. The sense of community isn't going anywhere, but we are expanding our pool of barbers, including new voices and experiences, and offering services to community clients for the first time. Our team of barbers now includes:

- **Luis Berrios, Life Changing Pathways**
- **Carlos Garcia, Epic Haircuts**
- **Mike Ludd, Certified Fadez Barber Lounge**
- **Jeff Miller, Beauty and the Barber**



We continue to appreciate our ongoing partnership with **LCBC Church**, who, along with Barbershop, also supports the ROC as a site for LCBC's **Global Leadership Summit** and hosts our Annual Meeting each August.

Planting Seeds of Hope



Brandon Maszon, Life Changing Pathways, & ROC Head Gardener

Brandon Maszon is a Certified Recovery Specialist with Life Changing Pathways' peer team at the Reentry Opportunity Center, but that's only a part of his story. Among many other talents, Brandon is a Master Gardener and Summer 2026 has been his season to shine. Early in May, Brandon asked about gardening in the ROC's courtyard. After putting the question to York County Prison, the answer was an emphatic YES!

Not long after that, the Prison assembled three green houses donated by Pennsylvania Counseling Services, Justin Cravener at Life Changing Pathways put together a planter box, and the Reentry Coalition contributed a load of mushroom compost. State Parole Agent Dave Woodring donated colorful Adirondack chairs to better enjoy the garden setting. Then, Brandon did his magic.

Before long, buckets and grow bags appeared with peppers, tomatoes, and many different flowering plants. Green beans, watermelon, cantaloupe, and cucumbers sprouted in the planter box, and the greenhouses began to fill up with herbs and veggies. By late June, the appropriate time to pick peppers was the hottest topic of debate at the ROC. Most importantly, Brandon is sneaky good at involving people in the garden.

We know from research that gardening supports mindfulness and that connections to the earth and green spaces can be healing, but there's nothing like seeing this principle in action. People living in Work Release regularly help Brandon with weeding, watering, harvesting and anything else the plants may need on any given day. At the same time, they're learning about an inexpensive outlet for energy and creativity, polishing up their knack for patience, and absorbing words of wisdom from Brandon about everything under the sun. As Brandon says, this is his most important gardening: planting seeds of hope!



Riding into the next chapter.



Ride United Micro Grant

In September 2025, YCRC received \$10,000 through the United Way of York County's Ride United Micro Grant program. This United Way initiative funds flexible, rapid transportation support that removes barriers to employment, medical care, housing stability, treatment and family services. In partnership with community organizations, YCRC uses these funds to seed its innovative e-Bike Program, where justice-involved people with transportation barriers can request an e-bike, traditional bike, or electric scooter to help maintain employment.

To date, e-bikes have been the most popular solution with clients. Seven e-bikes have been issued to date, with recipients reporting that the e-bikes are critical to their ability to commute to work. One recipient recently let YCRC know he has commuted 1100+ miles since getting the e-bike about 6 months ago!

Life Changing Pathways and Probation Services work together to maintain open communication with e-bike recipients, making sure that maintenance needs are resolved and that the bikes are still meeting their needs.

I am tremendously grateful for the e-bike. I am taking excellent care of the bicycle and it helps so very much getting to work and back. Thank you York Reentry Coalition!

- James B., e-bike program participant

ROC Ready-Start Workforce Kit Program

In December 2025, YCRC received \$10,000 through the 2025 BLOOM Pathways Grant Program. The York County Economic Alliance's BLOOM Business Empowerment Center proactively helps small businesses in York County eliminate barriers to success, ensuring an equitable, inclusive, and thriving community. These flexible funds are available to bridge one-time needs standing between reentrants and jobs, often simple low-cost hurdles that can make all the difference in someone's job readiness. Funds can be used for specialized clothing and gear, transportation assistance, employment-related fees and upfront costs for screenings and more. Year to date, one of the most common requests is for footwear appropriate for manufacturing settings.



BLOOM
BUSINESS EMPOWERMENT CENTER

 **York County
Economic Alliance**

10

Numbers tell the story.

HOW DO WE USE DATA?

The data gathered through our Reentry Needs Assessment is the foundation for our reentry planning. Within the first 4–6 weeks of incarceration, individuals complete a social determinants of health screening that identifies key needs and shapes pre-release referrals. This model equips ROC leadership and our multidisciplinary team to strategically align provider involvement, making sure services are available to meet local needs. We also use data from York County Prison to track jail admissions and deepen our understanding of the behavioral health needs of jail residents.

PERENNIAL NEEDS

Reentry Assessment data shows consistent needs commonly felt by people leaving York County Prison: Identification documents, federal benefits reconnection, and physical & behavioral healthcare are perennial gaps for reentrants. Likewise, employment and transportation are typically significant concerns prior to release.

Our awareness of significant healthcare needs has led YCRC to develop intentional partnerships with Family First Health, WellSpan, and Life Changing Pathways to assist people accessing treatment, primary care, and dental services.

This fall, York County Probation Services will begin issuing temporary photo ID cards at release. While these IDs are not replacements for state identification cards, they can ease some reentry burdens.

81%

Of people identified healthcare, including mental health, substance use, and reconnection to benefits, as a significant barrier to successful reentry.

76%

Of people identified transportation as a moderate or significant barrier to successful reentry

40%

Of people identified employment as a significant barrier to successful reentry

79%

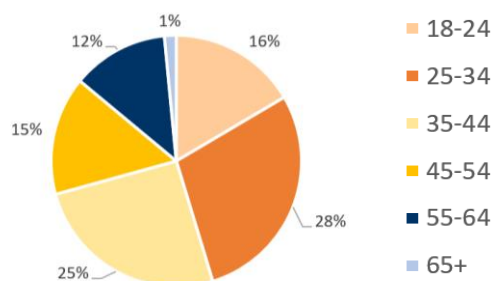
Of people are missing a drivers license or other identification document at release.

432

The number of people assessed during their stay in York County Prison from July 2025 – June 2026.



Reentrants by Age: July 2025 – June 2026



These figures are based on people assessed from July 2025 – June 2026.

Reaching Out, Reaching People

ROC STARS

These figures give insight into the Reentry Opportunity Center's impact year-to-date in 2026.

The ROC connects individuals to key services like recovery support, employment assistance, and healthcare before release, allowing time for trust to build and relationships that carry into the community to develop. 2026 usage statistics prove that, given the opportunity, people will voluntarily choose to access transitional support while incarcerated.

+

861

Visits to the ROC in 2026 by 274 unique clients. Of these, 125 visited once, 45 visited twice, and **114 people engaged in services 3 or more times!**

+

75%

of Family First Health's engagements occur in the secure side of York County Prison while 25% happen in the ROC. This demonstrates the ROC's usefulness to partners in deploying secure-side services.

+

40

Clients walked to the **ROC immediately post-release** to connect with providers and obtain a Go Bag with basic supplies in 2026 year-to-date.

+

242

Engagements were for the ROC's most popular services: certified recovery peer support and/or the ROC Computer Lab.



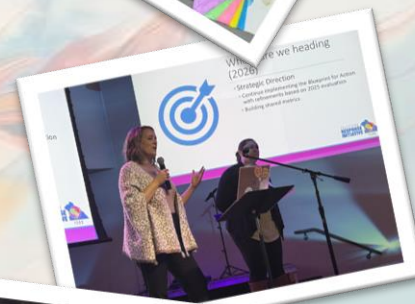
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Next Level Collaboration



"We are working to reduce the adverse impact of substance use in York County. We are building systems that save lives. We are advancing change that no single organization could accomplish alone."

- Brittany Shutz
York Opioid Collaborative



Moving the Needle with Allied Collaboratives

Reentry work in York County moves quickly due in part to partnerships with several collective efforts whose missions that overlap and align with YCRC's.

The York Opioid Collaborative and its Collective Response Initiative York (CRIY) work to reduce the impact of substance use in York County through efforts coordinated by a Steering Committee, Work Groups, and Action Teams. The Collective Response Initiative's Medication Assisted Treatment Action Team is dedicated to improving access to MAT in York County Prison and ensuring seamless post-release referrals to community health care providers. In 2026, collaboration deepened when Probation Services Representative Amy Evans became Chair of CRIY's Steering Committee.



The York County Coalition on Homelessness coordinates planning and funding for a variety of homelessness and housing services. Our connections with the Coalition have helped us understand and respond to federal programmatic shifts affecting reentrants and housing supports. We are also partnering with Friends & Neighbors of PA to support unhoused reentrants through street outreach services.

With the Safety Collab's focus on support for York County youth, several areas of synergy have emerged. For example, this year several of the Safety Collab's Safety Summits have included community trainings on crisis de-escalation and trauma-informed care by York County Probation Services. Supporting youth is another powerful prevention tool and one YCRC will continue to prioritize.



Broadening our view

For the last three years, YCRC and its partners have invested significant financial and human resources in building a strong, sustainable foundation for the Reentry Opportunity Center. We are confident that York County Probation Services will continue to build upon that foundation as the ROC grows, evolves, and enlarges its impact. In turn, YCRC is looking forward to getting back to our roots as an umbrella coalition that empowers its members to work together to reach our vision of a safer, healthier, stronger York County community.

2027 will ring in a strategic planning refresh with the potential to reaffirm some priorities, redefine others, and introduce new strategies to adapt to ever-changing conditions. As always, this process will combine what we know through data with the experiences and needs of residents and community partners. We look forward to rebuilding the committees and working groups that have served in the past as launchpads for many reentry wins both large and small. We also look forward to broadening our reentry lens in recognition that “front end” efforts like increased access to behavioral health care quickly reduces the load on reentry resources.



FUTURE PLANS

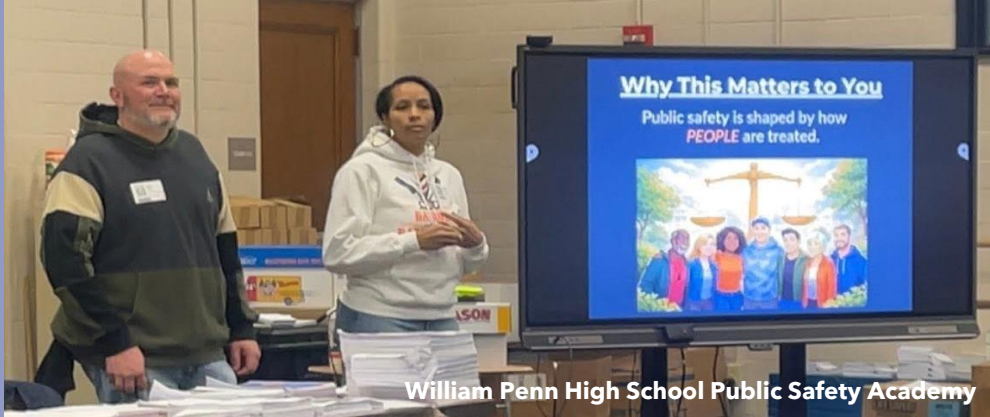
- 2027 listening sessions, a coalition evaluation project & strategic planning cycle.
- Refreshed YCRC committees and work groups.
- Improved community access to the ROC, along with ROC services behind the walls of York County Prison.
- The same high level of community engagement you have come to expect from us!

INNOVATION IN SUPPORT

- Pursuing funding to support new service access points in central York and across the County.
- Partnering with York County Prison to maximize access to ROC services for pretrial and sentenced people ineligible for Work Release.
- Continuing to integrate peer support services throughout treatment and justice systems.

A Year of Action

Highlights from our 2025-26 journey



William Penn High School Public Safety Academy



Second Chance Job & Resource Fair



Gardening at the ROC



May's Mental Health Walk



Experiencing family life at the Reentry Simulation



YCRC couldn't do it without you.

This 2026 Annual Report is dedicated to our members, partners, volunteers, and staff who devote countless hours and endless energy to our mission.

A Huge Thank You to our 2026 YCRC Advisory Board



Justin Cravener
Managing Co-Chair
Community Advocate



Allison Shipley
Co-Chair
York Adams MH-IDD



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Probation Services



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District Attorney



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York Co. Human Services



Joseph Johnston
York County Prison



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Julie Pullo-Hess
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Thank you to our many partners and friends; we couldn't do it without you!