



Gwinnett Re-entry Intervention Program (GRIP) works to provide housing and services to help individuals exiting jail transition back into society after being incarcerated.

THE ISSUE

Nationally, 67 percent of individuals who are released from jail or prison return within three years. Many of individuals experience mental health issues, and roughly 10 percent face homelessness. With these barriers and many more, the likelihood of someone becoming incarcerated again increases dramatically.

UNITED WAY'S ROLE

In partnership with the Gwinnett County Sheriff Department, United Way assesses and refers inmates to GRIP to receive housing and case management upon release, access to mental health services, a primary care doctor and job assistance.

THE RESULTS

Since 2012, we have helped permanently house more than 270 people exiting the jail. The recidivism rate has decreased for GRIP participants in Gwinnett County more than 60 percent, dropping from 25.5 percent to 8.2 percent. Gwinnett County jail population has reduced, taxpayer dollars have been saved and their community is a safer place for all.