

MRP Steering Team Activity Report		
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Benton Camden Hickory	Jim Powell, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 21 <a href="mailto:Jim.Powell@doc.mo.gov">Jim.Powell@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-346-2878	Meetings have started with DWD and are progressing to involve other agencies. Currently looking for interested people in the community to head up the effort.
Caldwell Clinton Davies DeKalb Livingston	David Whitt, Probation and Parole Officer <a href="mailto:David.Whitt@doc.mo.gov">David.Whitt@doc.mo.gov</a>  District 2 – Chillicothe 660-646-4535 ext. 226	Meetings held Monthly. Plans are to create formal structure electing Executive officers and establishing official board. Groups are strung in Livingston County. Efforts to expand involvement for the other 4 counties are planned for the coming year.
Chariton Grundy Harrison Linn Mercer Putnam Sullivan	Phil Daniels, Prob. & Parole Officer Probation and Parole – District 39 <a href="mailto:Phil.Daniels@doc.mo.gov">Phil.Daniels@doc.mo.gov</a> 660-359-3227  Green Hills Advisory Board 1601 E. 30 <sup>th</sup> Trenton, Missouri 64683 660-359-3227 ext. 226	Working to expand the role of the CAB to include MRP. Still in planning and transition phase.
Carroll Lafayette Ray Saline	Lee Bucksath, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 32 <a href="mailto:Lee.Bucksath@doc.mo.gov">Lee.Bucksath@doc.mo.gov</a> 660-259-3465	Meetings have started and are held on the first Thursday of each month. Steering team members, charter and by-laws are established.
Miller Morgan	Tena Riley, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 34 573-392-6920 ext. 232	Still in development.
Atchison Gentry Holt Nodaway Worth	Tom Seipel, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 40 <a href="mailto:Tom.Seipel@doc.mo.gov">Tom.Seipel@doc.mo.gov</a> 660-582-4799	Still in development
Cooper Pettis	Cheri Heeren, Chair 515 S. Kentucky Sedalia, Missouri 65301 <a href="mailto:pccp@iland.net">pccp@iland.net</a> 660-827-0560  Bruce Gabriel, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 29 <a href="mailto:Bruce.Gabriel@doc.mo.gov">Bruce.Gabriel@doc.mo.gov</a> 660-530-5530	Meets first Monday of each month at noon. Meetings are generally located at 515 S. Kentucky or 205 Thompson Road.
Howard Macon Randolph Shelby	Brad Ayers, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 18 <a href="mailto:Brad.Ayers@doc.mo.gov">Brad.Ayers@doc.mo.gov</a> 660-263-3762	Group focusing on developing direction, sharing information on services, VISTA volunteer involved, and developing educational groups on identified topics.

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Cass	<b>Western Missouri Reentry Team</b> Ed Bestgen, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Ed.Bestgen@doc.mo.gov">Ed.Bestgen@doc.mo.gov</a> 816-322-1166	Monthly meetings are being held. Contract Ed Bestgen for meeting times.
Jackson	<b>Eastern Jackson MRP Group</b> Tracy Kirksey, District Administrator Probation and Parole Dist. #24 Tracy.Kirksey@doc.mo.gov 816-795-6055 <b>(Covers Independence, Blue Springs, etc.)</b>  <b>KC Local Area MRP Group</b> Marlene Weatherford, Regional Admin <a href="mailto:Marlene.Weatherford@doc.mo.gov">Marlene.Weatherford@doc.mo.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:Barry.Mayer@kc-crime.org">Barry Mayer – Bmayer@kc-crime.org</a> <b>(Covers metro area of Kansas City in Jackson County.)</b>  <b>4Central/4West Group</b> Colin Smyth, District Administrator & Denise Bruce, District Administrator Co-Chairs <a href="mailto:Colin.Smyth@doc.mo.gov">Colin.Smyth@doc.mo.gov</a> <a href="mailto:Denise.Bruce@doc.mo.gov">Denise.Bruce@doc.mo.gov</a> 816-889-3322 816-753-832  <b>Raytown MRP Group</b> Colin Smyth, District Administrator Probation and Parole Dist. #4C <a href="mailto:Colin.Smyth@doc.mo.gov">Colin.Smyth@doc.mo.gov</a> 816-889-3322  <b>District 4</b> Shari Morlang, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Shari.Morlang@doc.mo.gov">Shari.Morlang@doc.mo.gov</a> 816-482-5882	<p>The MRP group is in the process of redevelopment.</p> <p>Meets every two months. Contact Barry or Darlene for meeting times.</p> <p>Due to the proximity of these offices, we combined into one MR group. We have developed our mission statement and created 4 separate sub-committee's to focus on four key categories. (Housing, Education, Employment, and Transportation) Sarita Graham from Sarita Lynn Ministries and Mandy Jo Fultz from Catholic Charities Turnaround Program are two very strong members of our group. Contract has been made with local neighborhood associations and churches. A donation for 100 coats for our offenders was received this winter. This group continues to grow.</p> <p>This group is in the initial stages of formation. Contract Colin Smyth if interested in participating.</p> <p>District 4 has a very strong MRP group with community members now chairing/running the group. Mark Smith, from Helping Hands of Goodwill is the Chair. Brandi Jahnke, from Connections to Success is the co-chair.</p>
Bates Cedar St. Clair Vernon	District 30 Brian Teems, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Brian.Teems@doc.mo.gov">Brian.Teems@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-448-1250	MRP Group meets every month. For meeting times, contact Brian Teems.

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Barry Christian Dallas Greene Lawrence Polk Stone Taney Webster	SW Area MRP Steering Team Chair Dardi Smith, Regional Administrator <a href="mailto:Dardi.Smith@doc.mo.gov">Dardi.Smith@doc.mo.gov</a>  Kim McKlinter, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 10 <a href="mailto:Kim.McKlinter@doc.mo.gov">Kim.McKlinter@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-888-4203  Bill Abbett, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 10R <a href="mailto:Bill.Abbett@doc.mo.gov">Bill.Abbett@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-895-5700  Kerry Nelson, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 21 <a href="mailto:Kerry.Nelson@doc.mo.gov">Kerry.Nelson@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-334-5613	Greene and Taney County along with all of District 10, 10R and 21 are part of the Regional Area MRP Steering Team. Team charter is completed. This team meets the third Monday of each month.
Douglas Howell Oregon Ozark Shannon Texas Wright	Richard Chronister, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 13 <a href="mailto:Richard.Chronister@doc.mo.gov">Richard.Chronister@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-256-6178	A Howell County steering committee was established and chartered in 2007 and meets on the 4th Thursday of each month. A Resource Fair for offenders was held in April, 2008 and another is scheduled for October. The initial meeting of the Wright County Steering Committee was held in July 2008.
Barton Dade Jasper McDonald Newton	District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 9 417-629-3200  Rick Robinson, District Administrator, Probation and Parole – District 33 <a href="mailto:Rick.Robinson@doc.mo.gov">Rick.Robinson@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-451-5322	Jasper County along with all of the District 9 counties is part of the MRP Steering Group in Joplin. Team charter has been completed.
Laclede	Chris Brown, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 35 <a href="mailto:Chris.Brown@doc.mo.gov">Chris.Brown@doc.mo.gov</a> 417-532-6224	The Laclede County MRP group meets on the third Thursday of each month. Laclede County resource Directory is available upon request.

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Bollinger Cape Girardeau Perry	Willard Edwards Probation and Parole District 22 <a href="mailto:Willard.Edwards@doc.mo.gov">Willard.Edwards@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-290-5820  Tom Davisson Cape Girardeau Caring Council <a href="mailto:daviqqf@hotmail.com">daviqqf@hotmail.com</a> 573-651-3747	During this last year, our Vista volunteer, with help from our team conducted Life Skills Classes. Most recently, the classes are getting good reviews from attendees and we are hopeful the referrals for these classes will continue to grow. In association with our Federal Probation and Parole Office partners, we conducted a well received three-day training for Offender Employment Specialist. The success of this training has led to two more training sessions being scheduled. We are in the planning stages of combining an Employer Breakfast with an Informational Forum to try to get our MRP message out to local employers. Vista Volunteer Randy Huffman is helping to coordinate these events.
Dunklin	Melissa Bergman, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Melissa.Bergman@doc.mo.gov">Melissa.Bergman@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-888-4900  Minnie Sanders, Executive Director Dunklin County Caring Council <a href="mailto:msanders@clqw.net">msanders@clqw.net</a> 573-717-1158	This group is meeting quarterly. The team has been able to access funding through the local Ministerial Alliance for Birth Certificates and Missouri State IDs for offenders. The team is also exploring transportation options, but has not yet developed a good plan without the availability of funds. Currently, the team is focusing their efforts on employment issues. A letter and brochure has been developed that is being sent to local employers explaining MRP and employer advantages to hiring offenders. MRP will be addressed at a seminar for the local Missouri Employers Committee in September, 2008. The team will follow-up with employers after the seminar.
Jefferson	Doug Copeland, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Doug.Copeland@doc.mo.gov">Doug.Copeland@doc.mo.gov</a> 636-789-3392  Tracy Smith Jefferson County Community Partnership 636-464-2764	This group has held three employment workshops to help prepare offenders for employment. The group is currently planning a job fair for September 2008. AVISTA has created a resource manual for Jefferson County and is provided to offenders.
Mississippi	Scott Schlosser, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Scott.Schlosser@doc.mo.gov">Scott.Schlosser@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-683-3673	This group meets quarterly and encompasses Mississippi County. Current goals that the group is working on include improvements in offender transportation and employment.
Pemiscot	John Lane, District Administrator <a href="mailto:John.Lane@doc.mo.gov">John.Lane@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-333-2809	This committee's activities are simply having the committee stakeholders to represent their agency, and to include how they can affect the MRP process. The team has generally talked about coming up with activities that could be funded by grant monies. The team has also discussed having a career fair but nothing specific has been set.
New Madrid Scott	Sharon Derrington, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Sharon.Derrington@doc.mo.gov">Sharon.Derrington@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-472-5353 ext. 239  Tonya Carruth, Executive Director New Madrid Co. Family Resource Council <a href="mailto:tonya@nrmfamilyresourcecenter.com">tonya@nrmfamilyresourcecenter.com</a> 573-748-2708	A Charter has been completed. The team has developed a resource manual for offenders specific to Scott and New Madrid Counties. VISTA Ameri-Corp worker, Kim Gray has been hired. Once trained, she will provide needs assessment and resource information to offenders at the district office in Sikeston and the satellite office in New Madrid. She replaced Anita McDonald. A Career Fair was held in New Madrid County in October 2007. Our agency partnered with DWD and the City of Sikeston to hold a Career Fair in Scott County in March 2008. The issues of employment and transportation are being discussed in this team. 2 ex-offenders are now part of our MRP group. The local MRP group did a tour of SECC in June, 2008. This was well-received and beneficial, providing insight by the community partners as to institution life and the need for reentry efforts. A needs survey was conducted in May 2008 and given to offenders when they reported to see their officer. Approximately 45% of the district caseload was surveyed. This information will be provided to the local MRP group in October 2008 to discuss future projects.

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Madison St. Francis St. Genevieve	Rochelle Crump, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Rochelle.Crump@doc.mo.gov">Rochelle.Crump@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-218-5006  Al Sullivan St. Francis County Caring Communities <a href="mailto:director@sfccp.org">director@sfccp.org</a> 573-431-3173	This team has been meeting quarterly. A Career Fair was held in October of 2007 and in March 2008. The team is in the process of developing a Job Essentials Class. The team wants to put together a laminated card with telephone numbers of resources for the clients use. Resource Manuals are being developed in te. Genevieve and Madison Counties. The team wants to enhance public relations by talking to various groups in the communities regarding MRP. The team is in the process of contacting faith based communities.
Stoddard	James Berry, District Administrator <a href="mailto:James.Berry@doc.mo.gov">James.Berry@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-624-9434	The Stoddard County Successful Integration Team has created its charter and is operating in Stoddard County at this time. We have formed a local employment group which meets weekly with unemployed probation and parole clients. This group is run joint with Probation and Parole staff, Vocational Rehabilitation, and th Missouri Career Center. The group has done a presentation for all members on a typical probation and parole case to explain difficulties and obstacles clients face and allowed direct idea sharing for problem cases which assisted our officers in developing new resources. Our last meeting entailed a presentation for the "Shop with a Hero" local charity to make sure all agencies were aware of the program and benefits it provided not only children of clients but the community in general. Each meeting ends with a roundtable discussion where all agencies represented can update everyone on program availability and changes in the area.
Iron Reynolds Washington	Ray Mills, District Administrator District 36 and Potosi Correctional Center <a href="mailto:Ray.Mills@doc.mo.gov">Ray.Mills@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-438-3623  Debbie Bust, Director and Vista Supervisor Washington County Community Partnership <a href="mailto:faces@potosi.k12.mo.us">faces@potosi.k12.mo.us</a> 573-438-8555  Chris Humphrey, Vista Washington County Community Partnership 104 Hickory Street Potosi, MO 63664 573-438-8555	This MRP Team meets on a quarterly basis and our next meeting is tentatively scheduled in September at the Washington County Community Partnership Office located in Potosi. To date the team has completed a Charter, conducted training at local meetings, and sponsored a Job fair in conjunction with Workforce and Work Connections. We also arranged for Work Connections to bring their Mobile Computer Lab to Washington County from Rolla and they conducted basic computer training regarding job searches for our offenders. We have conducted a successful community forum in the evening at the local Washington County Library. Speakers included the Executive Director, Washington County Community Partnership, District 36 Administrator, and the Drug Court Administrator for the 24th Circuit Court. Chris Humphrey and District 36 Officers are arranging another Job Fair in conjunction with Jefferson County in order to provide a greater range of employment opportunities. In July all available staff from the District, Chris Humphrey (Vista) and our Drug Court Administrator attended the Presentation regarding the TAP implementation at the Potosi Correctional Center. District 36 set up a display at the meeting with information regarding services provided by probation and parole and pamphlet were made available to attendees. We have also made our District OP-II trainer available to Potosi Correctional Center Staff to assist in their TAP implementation. Chris has also updated our community resource guide.

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SMART (Southeast Missouri Area Reentry Team)	Deborah Cotner, Regional Admin. and Chair <a href="mailto:Deborah.Cotner@doc.mo.gov">Deborah.Cotner@doc.mo.gov</a> 636-789-3392 ext. 228  Sharon Derrington, District Administrator <a href="mailto:Sharon.Derrington@doc.mo.gov">Sharon.Derrington@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-472-5353 ext. 239	SMART has been meeting quarterly since May 2006. A team charter has been developed. The primary mission of SMART is to support the 11 local MRP teams in the Southeast area of the state in an effort to improve offender success and impact public safety. The team is comprised of representatives from state, federal and community resource agencies, including the Missouri Department of Corrections, (Probation and Parole District Administrators, Area Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinators and Transitional Housing Unit staff), Caring Communities Partnerships, Division of Workforce Development, Federal Probation and Parole and Gibson Treatment Center. The SMART team is working on a variety of initiatives including development of an MRP public relations plan, identification of employers that hire probationers/parolees and a community resource guide.

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<p>MERRGE (Missouri Eastern Region Reentry Group Effort)</p> <p>St. Louis City and County</p>	<p>Nancy McCarthy, Regional Administrator II  <a href="mailto:Nancy.McCarthy@doc.mo.gov">Nancy.McCarthy@doc.mo.gov</a>                      314-877-1176</p> <p>Janet Schneider, Superintendent, SLCRC  <a href="mailto:Janet.Schneider@doc.mo.gov">Janet.Schneider@doc.mo.gov</a>                      314-877-0300</p> <p>Reverend Lynn Mims, Pastor                      Barak Christian Church  <a href="mailto:Lsmims3872@sbcglobal.net">Lsmims3872@sbcglobal.net</a>                      314-972-0869</p>	<p>MRP team meets every month at District ERA. MERRGE has established its mission which is to integrate successful offender reentry principles and practices in communities resulting in partnerships that enhance offender self-sufficiency, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety in St. Louis City and County.</p> <p>MERRGE is comprised of several subcommittees including:                      Employment                      Housing                      Faith Based Initiative                      Mental Health/Substance Abuse                      Law Enforcement                      Vocational and Education Programs</p> <p>Subcommittee members attend regular meetings where they may represent their respective disciplines, agencies or organizations in the offender reentry process. Members identify opportunities to improve supportive services to the offender population resulting in improved efficiency and reduction of duplicative services.</p> <p>MERRGE is working on several projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist in efforts with the St. Louis City and county ten year plan for homelessness.</li> <li>2. Conducting mock interviews with offenders to prepare them for the workforce.</li> <li>3. Cross training with community resources regarding probation and parole and hiring exoffenders.</li> <li>4. Completion of a guide about the services Workforce Development provides to exoffenders.</li> </ol>

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Crawford Dent Maries Phelps Pulaski	Scott E. Berkbigler <a href="mailto:Scott.Berkbigler@doc.mo.gov">Scott.Berkbigler@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-368-2233 ext. 230	The District 11, Missouri Reentry Team is comprised of local service providers whose goal is to work together to assist the offender in becoming responsible, productive members of the community. This team is committed to identifying needed support and resources.
Boone	Michael Webber, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 6 1512 Heriford Drive, Suite A Columbia, Missouri 65202 <a href="mailto:Mike.Webber@doc.mo.gov">Mike.Webber@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-884-7016  David Meyer Probation and Parole – District 6 1512 Heriford Drive, Suite A Columbia, Missouri 65202 <a href="mailto:David.Meyer@doc.mo.gov">David.Meyer@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-884-7016  Steve Tatlow, Community Involvement Coord. Boone County Community Partnership 601 Business Loop 70 W, Suite 217C Columbia, Missouri 65203 <a href="mailto:statlow@boonecountypartnership.com">statlow@boonecountypartnership.com</a> 573-256-1890 ext. 256	Local MRP group has selected the name of Boone County Offender Transition Network (BCOTN). Meetings are held monthly on the second Thursday of each month. Community partners and staff from the THU at the Boonville Correctional Center attend. Activities have included the creation of a Day Reporting Center, investigating a web-based case management system, plans for inclusion of youth/family intervention in promoting a healthier community.
Audrain Callaway Montgomery	Pam Phelps, RSVP Director Serve, Inc. 4901 County Road 304 Fulton, Missouri 65251 <a href="mailto:rsvp@socket.net">rsvp@socket.net</a>  Karen Dugan, District Administrator Probation and Parole - District 26 <a href="mailto:Karen.Dugan@doc.mo.gov">Karen.Dugan@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-592-4013	Meets the first Thursday of each month in Fulton, Missouri.
Cole Moniteau Osage	Dana Thompson, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 27 2705 W. Main Jefferson City, Missouri 65109 <a href="mailto:Dana.Thompson@doc.mo.gov">Dana.Thompson@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-751-4949	Local MRP Team meets the last Tuesday of each month, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Probation and Parole office located at 2705 W. Main, Jefferson City. Contact Dana Thompson to become a member of this team.
Franklin Gasconade	Daphne Ressel, Unit Supervisor and Chair Probation and Parole – District 16 3 Truman Court Union, Missouri 63084 <a href="mailto:Daphne.Ressel@doc.mo.gov">Daphne.Ressel@doc.mo.gov</a> 636-583-8933	Franklin County Service Providers meets monthly at East Central College. These networks of local providers help meet the needs of our client population.

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Clark Lewis Marion Monroe Pike Ralls Scotland	Dan Conboy, District Administrator Probation and Parole – District 3 <a href="mailto:Dan.Conboy@doc.mo.gov">Dan.Conboy@doc.mo.gov</a> 573-248-2450  Carolyn King-Schosh VISTA c/o FACT <a href="mailto:factvista@socket.net">factvista@socket.net</a>	Meets on the second Thursday of every other month.
St. Charles	Cheryl Glass, POII, Resource Officer Probation and Parole – District 17 211 Compass Point Drive St. Charles, Missouri 63301 <a href="mailto:Cheryl.Glass@doc.mo.gov">Cheryl.Glass@doc.mo.gov</a> 636-940-3333	The St. Charles County Networking Forum is the current equivalent of a local MRP team. Cheryl Glass, POII is the current liaison of this group. A separate MRP team will be developed in 2009.