

Second Chance Reentry Initiative Mentoring Program (SCRIMP)

SCRIMP is a program for incarcerated and recently released adults who live in or will return to Finney County. We focus on those with re-occurring addiction and/or criminal justice issues. SCRIMP provides mentoring and educational opportunities that promote safe, stable, happy and productive lives.



SCRIMP is a program of Seeds of Hope Jail Ministry, Inc. (SOH). SOH has been a non-profit 501-c-3 organization since 2008. Funding for SCRIMP is provided by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs , Award 2010-CY-BX-0014 from 10/1/2010 to 12/30/2012 and by the Finnup Foundation 10/2012-9/2013.

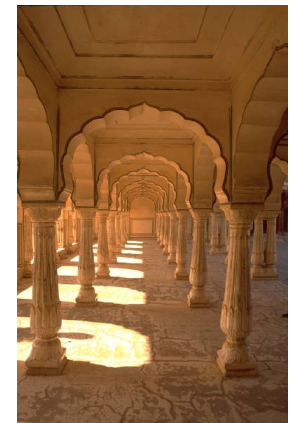
Participants agree to participate fully in all components of the SCRIMP program for at least six months and to cooperate with SCRIMP staff follow-up efforts for one year after program completion. Participation in local faith-based activities is encouraged but not required.

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Components of the SCRIMP Program

Program Services

- Access to trained mentors
- Transportation and cell phone assistance to increase access to housing and employment opportunities
- Incentives in the form of gift cards for setting and meeting goals in weekly Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) groups
- Collaboration and communication with parole and probation staff to address needs during reentry
- Referrals to partnering agencies for resources and services to promote successful reentry (substance abuse treatment, housing, education, employment opportunities, medical and mental health care).
- Maximizing the strengths of individuals, their families, and their community while reducing barriers to success

Mentoring

- Provides social and moral support for incarcerated and recently released individuals and those with extensive histories of addiction or criminal justice involvement
- Supports job readiness, pursuit of employment opportunities, and other pro-social activities
- Mentors spend 4 to 6 hours monthly with mentees for at least six months.
- Mentors have the option of attending weekly MRT classes
- Stipends in the form of gift cards are available to offset any expenses



Education

- Weekly Within My Reach relationship skills classes are provided in the Finney County Jail.
- Participants are encouraged to pursue a GED, high school diploma or high education to allow them to set and pursue their career goals.
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) is provided weekly after release. MRT is a highly regarded cognitive behavioral program designed specifically for criminal justice populations that have not responded to other forms of correction. MRT promotes higher levels of honesty and accountability.

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