

Flathead Reservation Reentry Program

FRRP is located within the Tribal Defenders Office for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and was created to assist Tribal members make a successful transition from incarceration back to the Flathead Reservation.

Target population: Adult Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal members or members of other federally recognized tribes who were charged with a crime on the Flathead Reservation, are transitioning to the tribal community from a correctional facility, and who are most at risk of recidivism due to co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders.

Case Manager - Crystal Matt

The case manager will screen inmates in the Tribal jail using the Reentry Intake and Screening Tool (RIAT). The screening tool will determine mental health issues as well as housing, employment, financial, educational and cultural needs.

Case management services include: assistance with applying for transitional and long term housing, assistance with applying for employment or seeking vocational training, applying for social security or other benefits.

DHRD

Is a partner in the FRRP, and will assist with seamless access to vocational rehabilitation, work placement and transportation.

Clinical Psychology Trainees - Ciara Hansen and Desiree Fox

Psychology trainees further assess co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders upon referral from the case manager. They offer individual and group chemical dependency and mental health treatment. They will also refer to Tribal Behavioral Health as needed.

Tribal Behavioral Health

Is a partner in the FRRP, and will assist with seamless access to mental health and chemical dependency services to supplement those services offered by FRRP in-house clinical psychology trainees.

Reentry Attorney - Ryan Andersen

The reentry attorney reaches out to Tribal members within the Department of Corrections and assists with parole planning. The attorney consults and assists with collateral consequences to criminal convictions such as evictions, driver's license revocations and registration requirements.

The reentry attorney will assist Tribal members in the sentencing process at the state level by advocating during the presentence investigation process and insuring DOC is aware of rehabilitation needs as identified by the RIAT and assessments completed by the clinical psychology trainees.

Driver's License Restoration - Program Director, Susette Billedeaux

FRRP assists individuals restore their privilege to drive by determining why driver's licenses are suspended and how to get them reinstated.

Cultural Mentoring - Program Director, Susette Billedeaux

FRRP coordinates a cultural mentoring program that assists Tribal members to reconnect to their tribal community by meeting with volunteer mentors approved by the culture committees.

Mentoring may be individual counseling with mentors, mediations with persons wronged or meeting with the tribal elders.