



Young Adult Reentry Program



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION



Introduction of the Young Adult Reentry Team

Jeremy N. Bell: YARP Coordinator

Hails from Jacksonville, Illinois, and has a Bachelor's in Social Work from Western Illinois University. Jeremy is currently working toward his Master's in Psychology from Ashford University and has extensive experience working with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities and mental health diagnoses.

Karly M. Vanderploeg: YARP Career Planner

Hails from Chicago, Illinois, and has a Bachelor's in Social Work from Illinois State University. Karly has experience in career and trauma counseling, with persons with disabilities, and with survivors of sexual assault.

Cortez M. Epinger: YARP Career Planner

Hails from Omaha, Nebraska, and has an Associate in Science. He is currently attending Eastern Illinois University to attain a Bachelor's in Social Work. Cortez has experience with mentoring and guidance in youth services as well as extensive knowledge of the justice system.

Marco L. Price: YARP Career Planner

Hails from Kankakee, Illinois, and has a Bachelor's in Education from Blackburn College. He also has a Master's in Religious Family and Child Counseling from Universal Ministries School of Theology. Marco has experience with at-risk youth and low-income families, as well.





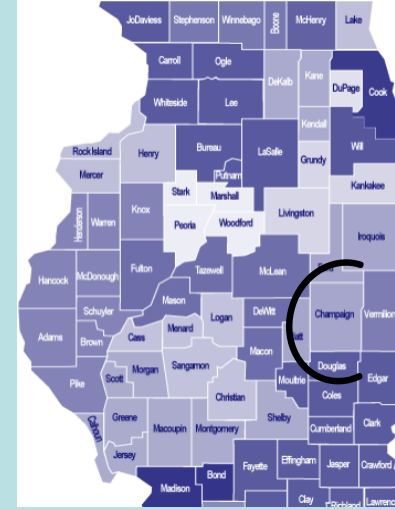
RPC/YARP Program Mission

- Our mission is to promote, plan, and facilitate improvements to health, safety, welfare, education, economic conditions, environment, and development within our region.
- All services will be performed in the spirit of cooperation and with a regional vision to enhance the quality of life. Provides many current federal workforce education, economic development, and employment assistance programs in an effort to connect job seekers to employers in needed business sectors through training and skill matching.
- The Young Adult Reentry Program (YARP) focuses on creating pathways to adulthood by providing young adults with tools/skills for self-sufficiency, including acquiring industry recognized credentials, obtaining and retaining living wage jobs, and the development of personal pathways that result in a stable life and civic engagement.





YARP Program Description



- The RPC's Young Adult Reentry Program (YARP) is a Workforce Development program funded by the U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration.
- YARP uses a holistic and evidence-based approach to help justice-involved young adults in high-crime, high-poverty communities in Champaign County obtain a secondary or post-secondary education, as well as training that leads to an industry-recognized credential and the ability to obtain and retain better jobs.





What Services Will Be Provided?

➤ **Education**

College/career counseling

➤ **Career Development**

Career pathway exploration

➤ **Job Readiness**

Training to help prepare for employment

➤ **Job placement**

High-demand jobs that meet career goals

➤ **Mentoring**

Guidance, motivation, emotional support, and role-modeling

➤ **Legal Services**

Free legal check-up for each participant

➤ **Case Management**

Access to referrals for housing, childcare, counseling, and trauma and mental health screenings

➤ **SPARC's (Structural Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress)**

These are 16 guided group sessions that focus on the emotional, social, academic, and behavioral functions of participants exposed to chronic interpersonal trauma.

➤ **MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy)**

Designed to facilitate a change in processing one's conscious decision-making and enhance appropriate behavior through development of higher moral reasoning for participants.

➤ **Follow-up services for participant successes**

These services last for 12 months following completion of the program.





Youth Have Access To:

- Tutoring and study skills training
- Evidence-based dropout prevention and recovery strategies
- Alternative secondary school offerings
- Paid and unpaid work experiences
- Occupational skills training
- Education and workforce preparation activities
- Leadership development opportunities
- Supportive services
- Adult mentoring
- Follow-up services after program ends
- Comprehensive guidance and counseling
- Financial literacy education
- Entrepreneurial skills training
- Information about in-demand industry sectors or occupations
- Postsecondary education and training preparation

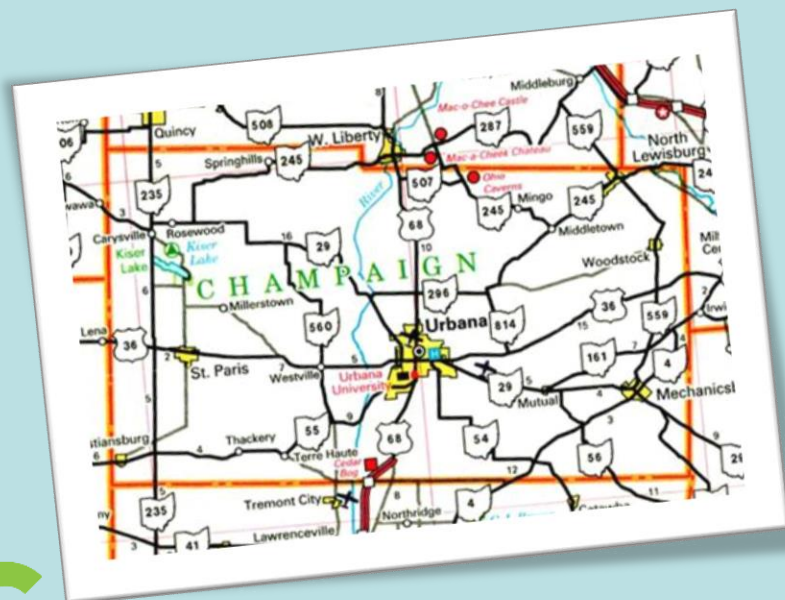




What Areas Will Be Served And Who We Serve

Areas served:

- **Champaign-Urbana** (Census Tract: 2. 3.01, 3.02, 4.01, 4.02. 106.04, and 111)
 - **Champaign** (Census Tract: 5, 7, 8, 9.01, 10, 12.01)
 - **Urbana** (Census Tract: 14, 53, 54.01, 57.01, 52.02, 58, 59, 60)
 - **Rantoul** (Census Tract: 101, 102.04, 103)
 - **Thomasboro** (Census Tract: 104)
 - **Gifford** (Census Tract: 104)
 - **Bondville** (Census Tract: 106.04)
 - **Seymour** (Census Tract: 106.04)
 - **Ludlow** (Census Tract: 104)
- Young adults ages 18-24
 - Live in high crime/high poverty areas (Champaign County)
 - Have been involved with the criminal justice system



Who we serve:





Expected Outcomes Of The Program

- **Enrollment Rate:** Our goal is to serve **188** customers within a three-year period of the program.
- **Recidivism Rate:** Our goal is to assist the customers and to contribute meeting their goals. This includes providing ways to avoid being re-arrested for a new crime or re-incarcerated. We aim to lower this rate **20%**, which is roughly half of the national recidivism rate of **44.1%**.
- **Credential Attainment Rate:** Our goal is to enroll customers in an educational recognized postsecondary credential, a secondary school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or training program (excluding those in on-the-job training (OJT) and customized training). The goal for this measure is **60%** of those enrolled in degree and/or credential-awarding programs that are successfully completed within one year after exit from the YARP program.





YARP Intake Process

Referrals and Applications:



- Participants can be referred, recruited, or voluntarily apply.
- The application is reviewed for completeness and assigned to a career planner.
- Participant is then contacted by a career planner to complete assessment, testing, and enrollment into services.
- For referral submission and questions, scan and or send to YARP@ccrpc.org or in person to YARP Coordinator Jeremy Bell at Illinois workNet Center, 1307 N. Mattis Avenue in Champaign.





Community Partners Involved

- Champaign County Re-Entry Council
- Champaign County Probation/U.S. Probation
- Rosecrance
- Carle Clinic
- Rantoul City Council
- State of Illinois Department of Corrections
- DREAM Opportunities Center
- Land of Lincoln Legal Services





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Thank you!

