

Erie County Re-Entry Task Force

The Erie County Reentry Task Force is a collaboration of service providers, housing providers, government and private agencies, working together to assess the existing services for individuals re-entering society and to encourage the collaboration of service providers to improve services and increase effectiveness. Rev. Terry King and Alyssa George of SGM serve as co-chairs of the Task Force's housing sub-committee. The sub-committee, along with the Task Force's Employment Sub-committee, sponsored an informational conference in June to encourage local housing providers to rent to parolees and other ex-offenders.

Enhancement Grant Funding from Division of Criminal Justice Services

SGM has been awarded a contract by Erie County Department of Mental Health in conjunction with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), to provide scattered-site and congregate care housing and services to 20 and 8 individuals, respectively. Funding from this award provides an additional case manager to oversee client engagement in the community and will also assist program clients in paying a security deposit, first month's rent and securing basic furnishings when moving into a scattered-site apartment. The addition of this case manager will allow higher-functioning parolees to reside at various locations in the City of Buffalo, gaining independence and being held accountable for ongoing compliance with parole release conditions, while providing oversight and ongoing case management and assistance.